

Mr. Longworth reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and had met the Committee of the Council, who acquainted them that the Council do adhere to their amendments, for the following reasons:—

Because the Bill is so extensive in its scope, and so general in its enactments, that it is impossible to foresee what its operation might be in the event of its becoming part of the law of the Island.

That roads and means of communication between the different parts of a country should be preserved with a most jealous regard to the general convenience; and that all proceedings having for their object the shutting up of a road, should distinctly and clearly state the usual name by which the road is commonly distinguished—the places between which it affords a convenient means of intercourse—the ground upon which it is sought to close up and destroy this public convenience; and the compensation proposed to the public for the resignation of rights, which it is probable were originally obtained in part by grants from the public purse.

That the Legislative proceedings with respect to roads have hitherto been distinguished by this scrupulous attention to the preservation of the public rights and conveniences, is sufficiently evidenced by the enactments in the first clause of the 3d of Will. 4th, cap. 23; and the Legislative Council is unwilling to depart from the wholesome and deliberate character of that legislation.

That whenever sufficient occasion may arise, by reason of the malicious or unreasonable opposition of any party who may be found unjustifiably to contest the closing of a road which can be manifestly shown to be of no possible use to any one, the object sought may be obtained by proceeding by private Bill—due notice being given—as in the Act, 6th Will. 4, cap. 6, of a certain road in the Royalty of Princetown.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be now taken into consideration.

The House proceeded accordingly to consider the said Report; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That a Free Conference be desired with the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the last Conference.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Coles do go to the Council, and desire the said Free Conference.

*Ordered*, That the same Committee who managed the last Conference be a Committee to manage this Free Conference.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by Mr. Desbrisay:

Mr. Speaker;

The Legislative Council desire a further Conference with the House of Assembly, on the amendments made to the Bill intituled *An Act to repeal the Acts now in force relating to the trial of Common Assaults and Batteries, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof*; and have appointed the same Committee who managed the last Conference a Committee to manage this further Conference—to meet in the Committee Room instanter.

And then he withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to a further Conference, as is desired by the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the amendments made to the Bill intituled *An Act to repeal the Acts now in force relating to the trial of Common Assaults and Batteries, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Thornton do go to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

*Ordered*, That the same Committee who managed the former Conferences thereon, be a Committee to manage this further Conference.

So the Managers went to the Conference.

And being returned;

Mr. Thornton reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and had met the Committee of the Council, who acquainted them that the Council do adhere to their amendments.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled *An Act relating to the Fisheries, and for the prevention of illicit trade in Prince Edward Island, and the Coasts and Harbours thereof*, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to alter and amend the Act for the establishment of an Academy in Charlottetown*, were read the first time, and are as follow:—

Folio 5, line 6—Strike out the word “Rector,” and insert “Head Master.”