

Another amendment proposed, line 11, to leave out the words, "and 3°. The probability of the indiscriminate destruction of the fur-bearing animals in the course of a few years" (Mr. Christy):—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the paragraph." The Committee divided :

Ayes, 9.
Sir J. Pakington.
Mr. Lowe.
Lord Sandon.
Mr. Kinnaid.
Mr. Gregson.
Mr. Blackburn.
Mr. Matheson.
Mr. Gurney.
Mr. Herbert.

Noes, 2.
Mr. Christy.
Mr. Fitzwilliam.

Paragraph, as amended, agreed to.

Paragraph 17 read, and agreed to.

Paragraph 18 read. Amendments made. Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "attain," l. 2, to the end of the paragraph, in order to add the words: "But it appears to Your Committee that unless the Hudson's Bay Company are willing to accept an offer upon equitable arrangement, it is obvious that in bringing this to a practical decision, the question of the validity of the charter will then necessarily present itself to be forthwith ascertained."

"Pending the possibility of such an investigation, which your Committee consider may be rendered indispensable to any final arrangement, they forbear to express any opinion as to the course which should be ultimately pursued. But, adverting to the willingness expressed by the Hudson's Bay Company to meet the desire of the Canadian people to obtain land fit for cultivation, and the establishment of agricultural settlers, Your Committee think it right to express their opinion, that in any event, the country capable of settlement should be withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the Hudson's Bay Company, whose objects and interests are admitted to be opposed to colonization" (Mr. Christy), instead thereof.

Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the paragraph." The Committee divided :

Ayes, 8.
Mr. Matheson.
Mr. Gregson.
Mr. Gurney.
Mr. Kinnaid.
Mr. Lowe.
Sir John Pakington.
Lord Sandon.
Mr. Blackburn.

Noes, 2.
Mr. Christy.
Mr. Fitzwilliam.

Paragraph 19 read, and agreed to.

[Adjourned to Friday, at One.

Veneris, 31^o die Julii, 1857.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Mr. LABOUCHERE in the Chair.

Mr. Matheson.
Mr. Christy.
Mr. Gladstone.
Mr. Roebuck.
Lord John Russell.
Mr. Lowe.

Sir John Pakington.
Lord Sandon.
Colonel Herbert.
Lord Goderich.
Mr. Fitzwilliam.

Mr. Christy produced a document purporting to be resolutions passed at a meeting held at the house of Mr. Philip Kennedy, in the Red River Settlement, on the 26th May 1857, and the same was read to the Committee.

The Committee resumed the consideration of the Draft Report.

Motion