

But this was being ultra-generous in the minority; they did not urge this because they ever wished, or ever expected to succeed, in having all the rejected grants inserted; it was done solely with a view to weaken the majority in their intention, by persuading them that *if one grant were inserted, all should be*; and thus, it was thought, the majority would be drawn from their purpose, and the approaching crisis would be avoided. Fortunately for the rights of the people, the majority were not brought over; they adhered firmly to their object,—the *re-assertion of their just claims*; a bill was passed, including all the supplies, and sent to the Council for their concurrence. The lower House had thereby done *all in their power to make provision for the public service; they had passed all the supplies; and the bill, with all the ill consequences which might follow its rejection, was left with the Council.* The representatives of the people who furnished the *means*, had proposed the *end*; they who paid the tax had appointed the mode of expenditure, and it was to be seen whether individual *esprit du corps* was to *overturn every consideration for the public good* in another quarter.

One or two respectable and intelligent persons, not of the house, suggested the propriety of not adopting the extreme measure of *the bill*, but to allow matters to stand as they were until the next session, and in the mean time to lay an address at the foot of the Throne, submitting the differences which existed between the two houses for the royal arbitration; and that the lower house must in this way ultimately triumph in gaining their point. Now, how could his Majesty influence the Council to yield and abandon their present position? This is worthy of consideration. The Legislative Council is *supposed* to be an *independent* branch of the Legislature, and should not be dictated to by any other branch. Such a thing as a *command* from either the first or third body would be properly considered a breach of privilege. Now had an address been presented to his Majesty, and a decision been hereafter given in favor