

gunpowder on board, otherwise they cannot come to a wharf to land their first *trip* of seals without first depositing their gunpowder in the magazine and paying two shilling and sixpence a barrel for it. This might occasion many ignorant persons to be fined, and would tend greatly to prevent sealers from outports coming to St. John's to sell their seals.

Fourthly,—Men-of-war, or other Government vessels should not be allowed to be alongside a wharf with gunpowder on board, except for the purpose of landing the same.

Fifthly,—Vessels should be allowed to be forty-eight hours in the stream after entry at the Custom-House, before being compelled to land their gunpowder. In fact, this amendment would render the whole act imperative to prevent danger from shipping, and would be highly prejudicial to the seal fishery.

FOURTH AMENDMENT.

The House of Assembly cannot agree to this amendment, unless provision be made for sealers in the second section, as recommended.

FIFTH AMENDMENT.

The House of Assembly have not agreed to this amendment, as they have some doubts whether the power by it given to the justices, can legally be vested in them without repealing the Judicature Act; as the 5th Geo. 4, cap. 67, gives them power in civil cases to the amount of forty shillings only, and the 6th Geo. 4, cap. 114, has an especial clause, making null and void any Colonial Act which is repugnant to the provisions of any Imperial Act.

NINTH AMENDMENT.

The House of Assembly have not agreed to this Amendment:—

First,—Because the observations on the fifth amendment, apply to the words "Sessions Courts" in the Bill.

Secondly,—For the reasons contained in the observations on the second Amendment, which apply generally to this Amendment. And

Thirdly,—This clause heaps accumulated fines on every person and persons employed about or owning the gunpowder, and may be visited with extreme severity on many parties in addition to the forfeiture of the gunpowder. But more particularly is this amendment objectionable, because it fines the *owner* of gunpowder imported in *another merchant's vessel*, for the fault of the master of such vessel in bringing her alongside a wharf, although the owner of gunpowder have no controul whatever over the vessel or her master, and in fact commit no fault.

A Message from the Council by Mr. AYRE.

Mr. Speaker, —The Legislative Council agree to the further conference desired by the House of Assembly on the subject of the amendments to the Bill for preventing dangerous quantities of gunpowder being kept within the Town of St. John's.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, that the Managers who managed the last conference, together with Mr. BENNETT, do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. THOMAS reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and that they had complied with the instructions of the House.

On motion, the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill to provide for the performance of quarantine, and more effectually to provide against the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Island, were read, and thereupon,

Resolved,—That this House do agree to all the said amendments, except the second one.

And the said second Amendment being read, and it appearing that the same was touching money matters, therefore,

Resolved,—That this House cannot further consider the said Amendment.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at twelve of the Clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1833.

MR. SWEETMAN having stated to the House that very urgent business requires his presence at Placentia, therefore,

Resolved,—That he have leave to be absent from the House for three weeks.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the Clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1833.

THE Hon. Mr. Secretary CROWDY acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the same to the House. And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows:—

MESSAGE.

THOMAS COCHRANE."

The Governor has given his most serious attention to the Petition, praying for relief from the Inhabitants of the North Shore of Conception Bay, and which was presented to him by the House of Assembly yesterday.