

*REPORT of a Committee of the Honorable the
Legislative Council of Upper-Canada, appointed
to search for Precedents in a case of Privi-
lege.*



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

THURSDAY 29th MARCH, 1821.

Your Committee appointed to search for precedents in case of Privilege, and if any privilege ought (under the Constitutional Act of the 31st of the late King, George the 3d) to belong to the Legislative Council of this Province, and their Officers in Session, or during the Recess, and to report such matters generally as may, in their opinion, give information on the subject,—Report that,

Deeply impressed, not only with the Constitutional importance of the matter submitted to their investigation, but with the delicate nature of the inquiry; they proceeded with as much care and attention as they were able, and present, with great deference, the result of their labours to this Honorable House.

The principal thing to be determined by your Committee, was the extent of the powers and privileges exercised by Legislative bodies similarly constituted. And here, they were naturally directed to the Mother Country, as the Constitution conferred upon this Province, was declared to be the substance of that which she has enjoyed for many ages. When the British Minister introduced the 31st of his late Majesty, King George III, he considered it a transcript of the British Constitution, and in discussing the propriety of a Legislative Council, he said