

‘ In answer to the last objection we observe that “ it is the
 “ sole and inherent right of the House of Assembly both to raise
 “ the public money and to direct and limit the ends, purposes and
 “ services to which it is to be applied ”—That the British Legis-
 ‘ lature are provided with the most valuable and useful publi-
 ‘ cations on the Laws of Nature, Nations, &c.—That these are
 ‘ provided for by Votes or Resolves of the House of Commons—
 ‘ That the same laudable desire of Constitutional Information has
 ‘ induced similar purchases for the use and by the direction of
 ‘ every legislature we have yet heard of—That the purchase
 ‘ of the Books referred to was by the direction of the House of
 ‘ Assembly—That a similar purchase was made and provided
 ‘ for in the session of 1788—That this House found it necessary
 ‘ to incur such expense for their information although the Coun-
 ‘ cil from their being more enlightened may not think it necessa-
 ‘ ry to consult the authorities this House refer to on constituti-
 ‘ onal questions. They therefore cannot admit of the Council’s
 ‘ objection to this article of appropriation.

‘ The House of Assembly forbear unnecessarily to retort
 ‘ the expressions the Council so improperly make use of by al-
 ‘ ledging the House preclude them from freely discharging their
 ‘ public duty, &c.

The untenable grounds on which the Council have rejected
 ‘ former appropriation bills, most of which they now do not so
 ‘ much as mention, as well as the hasty and undigested objections
 ‘ which are the subject of the present conference, are sufficient
 ‘ proofs that the Council have been and continue to be the means
 ‘ of preventing the House of Assembly from expediting the public
 ‘ business and from paying off the public debts of the Province—
 ‘ and that they subject them to the distressing mortification of
 ‘ not being able to pay off the pressing demands even of the
 ‘ Officers and Servants necessarily attending both the former
 ‘ and present Houses of Assembly.

‘ The House of Assembly further declare, that they, with
 ‘ heart felt satisfaction, review the steady and constitutional
 ‘ conduct of the former Houses of Assembly—that they feel an
 ‘ exultation in having steadily followed the same steps—and
 ‘ that they are resolved to continue to assert the Privileges of the
 ‘ House of Assembly and the Honor of their Constitu-
 ‘ ents.

‘ The House of Assembly therefore leave the bill with the
 ‘ Council, together with the ill consequences that may attend
 ‘ the not passing this bill.”

Resolved,