

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had had made several amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The said Amendments were read throughout a

first and second time, and, upon the question put thereon, were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

To-morrow being Ash-Wednesday, the House adjourned until Thursday next, at eleven of the clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1833.

MR. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Governor with the Petition of the distressed inhabitants of the North Shore of Conception Bay, pursuant to the resolution of Tuesday last.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had waited on His Excellency with the said Petition, and that His Excellency was pleased to say he would take the same into his most favourable consideration.

An engrossed Bill for imposing duties on all wines, and on all brandy, rum, gin, and other spirituous liquors imported into the island, was read a third time.

Resolved,—That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, “An Act for granting to His Majesty certain duties on all wines and on all brandy, rum, gin, and other spirituous liquors imported into this Island.

Ordered,—That the Clerk do carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS gave notice that,

On Saturday next, he should move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the present Marriage Act, and to regulate the future celebration of Marriages in this Colony.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that,

On Monday next, he should move for leave to introduce a Bill for the establishing and regulating of Fire Companies in the Town of St. John's. Also, a Bill for regulating Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's.

On motion, the House then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Judicature of the Colony.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. HOYLES took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the present system of Judicature is inadequate to the proper administration of justice in this Island, and

this Committee strongly urge the necessity of a Bill being introduced into the Assembly, which will have for its object the remodelling of the present Courts of Justice.

The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second time; and, upon the question put thereon, was agreed to by the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. AYRE.

Mr. Speaker,—The Legislative Council have agreed to a Bill entitled “An Act to provide for the performance of quarantine, and more effectually to provide against the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Island,” with certain amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved,—That a further conference, by Committee, be asked with the Legislative Council, on the subject of the proposed amendments to the Bill for preventing dangerous quantities of gunpowder being kept within the town of St. John's, and that the Clerk do go to the Council and request the said conference.

On motion of Mr. THOMAS,

Resolved,—That the Committee who may be appointed to manage the said conference, be instructed to state to the Committee of the Council that this House cannot agree to the amendments numbered two, four, five, and nine, for the following reasons, viz. :—

SECOND AMENDMENT.

First,—That it being the intention of the Act to prevent any vessel or boat having gunpowder on board from lying alongside of any wharf (for the express purpose of landing the same), this amendment will be found insufficient for that purpose. A vessel may be in the stream for twelve months and be liable to no penalty.

Secondly,—Because any merchant may moor an old vessel at the distance of fifty fathoms from his wharf, and make a magazine of her for the storing of gunpowder; and, provided she be not moored or brought alongside any other vessel or boat, there is nothing in the amendment to prevent any other vessel or boat from being brought alongside her, either to deposit or to take out gunpowder.

Thirdly,—An exception should be made in favour of Sealers, having their usual and requisite quantity of