

fore the House, has urged, year after year, the necessity of passing a law to extend to the inhabitants of Newfoundland the exercise of those privileges which every subject of this country has a right to enjoy; but it has hitherto always been denied. And yet in a few days we shall be called upon to grant a supply of money to support this very colony, which, if allowed to act for itself, would be able to pay its own expenses, and probably to add to the revenue of this country. This is the third year in which the Honourable Member has brought forward a motion of this kind; and in spite of the repeated assurances of Ministers that the matter should be duly considered, he is now not one whit more forward than when he began. I think, therefore, that he should not yield to any assurance which may be given on this occasion; for I can assure him, upon the strength of a pretty long experience, that so long as he gives way to this Government, he will get nothing. In cases of this kind, there is nothing like holding out. I would have the Honourable Member to press the question to a division; because, by so doing, he will relieve himself from all responsibility, and will throw it upon the shoulders of his Majesty's Government. I have felt myself obliged, perhaps, a little too warmly, to state my feelings—the honest feelings of my heart—upon this subject. I give the Honourable Member great credit for the persevering manner in which he has ever advocated the cause of this unfortunate, neglected, and now miserable colony. I only hope that he will go one step further, and carry the question this night to a division.

SIR GEORGE MURRAY.

Perhaps I may be allowed to say, in explanation, that the present Governor of that colony has been put in possession of the fullest information by my predecessor, the Honourable Member for Liverpool.

Mr. WARBURTON.

I shall only trouble the House with a single observation upon this question. It is in the power of the Government, by making an arrangement with the Italian States, to afford the greatest possible benefits to the colony of Newfoundland, while it would also be productive of considerable good to this country.