

one of Lords Roslin, Erskine and Chatham; Messrs. Fox, Pitt, and Burke; and many others of the ablest statesmen of England, and contrary likewise to the treaty of peace and alliance betwixt Great Britain and America) in effect, that the war of independence, lawfully made against the unjust encroachments of tyrannical & arbitrary colonial rulers and judges, & against the unconstitutional attempts of Great Britain to tax the colonists at her pleasure, without their consent, was REBELLION. The attorney's address speaks of the rebellion and the rebels, with as much sangfroid as if passive obedience and non-resistance were a constituent part of our government. His followers were the 3 Joneses, Burnham, Burke, Cameron, Coleman, Cryslar, Gordon, Ingersol, Scollick, McDonell, Morris, and Philip Vankoughnet.

An address, proposed by the independent party, asserting that these people were good subjects, was opposed by the above members, with Walsh, who joined them. Scollick and Ingersol turned, for once, to the independent side; and Burnham had so much decency left as induced him to slip out of the House without voting with the Attorney against himself, and his own flesh and blood: for an independent vote his soulless trunk durst not have given.

No. 68. REMOVAL OF THE LONDON DISTRICT PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Altho' this was a local bill, I confess I disapproved of the undue haste with which it was carried through the assembly, before the people of the district had had sufficient time to express an opinion, and before they knew that such a bill was in progress. There is a rule of the two Houses which requires six months notice in the Gazette, of intended applications for private bills. This rule was dispensed with, in this instance, altho' the people had a right to look upon it as a safeguard against too rapid legislation. For the third reading of this bill voted Messrs. Rolph and Matthews, and against it Messrs. Hornor, Walsh, and McCall.---Mr. Ingersol, if he was in York, did not vote at all.

No. 69. THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS---A Ten-thousand Pounder.

Journals, p. 105.---26th Jan'y 1826.

Mr. Vankoughnet, from the committee of supply, reported the following resolution: "Resolved, that it is expedient to authorize the raising by loan, the sum of £10,000, to be appropriated in erecting buildings for the use of the legislature, and that three commissioners shall be appointed for the purpose of contracting for, and superintending the said buildings." In its favor voted Messrs. Attorney General, Burke, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Cryslar, Rolph, Jonas Jones, Playter, McBride, McDonell, and Vankoughnet.---13. Against it voted 13. Now, it may be here remarked, that the most important business of the session was yet to do; the supplies were under consideration, and 13 members, being less than one third of the people's representatives, caused a tie. A judicious speaker in such a case would have felt and acknowledged the delicacy of his situation, and negatived the resolution, until a more decided expression of the house could be obtained in a full session. Not so did John Willson. When the Welland Canal £50,000 was in doubt, he advocated it in committee: when the disgraceful McGill £10,000 job was on its last legs, he gave it, in committee, his approbation; and indeed, whenever an extravagant project, for spending money, was set on foot, this ignorant, vain, and presuming man, was sure to be in its favour, from the spoon bill and downwards. In the case before us, he at once gave his casting vote in favor of borrowing \$40,000 to build a new Assembly Room. & this too while the roads were in a deplorable state, and the Hospital (built by the pious father Strachan, with the money collected for the war sufferers on our frontier) empty.

In the short space of two days the bill had gone thro' all its stages, rule after rule having been dispensed with for that purpose, in the most unparliamentary manner. Its supporters now were 18, namely Messrs. Attorney General, Clark, Jonas Jones, McBride, Gordon, Scollick, C. Jones, Thompson of Toronto, D. Jones, Burke, Cameron, Coleman, Cryslar, Lyons, McDonell, and Playter. Its opponents were only 11, so that the Speaker's aid was not again invoked.

Messrs. Powell, Allan, and York Thompson, were named as commissioners by the House, in the bill; which conveyed their implied assent to the Lt. Governor's investing Allan with so many places as he holds; for if he had too many before, why did the assembly press another upon his acceptance?

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