

I drew up last evening, (but very hastily) a series of resolutions similar to those offered in 1824, which I will read now to the committee, that they may have the subject before them in every point of view, at this early stage of the discussion, and be the better able to decide upon the preferable course.

[Here the Attorney General read the resolutions which are published below.]

I think, Sir, if the committee determine that they cannot pass the bill in its present shape, and if they deem it unwise to give relief partially, looking to the Imperial Parliament to supply what is wanting, that then these resolutions, or something like these, will sufficiently explain the reasons of our conduct, and represent what it is that we desire. For my own part, I repeat, that I would go with the committee in either course, though for the reasons I have stated, I prefer the first. They have all in view the same object; and, whatever we may decide, it must be evident to all the inhabitants of this province, who are interested in this measure, that they are exposed to no danger from which the government and the Legislative Council, are not as anxious as we can be to protect them.

In truth, the whole measure now rests with us, and I hope and trust we shall dispose of it in the most proper manner.

I fear, Sir, that in my anxiety, to submit the whole matter at once to the view of the committee, I may in some measure have obscured it; but I