

the U. S. government at any former period, or sat in Congress, or in any of the State legislatures. Jonas was supported in this by Messrs. Attorney General, Gordon, C. Jones, Clark, Burnham, York Thompson, Morris, VanKoughnet, Cameron, Coleman, and Ingersol.

On the same day Mr. Morris proposed an amendment excluding from all benefits intended by the bill, those persons who had withdrawn from this province to the U. S. during the late war. This amendment, Mr. Charles Jones, who is said to have sojourned in Boston during a part of the contest, opposed; and Mr. James Wilson warned the house to take care lest it did not adopt notions which would take off some of its own members [much laughter]. Morris was supported by Beasley, and the same persons as supported Jonas's amendment, except the brothers Jones, and Clark.

The opposition to the passage of the last alien bill, 7th Feb'y, were Messrs. Gordon, Morris, Attorney General, C. & J. Jones, VanKoughnet, and Cameron, 7.

No. 89. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT JUSTLY CENSURED.

"A base, a wicked and an unfeeling and selfish government imparts its bad qualities in time to the great mass of the people."—George Canning.

The assembly, on the 4th Feb'y last, addressed his majesty, offering him their grateful thanks for having withheld his assent to the alien bill, and thankfully acknowledging the paternal feeling with which the king and his ministry and parliament, had regarded the petition of the people, carried home by Major Randal, their agent. The court party opposed this address very violently, but they numbered only 13. Canadians, remember them; their names are, Beasley, Jonas Jones, Charles Jones, Walsh, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Gordon, Ingersol, Morris, Scollick, VanKoughnet, and York Thompson. The Attorney kept out of the way at the time of voting. When the address was handed to governor Maitland, to be by him sent to the king, his excellency in his official way, gave the assembly the li^o direct, and fully told them that the petition carried home by Major Randal, and which their address had upheld as constitutional, conveyed "groundless imputations," from which he [Maitland] should vindicate his government; and further, that the assembly had acted a strange and inconsistent part. [See Journals, Feb'y 12th.]

This reply caused great irritation; and the house took it up, and voted that the petition carried home by Major Randal, did not, in their opinion, "contain any GROUND-LESS imputations against the government of this colony." The minority, against supporting the people's rights, on this occasion, and for propping up Strachan and Robinson's evil measures, were Messrs. Walsh, VanKoughnet, Attorney General, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Jonas & Charles Jones (David kept below, it being the last session), Coleman, Gordon, Ingersol, Morris, Scollick, and York Thompson.

No. 90.

THE \$44,444 MCGILL JOB.

This was a wicked vote. The security offered was merely the promissory note at ten years after date, of a Montreal mercantile house, and a lien on a property for which the borrower held a doubtful and encumbered title, along with others. Moreover, the country had no money to lend, was embarrassed by a heavy private, public, and district debt; and this loan proposed to involve the province in £10,000 more, with very doubtful means of repayment. The cash was to be lent to the nephew and heir of a man who had wallowed, during a long life, in the midst of public money, and who has a pension of \$2000, out of the farmers' hard earnings, for doing nothing. Had the job succeeded, it would not have enriched the country one farthing, but have strengthened the hands of the executive, by enabling McGill to speculate to a greater extent in Montreal, and to come up next winter, for Hastings, as a ministerial member. Lastly; the vote was partial, militating against the advantages which might hereafter be claimed for other manufactures; and it was surely absurd to refuse one furnace £150, and grant another 10,000!. Moreover, it was depriving future assemblies of the power of exercising a sound judgment in encouraging other domestic establishments by premiums, loans, and bounties. I never was doubtful of Doctor Leftery, nor distrusted his independence on any occasion, except this. On the first division, in favour of the loan, Messrs. Attorney General, Bidwell, Beasley, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Coleman, Gordon, Leftery, Jonas Jones, Ingersol, McBride, McLean, Morris, Pe-

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