

On motion, the Message of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to this House, on the 21st February last, communicating the reasons which have influenced His Royal Highness the Prince Regent to withhold his assent from the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act relating to Marriages, and the Issuing of Marriage Licenses, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that this House do come to the several Resolutions following, Viz.

*Resolved*, That the House deeply regret that His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been advised to withhold his assent from that Bill, as this House are of opinion, the confining Marriage Licenses to the Clergy of the Church of England creates an invidious distinction, which is not only injurious to the Church itself, but grating to the feelings of a large and respectable majority of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province; and that this House considers every attempt to increase the Revenue, or extend the authority of the Church of England, by such means, at the expense of Christians of other denominations, as a violation of that Law which encouraged them to settle themselves in the Country.

*Resolved*, That this House have great reason to believe that the suggestion which influenced those who advised His Royal Highness to withhold his assent from that Bill, arose from interested individuals within this Province.

*Resolved*, That the uncertainty of the duration of the present Session, has prevented this House from taking any further step at this time, to remedy an evil so justly complained of throughout the Country; but that this House will, in its next Session, resume the subject, and take such measures therein, as may appear to them best calculated to remove the jealousies occasioned by the rejection of this Bill, and to preserve that harmony among persons of different persuasions, so essential to the peace and happiness of the Province.

Which motion being seconded, thereupon,

The first Resolution was put, and agreed to by the House.

The second Resolution was put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the passing the same, eleven; against it, eighteen:

For passing the Resolution,

Mr. Borss  
Mr. W. Dickson  
Mr. Lawson  
Mr. Cutler  
Mr. Archibald  
Mr. Thos. Dickson  
Mr. W. A. Chipman  
Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. Smith  
Mr. Pool  
Mr. Allison

Against passing the Resolution,

Mr. Crane	Mr. Roach
Mr. Bingay	Mr. Flemming
Mr. Dewolf	Mr. Purdy
Mr. W. H. Roach	Mr. Freeman
Mr. Ruggles	Mr. Morse
Mr. Prescott	Mr. Cogswell
Mr. Ritchie	Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Albro	
Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal	
Mr. J. I. Chipman	
Mr. James	

So it passed in the Negative.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by Mr. Secretary George,

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor in Chief commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Excellency the Governor in Chief in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, Viz.

An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds.

An Act to continue an Act to encourage Persons engaged in the Lumber Trade; and authorising Courts of Session to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other articles, down the several Rivers of this Province; and also the Act, pas-