

Government thereof; and whereas many improvements have, since the passing of the said Act and the Institution of the Supreme Court, been made as well in that part of the Law of England which relates to Property and Civil Right as in that which constitutes the Criminal Code; and where it is expedient not only to declare up to what period the Law of England shall be taken for the Rule of decision, in the several Courts of Justice of this Island, but also to remove whatever doubts may heretofore have existed upon that subject.

*Be it therefore enacted and declared, etc.,* that from and after the passing of this Act, in all matters of controversy relative to Property and Civil Rights, resort shall be had to the Laws of England as the Rule of the decision of the same; *Provided always* that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to introduce into this Island any part of the Statute Law of England which has been enacted since the accession of His present Majesty to the Throne, or to introduce any of the Laws of England respecting the Maintenance of the Peace—respecting Bankrupts—respecting the Game.

*And be it further enacted and declared,* that the Criminal Law of England which stood at the accession of His present Majesty to the Throne, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be, the Criminal Law of this Island.

#### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21.

The Committee waited upon his Excellency the Governor with the address which was passed in the House yesterday.

On motion of Mr Hoyles, it was resolved that a copy of the address of this House to his Majesty praying that he will recommend to the Imperial Parliament to grant a sum of money in aid of the funds of the Colony be transmitted to the Legislative Council, with a request that they will concur in and recommend the prayer of the said address to the favourable consideration of his Majesty's Government.

A message from his Excellency the Governor, having been announced, Mr Secretary Crowdy appeared at the bar of the House and presented the same which was as follows:—

Government House, Feb 21, 1834,

The Governor considers it desirable that the attention of the legislature should be drawn to the law relating to the fisheries of this Island, which will expire on the 31st December next. This act is, in its present character, partly local and partly bearing upon the trade and navigation at large; it will be therefore very essential that the Council and Assembly should, before the recess consider the above act in all its relations, and communicate to the Governor their sentiments upon any changes they may deem requisite in its detail, that his Majesty's Government may provide for those alterations in the new bill it will be necessary to introduce into the Imperial Parliament during its present Session.

On motion of Mr Row, it was resolved

that the House do on Tuesday next take the said message into consideration.—Adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22.

The bill to limit the duration of the present and all future Assemblies of this Colony, was read a second time, and ordered to be committed.

The bill to prevent dangerous quantities of Gunpowder being kept within the town of Harbor Grace, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

The House then went into Committee upon the several bills that stood committed, and then adjourned.

MONDAY, FEB. 24.

The bill to limit the duration of the present and all future Assemblies of this Island was read a third time and passed.

Mr COZENS gave notice that on Wednesday next he should move for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the making and repairing of streets in this Island.

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Mr SHARPE respecting certain streets in the town of Harbor Grace, was read a second time, and then referred to a select committee to report thereon.

Mr PECK gave notice that he should move for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the streets of the town of Carbonear; which was read a first time and its second reading ordered for to-morrow.

Mr HOYLES gave notice that on Monday next he should move for leave to introduce a bill to provide for the establishment and regulation of Hospitals throughout the Island.—Adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEB. 25.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of such bills as stood committed.—Mr Hoyles in the chair. The committee having reported progress, the House resumed.

Mr Row presented the draft of an address to his Excellency the Governor, thanking him for his Message of the 21st instant, relative to the Fishery Act;—which was read and adopted.

The bill to regulate the streets of the town of Carbonear was read a second time, and ordered to be committed.—Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26.

Mr SPEAKER laid before the House a letter from the hon. Mr Secretary Crowdy, transmitting by command of his Excellency the Governor the following Returns, in compliance with the address of the 11th instant—namely.

A Return of all writs and processes issued from the Central Circuit Court during the year 1833.

A return of all writs, &c. issued from the Sessions Court for the Central District during the year 1833.

A Return showing the amount of writ and poundage money received by the Sheriff during the year 1833, with the expenses of his office.

Also, in compliance with the Address of the House of the 15th instant, the following detailed statements of charges and services

severally included in the estimate submitted to the House under the following heads—viz. Civil contingencies—Judicial Contingencies—Paupers—Passages—Roads, &c.—Incidentals—Public Buildings—Fuel and Light for ditto.

Also, a detailed statement of all appointments made pursuant to the Act of the Imperial Parliament 5th Geo. 4 cap. 67.

Mr SPEAKER also laid before the House certain documents connected with the Court House Buildings, transmitted by his Excellency the Governor; which were laid on the table.

Mr COZENS, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a bill to regulate the making and repairing of Roads and Highways in this Island; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on the 18th of March next.

The House then went into Committee upon the consideration of the several bills which stood committed. The House then resumed, the Chairman reported that the committee had gone through the bill to prevent dangerous quantities of Gunpowder being kept within the town of Harbor Grace to which they had made several amendments; also that the committee had gone through the bill to regulate the streets of the town of Carbonear, to which they had made certain amendments.

The Chairman then delivered in the said bills with their amendments, at the clerk's table, where the same were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question put thereon, were severally agreed to by the House and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr KENT gave notice that he should, to-morrow, move that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the general state of the colony.—Adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Colony.

The House having resumed, a committee was appointed to investigate and examine the estimates and other financial documents laid before the House by his Excellency the Governor, and report thereon to the House, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr SPEAKER laid before the House a letter from the Hon. Mr Secretary Crowdy, transmitting by command of his Excellency a copy of the opinions of the Attorney-General upon the case, submitted by the House in their address of the 21st inst.

The said opinion was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

*Attorney-General's Office,  
28th February, 1834.*

SIR,—In obedience to the commands of his Excellency the Governor, signified to me by your letter on the 21st instant, that I would take into consideration a case submitted by the House of Assembly respecting the duty payable upon certain spirits imported into this Colony, under the provisions of the Imperial Act of the 3rd and 4th William IV., chap. 59, and the Colonial Act of the 4th William IV., chap. 1, and report to his Excellency my opinions on the queries submitted therein, with as little delay as possible, I have taken the same into my consid-