The question was decided in the negative by a majority of 8.

Mr. Rolph's resolutions were then put and carried, as follows :---

1st. Resolved,—That from the answer of His Excellency, to the address of this House, it appears that in attempting to vindicate the Government of this Colony from groundless imputations alleged to be contained in the Petition to which Lord Goderich refers, he intends to represent to the Secretary of State, that the instructions of which this House now so warmly approve, do but suggest a measure, which, in whatever form proposed, was rejected by this House in the second Session, from the desire to obtain a declaratory law; although in attempting such vindication against any supposed imputations contained in the said petition, it was obviously unnecessary, irrelevant, and unprovoked, to censure, much less to misrepresent, the past conduct of this House.

YEAS,...Messrs. Baby, Beardsley, Beasley, Bidwell, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Lyons, Lefferty, Matthews, McBride, McCall, Perry, Peterson, Randal, Rolph, Thomson of Frontenac, Wilkinson, and Wilson,...19.

NAYS,---Messrs. Attorney General, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Coleman, Gordon, Ingersol, C. Jones, Jones of Grenville, Morris, Scollick, Thompson of York, Vankoughnett, Walsh, and White --15.

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and. Resolved,—That this House at the second Session did not reject the measure, in whatever form proposed, from the desire to obtain a declaratory law, but the declaratory law adverted to by His Excellency, was an amendment of a Bill sent from the Legislative Council for concurrence; which bill professed to give only the right to hold land, and which, had it further professed (as it did not) to confer the rights of voting and of being elected at any election in this Province, would have been, so far, utterly void?

YEAS.—Messrs. Baby, Beardsley, Beasley, Bidwell, Coleman, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Lefferty, Lyons, Matthews, McBride, McCall, Perry, Peterson, Randal, Rolph, Thomson of Frontenac, Walsh, White, Wilkinson, and Wilson,---22.

NAYS---Messrs. Attorney General, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Gordon, Ingersol, C. Jones, Jones of Grenville, Morris, Scollick, Thempson of York, and Vankoughnett,---12.

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Srd. Resolved,...That His Excellency, in the second Session of this House, by message recommended Provincial Legislation upon a subject of vital importance to the liberties of the people...when this House could not constitutionally engage in it. And had this House in compliance with such advice professed to pass a law securing the political rights called in question, it would have been utterly void, and therefore would have been a Legislative declaration against those rights so long enjoyed by the people, with the knowledge and sanction of the three branches of the Provincial Legislature, without affording any remedy for disabilities which would have been thereby mischievously admitted and confirmed.

YEAS...Messrs. Baby, Beardsley, Beasley, Bidwell, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Lefferty, Lyons, Matthews, McBride, McCall, Perry, Peterson, Randal, Rolph, Thomson of Frontenac, White, Wilkinson, and Wilson,---20.