

vice to be trained and instructed in squads, companies, battalions or otherwise, as he may think best, and to arrange and discipline the whole force in such way and manner as he may deem most conducive to such purpose; and the said Militia so called out, shall be subject to such rules and military regulations respecting such service, as shall by the said Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief, by and with the advice and consent of his Majesty's Council, be prepared and promulgated, not extending to life or limb. *Provided always*, that such militia shall be entitled to be paid agreeably to the rates of pay established by law, for the payment of the Militia in actual service. *And provided also*, that for the purpose of training and instruction as aforesaid, no part of the Militia shall be liable to be called out more than twenty days in one year. *And provided also*, that nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the Militia from any of the duties to which they are liable by the Militia laws now in force.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the foregoing amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill above mentioned, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved unanimously*, that this House do not agree to the said amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the foregoing resolution.

A message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee on the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the greater security of this Province, by a better regulation of the Militia, &c. immediately, in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Morton do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Hutchinson reported that the managers had been at the conference, and that the Committee of his Majesty's Council had informed the managers, that the Council think the regulations of the Bill are so complicated that the Militia could not be organized so as to be useful in any emergency that might soon occur. And therefore they wish the House to consider if it would not be better to leave the Militia Laws as they are, and merely to increase the days for training and instruction by a new Bill; and to enable the Lieutenant Governor so to discipline them as to render their force more effectual for real service, with the least possible delay.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Pearson have leave to attend the sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas at Truro.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at ten of the clock.