

of a resolution adopted by the House of Assembly ; requiring the plan of appropriation to be laid upon their table, within fifteen days from the commencement of each session ; that it embraced all the objects which the Directors thought worthy of encouragement ; and that it remained for the Legislature to decide whether adequate funds should be voted for that purpose. If the same mode of proceeding was pursued in this as in former years, the committee would have no difficulty in the execution of their duty. It had been customary after the first meeting of this society, that the House of Assembly should immediately thereafter take up the agricultural grant, and pass such a sum as they were willing and able to bestow : And then the committee could proceed to divide that grant conformably to the general tenor of the scheme.

RUFUS FAIRBANKS, Esq. said further in explanation that the present scale of appropriation was drawn up under the idea of obtaining £1500 from the Legislature, which sum had been parcelled out among objects which he thought well entitled to the attention of the board and the community. The committee, therefore, could take that sum as a rule ; and if afterwards £1000 or only £750 were obtained from the House, a proportionable diminution could take place in the number or value of the prizes.

JAMES R. DEWOLF, Esq. said that he differed altogether from his friend Mr. Lawson as to the amount of the grant ; for he thought that the sum proposed instead of being too great ought to be enlarged.—He was satisfied that no application of the public money was so beneficial, as much good had already been accomplished. His duty called him publicly to state here the great progress which had been made in his own county within the last three years. In January 50 barrels of flour had come into Liverpool from Brookfield and Caledonia ; and although the quantity might appear small, it ought to be recollected that 50 families had lately gone there, and required to be supported. He considered that these societies were the great cause of this increased activity, and that therefore they should be upheld both by the countenance and bounty of the Legislature.

The honourable the ATTORNEY GENERAL rose and said that the testimony borne by Mr. Dewolf in behalf of our agriculture afforded him much pleasure ; and that he should consider himself