

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1833.

ON motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of such Bills as stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. POWER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee,

that they had gone through the Bill to repeal the Labrador Court, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1833.

ON motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the general state of the Colony.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. COZENS took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz.:—

Resolved,—In the event of His Excellency the Governor taking upon himself, on the part of His Majesty's Government, to defray the necessary public expences of the Colony, until His Majesty's pleasure in answer to the Address of this House on the subject of the loss of the Revenue Bill can be known, that this House do place, at the disposal of His Excellency, towards the payment of those public expenses, such part of the Revenue, at present levied under Acts of the Imperial Parliament, as may be subject to the appropriation and controul of this House, until a reply can be received from His Majesty's Government, and be made known to this House.

The said Resolution was then read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Mr. THOMAS reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor in pursuance of the Resolution of Tuesday, that the Committee had prepared the draft of an Address accordingly; and he delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency Sir THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED.

May it please your Excellency,

As the period for which the Imperial Parliament have granted funds to defray the charges of the civil establishment, and the other incidental expenses of this colony has expired; the House of Assembly deem it their duty, before the close of the present Session of the Legislature, again to call the attention of Your

Excellency to the peculiar circumstances of embarrassment in which they are placed, in consequence of the loss of the Revenue Bill.

By their address, presented on a former day, the House of Assembly have already made known to Your Excellency the principles of the Bill in question, on which they bestowed the most mature consideration, and by which, in the exercise of their inherent right, they imposed certain duties on those articles of consumption best calculated to bear taxation, for the support of the Government of the Colony. The rejection of this Bill by the Legislative Council not only deprived the Assembly, for the present, of the means of raising such amount of Revenue as the wants of the Colony demanded, but also involved a question of vast importance to it. Under a conviction that the relief which the nature of their case required, could only be obtained by an appeal to the Throne, the House of Assembly passed an Address to His Most Gracious Majesty (which your Excellency has been pleased to forward) in which they fully set forth their present embarrassed situation, and have humbly prayed that His Majesty's Government will, for the present year, provide means to defray the public expenditure of the Colony.

As considerable time must however elapse before His Majesty's pleasure in answer to their application can be known, and as the best interests of the Colony may, in the meantime, suffer materially from the want of means to support its Government, the House of Assembly most respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased, on the part of His Majesty's Government, to provide for the necessary public expenditure for a further period, until a reply be received from His Majesty's Government to the Address of this House.

As the House of Assembly are disposed to afford every assistance within their power towards the support of the Government, they have passed a Resolution, placing at the disposal of your Excellency, in the event of your Excellency's taking upon yourself the payment of the public expenses of the Colony, such part of the Colonial Revenue levied under Acts of the Imperial Parliament as may be subject to their appropriation and controul, during the period before-mentioned, and until sufficient time be allowed to your Excellency for calling together the House of Assembly to make known to them His Majesty's pleasure in answer to their Address.