

with amendments, which he read, and delivered in at the Clerk's Table.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments do lie on the Table.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the state of the Colony, &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

Mr. Cameron Chairman of the Committee reported, That they had agreed to several Resolutions, and that the Committee had directed him to ask when the House would be pleased to receive their Report,

Ordered, That it be now received.

Mr. Cameron, Reported the Resolutions to the House which were read and are as followeth, viz.

I. Resolved, That the unnecessary extension of the sitting of his Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature of this Island, during the time Chief Justice *Tremlett*, has presided in that Court, has been a severe grievance to his Majesty's Subjects in this Colony.

II. Resolved, That Trinity Term, 1814, continued for 52 days, and only 12 Jury causes, were tried in that Term; that Hilary Term, 1815, continued 39 days, and 15 Jury causes were tried in that Term; that Michaelmas Term, 1815, continued 17 days, and only 1 Jury cause was tried in that Term; that Hilary Term, 1816, continued 44 days, and only 11 Jury causes were tried in that Term; that Trinity Term, 1816, continued 21 days, and only 4 Jury causes were tried in that Term; that Michaelmas Term, continued 18 days, and only 2 Jury causes were tried in that Term; that Hilary Term, 1817, continued 33 days, and 13 Jury causes were tried in that Term; that Trinity Term, 1818, continued 21 days, and 9 Jury causes were tried in that Term.

III. Resolved, That the duration of the Terms of the said Court in the times of the last and former Chief Justices, seldom exceeded eight days, and that they were often less than six days.

IV. Resolved, That the protracted Sessions of the said Court have increased the expences attending Law Suits, and induced the regular Jurors to desert the Court in the midst of the Business, rather than submit to the intolerable and ruinous attendance required of them, whereby Talesmen of any

description have been too frequently resorted to, and injustice to the parties has been the consequence, which has created great discontent throughout this Colony; and no small degree of contempt for the Court.

V. Resolved, That in consequence of Trinity Term, 1814, continuing through the whole month of July (in which month the Statute Labour is to be performed) many Jurors and Constables were fined for not performing their Labour, while they were obliged to give their attendance in the Supreme Court; and in that Term the said Chief Justice kept the Court open and stayed proceedings, from the 26th July, until the 11th August, to accommodate two of the Baristers, who asked of him, and obtained leave, to quit the Court alternately.

VI. Resolved, That in Hilary Term, 1818, the said Chief Justice did on the 18th day of that Term, after all Causes set down for trial had been heard on a request made by the Attorney General, in behalf of the Acting Receiver General of His Majesty's Quit Rent, agreed to keep the said Court open for the space of 41 days longer, and did so keep it open for that period in order to enable the said Acting Receiver General to accomplish certain proceedings in that Court, under the Act of this Island for recovery of Quit Rent, against various lands in this Island; which proceedings were in consequence effected in that Term, whilst the Legislature never contemplated the same as possible to be done within a shorter period than two Terms.

VII. Resolved, That by reason of the said last mentioned Term being so extended, the said Acting Receiver General in the next term, being Trinity, obtained Judgments against many valuable Tracts of Land for alledged arrears of Quit Rent on the old Scale, and while a new Scale was generally expected—That under these Judgments so improperly and rapidly obtained, many extensive and valuable Estates would in all probability have been sacrificed, and several of them before the non-resident owners could be apprised of the Proceedings taken, and that impending ruin of these Estates by bringing them prematurely to sale, was only prevented by the most gracious Act of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in lowering the Rate of Quit Rent, and ordering the Proceedings for the old Rate to cease.

VIII. Resolved, That the Costs incurred for obtaining Judgment in respect of seven Shillings sterling for one Year's