

Wednesday, 15th June, 1808.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the cognizance, trial and punishment, of Spies was read a second time.  
*Resolved*; That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Haliburton moved that an Address from this House be presented to Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, the late Lieutenant-Governor of this Province; which, being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion fifteen; against it twelve:

For the motion,

Mr. POOL	Mr. PYKE
Mr. CHANDLER	Mr. NORTHUP
Mr. CRANE	Mr. RITCHIE
Mr. PURDY	Mr. BUSKIRK
Mr. WELLS	Mr. CAMPBELL
Mr. DEWOLF	Mr. HUTCHINSON
Mr. LOVETT	Mr. MARSTERS
Mr. HALIBURTON	

Against the motion,

Mr. COLLINS	Mr. WARWICK
Mr. ROBERTSON	Mr. BAKER
Mr. TONGE	Mr. BARSS
Mr. MARSHALL	Mr. DIMOCK
Mr. ROACH	
Mr. SARGENT	
Mr. SHAW	
Mr. JAMES	

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Crane, be a Committee for preparing the said Address.

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council by Committee, on the subject matter of the conference held yesterday, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the conference as desired by the House immediately in the Committee Room of the Council, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that the managers to be appointed to hold the said conference do state to his Majesty's Council, that however complicated the regulations of the Bill under consideration may on the general reading appear to the Council, it will be found on a closer examination they do not tend to retard the organization of the Militia, and that the system of organization contained in the Laws now in force is adopted in the present Bill with very inconsiderable alterations.

That the House conceive the present session was held for the express purpose of providing for the defence of the Province, as this was the only subject recommended to the attention of the Legislature by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in his Speech at the opening of it, and that from the tenor and spirit of this recommendation the House immediately proceeded to prepare such a system as would in their opinion render the Militia efficient for taking their part in the defence of the Province.

That the House are convinced that the adoption of the measure suggested by His Majesty's Council will not answer this purpose, as it goes only to the discipline of the Militia, without adverting to the equally important points of their equipment with arms—the mode of selection for actual service (in which the present laws are most obviously deficient)—and the regulations for their government when in field service.

That