

by him to a material part of which it was virtually ordained should on a certain event happening, be nugatory. Is not the representative of the King absolutely privileged to demand that every Bill which survives a third reading should be presented to him for his assent, and to anticipate that, when such has been given, it will not be defeated by the interposition of another power? Suppose the Legislature were to provide for its opening or prorogation by the Lieutenant-Governor being dispensed with, could it be questioned that, if such abridgment of his rights had been attempted, any law it should proceed to frame, or had already framed, would be invalid? Does not a similar consequence follow where his assent to a piece of legislation depends for its efficacy on some other body? Take the analogy of a Court of Justice. How could it be should entry by a Judge on the verdict of a jury be contingent upon a third voice being heard? Our polity, it would seem, has been asked to receive, in the person of this intruder, a veto in disguise.

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An English contemporary (*The Law Times*) in referring to Mr. Balfour's amusing slip in his speech on the Church Discipline Bill when he addressed the members of the House of Commons instead of Mr. Speaker, as "My lords," takes occasion to refer to some other mistakes of the same kind. The late Mr. R. R. Warren, who was President of the Probate and Matrimonial Division of the High Court of Ireland, in speaking in the House of Commons in 1868, addressed his audience as "Gentlemen of the Jury." Mr. Justice Kenny, when speaking in the House of Commons in 1893 on the Home Rule Bill, addressed Mr. Mellor, the Chairman of Committees, as "My lords." A brother barrister on the other side of the house, amid laughter, suggested that Mr. Kenny should apply for the costs of his motion. Mr. Bodkin, K.C., of the Irish bar, who sat in the House of Commons in 1892-1894, was often accused of having addressed Mr. Speaker Peel as "Your Reverence," an accusation which however had for its foundation the remark "I submit, Sir, with reverence."