

'An Act for the support of the Civil Government in this Province,' and to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands and Timber in certain cases."

Mr. Palmer in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the Bill again under consideration, the following was moved as an additional Section to the said Bill:—

"Be it enacted, that no grant shall issue to any Officer of the Army or Navy for any Land that may or shall hereafter be allotted to him by virtue of the provisions of the 6th Section of the said in part recited Act, until such Officer shall make it appear to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, that he has actually settled, either in person, by tenant, or servant, upon the land that shall be so allotted to him, and made or cause to be made improvements thereon, at and after the rate of — acres for every number of — acres of the land that shall or may be so allotted."

And upon the question for adopting the said amendment, the Committee divided—

YEAS, 12.

NAYS, 13.

Whereupon it was decided in the negative.

That the following was then moved as an additional Section to the said Bill:—

"Whereas in and by the 6th Section of the Act to which this is an amendment, the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, is authorized by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to grant a remission of the purchase money to certain Officers of the Army and Navy therein mentioned, who wish to obtain land for actual settlement; And whereas the provisions of the said Section has been found defective;—for remedy whereof,

"Be it enacted, that no grant shall issue to any Officer of the Army or Navy for any land that may be allotted to him by virtue of the provisions of the 6th Section of the said above in part recited Act, until said Officer shall make it appear to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, that he has actually settled upon the land so allotted him, and has improved by cultivating and enclosing after the rate of — acres of every — acres of the land so allotted."

And upon the question for adopting this amendment, the Committee again divided—

YEAS, 12.

NAYS, 13.

Which was likewise decided in the negative.

And he further reported, that the Committee then went through the Bill, and after making several amendments thereto, agreed to the said Bill, under the Title of—

A Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled "An Act to restrain the provisions of the Fifth Section of an Act, intituled 'An Act for the support of the Civil Government in this Province,' and to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands and Timber in certain cases."

*Ordered*, That the Report be accepted, and the Bill engrossed, as amended, under the amended Title.

On motion of Mr. End,

The House went into Committee of the whole, on a Bill relating to the Mines and Minerals in the County of Gloucester.

Mr. Gilbert in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having had the Bill referred to them under their consideration, made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Report be accepted and leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House, copies of the following Despatches, viz:—

- 1st. From the Right Honorable Lord John Russell, relative to the re-payment to the Province of the expense incurred in the construction of Barracks, a Magazine and Boats at the Grand Falls and the Degelee:
- 2d. From His Excellency Lord Sydenham, the Governor-General, and His Excellency Lord Falkland, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, in reply to Despatches from His Excellency Sir John Harvey, relative to the survey of a Line for a Rail Road or Canal to connect the Bay of Fundy with the Gulph of Saint Lawrence.