

Ordered, That the same Committee who managed the former Conference thereon, be a Committee to manage this further Conference.

The Hon. the *Solicitor General*, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House—

Copy of a Despatch from Earl Grey to Sir Donald Campbell, dated 11th May, 1849, transmitting copies of a Correspondence passed between the Colonial Department and the Boards of Treasury and Admiralty, relative to the establishment of a revised Table of Fees for the Vice Admiralty Court at Quebec; together with a copy of the Joint Report of the Queen's Advocate, the Advocate of the Admiralty and Mr. Rothery, on that subject; as also a printed Table of Fees recently established at Quebec, under the authority of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated 2d March, 1848,—with the view to the adoption of any measures which the Legislature of the Island may deem expedient for making the same scale of Fees applicable to the Courts of the Island.

[See Appendix (O.)]

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Desbrisay.

Mr. Speaker;

The Legislative Council do agree to a further Conference, as is desired by the House of Assembly, on the Bill intituled *An Act to provide for the payment of the Civil List, on certain conditions therein mentioned*; and have appointed the same Committee who managed the former Conference thereon, a Committee to manage this further Conference—to meet in the Conference Room instant.

And then he withdrew.

And the names of the Managers being called over; they went to the Conference.

And being returned—

Mr. Coles reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and had complied with the instructions given them by this House.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to inquire into and take into further consideration the State of the Colony.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Jardine took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had come to six Resolutions, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again; which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Fourteenth Standing Order of the House be suspended, and thereupon the said Resolutions were then read by the Clerk, and are as follow:

Whereas the last House of Assembly came to the following Resolutions:

1. 'Resolved, as the opinion of this Committee, That the over charge of five shillings sterling for Marriage Bonds, in the Account of Fees submitted to this House by the Colonial Secretary, as Private Secretary's Fees, is a charge not authorised by the Law of the Island, and that the charge of five shillings for Tavern, Pedlar, and Ferry Licences, and retained by him, ought to have been paid into the Treasury of this Island.'
2. 'That the copies of the Blue Books laid before this House during the present Session, for the years 1845, 1846 and 1847, being the first ever submitted to this House, are inaccurately filled up, defective in some instances in point of fact, and wanting in many important particulars necessary to enable Her Majesty's Colonial Minister to form a full and correct judgment of the affairs of this Colony, and particularly of the amount of Salaries received by some of its Public Officers, inasmuch as certain Fees drawn by the gentleman holding the office of Private Secretary and Accountant General in Chancery, are in no wise referred to in either of the said Blue Books, and that the Fees or emoluments given to the same gentleman, who holds, and performs by Deputy, the office of Clerk to the Legislative Council, do not appear; and under the Return of the Attorney General, no fees for Crown Prosecutions appear in either of the said Blue Books; and that under the head "Returns of the Gaols, &c.," question No. 20, which asks "Is there any Insane person in confinement?" it is answered by the then Sheriff, "Abercrombie Willock, confined by attachment for non-payment of Costs, is non compos mentis, and should be removed to a Lunatic Asylum;" whereas it has never yet been determined by any competent authority that the said Abercrombie Willock is of unsound mind. *Resolved further*, That it is the opinion of this House, that if the Blue Books continue to be drawn up in the same careless and inaccurate style as those above referred to, they are calculated greatly to mislead, instead of inform the mind of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.'

1. *Resolved*, That the foregoing Resolutions be adopted.