

the Public Buildings, into their most serious consideration, and had agreed that it is necessary provision should be made for the Exigencies of the Militia, as soon as possible, but the House extremely lament, that they cannot at this time adopt any measure for carrying the same into effect, assuring his Excellency that they will early the next Session resume a subject of so much importance, in full expectation of being able to accomplish the same with satisfaction to his Excellency and their Constituents, and stating that the House further beg leave to assure his Excellency, that with respect to any sum that may be requisite to complete the Public Buildings, he may rely on the disposition of the House to make good the same, when the Buildings shall be in such a state of forwardness, that his Excellency will be enabled to ascertain the sum necessary for completing thereof. An Address to that effect being brought in and agreed to, Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. M'Aulay, and Mr. Holland were appointed a Committee to present the same.

Mr. M'AULAY informed the House that he had seen and heard a gross attack made upon one of the Members of this House, by Mr. Elisha Le Page the elder.

Ordered, on motion, That Mr. Le Page be heard at the Bar of this House.

On motion, That Thomas Haszard and Peter M'Auslane be examined as evidences on the above subject; on the question being put, the same was negatived.

On motion, That Mr. Gardner be called to the Bar of this House to give evidence on the same subject, the House divided, and there appeared—

For the motion, Messrs. HOLLAND, E. COFFIN, and SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

Against it, Messrs. BRECKEN, M'AULAY, ROUBEL, RANKIN, and STEWART.

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion, that Elisha Le Page the elder, having insulted, and threatened with arrest Coundouly Rankin, Esq. a Member of this House, and reflected on his conduct as such, is guilty of a breach of the privileges of this House, be committed for his said offence to the custody of the Serjeant at Arms; the question was put, and negatived.

On motion, that Elisha Le Page the elder be sent for to this House, and ordered to make an apology to the House, for reflecting on the conduct of a member thereof, the question was put; the House divided, and there appeared—

For the motion, Messrs. ROUBEL, M'AULAY, RANKIN, and BRECKEN.

Against it, Messrs. HOLLAND, SOLICITOR-GENERAL, E. COFFIN, and STEWART.

The House being equally divided, the Speaker voted for the motion.

The messenger being ordered to desire Mr. Elisha Le Page the elder to attend accordingly, and having returned, informed the House that he had seen Mr. Le Page, and that his answer was, that where he had given no offence, he would make no apology, and would not attend.

Adjourned till Nine o'Clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1810.

THE House met according to adjournment.

The SPEAKER informed the House that he had received the following Letter from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, viz.

*" Prince Edward Island, 21st of August, 1810.*

" SIR,

" WITH a deep and painful concern, I feel the disappointment of my reliance on the justice and candor of the House of Representatives. I shall, however, pay every attention in my power to the Militia, the Buildings, and all objects of public duty: looking over the past with an indulgent eye, I will not consider the complexion of its late proceedings, as a criterion for estimating the merits of the professions and assurances contained in its address of this day; being inclined to entertain better hopes from the more mature reflection of such as have erred.

" I have the honor to be,

" SIR,

" Your most obedient and most humble Servant,

" J. F. W. DES BARRES.

" Robert Hodgson, Esq. Speaker of the House of Assembly, &c. &c."