

For the Amendment, 8.

Mr. Kent,
 " Glen,
 " Shea,
 " Parsons,
 " Kavanagh,
 " Renouf,
 " Barron,
 " E. D. Shea.

Against the Amendment, 13.

Hon. Attorney General,
 " Colonial Secretary,
 " Receiver General,
 The Solicitor General,
 Mr. Moore,
 " March,
 " Rendell,
 " Whiteway,
 " Knight,
 " Prowse,
 " Evans,
 " Winter,
 " Rorke.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion being then put, it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

*To His Excellency Sir ALEXANDER
 BANNERMAN, Knight, Governor
 and Commander-in-Chief, in and
 over the Island of Newfoundland
 and its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the inhabitants of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, beg to thank your Excellency for the Gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

With your Excellency, we deeply regret that through a series of disastrous fisheries, poverty and distress have prevailed to an alarming extent amongst our operative population, whose subsistence so mainly depends upon those precarious branches of industry; and if any measures of this House can in any way tend to avert or mitigate the evils which have resulted from these failures in our staples, we shall heartily devote our best energies in doing all that Legislation can be made to effect towards a remedy.

We feel assured that the Executive has dispensed relief with discrimination; and that whilst on the one hand it has not lent a deaf ear to the cause of suffering humanity, it has, on the other hand, so disposed its bounty as to foster that spirit of self-dependence without which no country can ever expect to attain to any degree of prosperity or importance. We cordially unite with your Excellency in the hope that a kind Providence may again smile on the labours of our hardy and enterprising population, and that during the ensuing season, the Government being relieved from this pressure upon its resources, may be enabled to expend