

Gulf of St. Lawrence, and is of right free and open to all his Majesty's subjects for the purpose of Navigation, without tax or impediment.

Resolved, That the imposition of a tax by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia on the shipping of this Island while anchoring in the Gut and adjacent seas, is an illegal exaction on property no way subject to the Laws of that Colony.

Resolved, That assuming but never admitting that such imposition were legal, the rate of it is excessive, amounting to 6d. for every ton, which far exceeds the amount of all the light dues throughout the British and Irish channels, and that the Cranberry Island light is a very poor one.

Resolved, That the mode of collecting these Light dues by boarding vessels on the high seas, is to the last degree dangerous and exceptionable, and may lead to riot and bloodshed among the crews of vessels, whose masters are either ignorant or doubtful of the legality of the demand, and that several instances have occurred where the Collector of the Light dues has seized and taken part of the sails of vessels, bound from this Island to Europe to satisfy the same.

Resolved, That this House is willing to sanction the Collection of Light dues at the ports of this Island in behalf of Nova Scotia, or any of the other adjacent Colonies, that may erect Light Houses which are deemed beneficial to the trade of this Island, the rate of the charge being first submitted to the consideration of this House.

Resolved, That the operation of this Light duty has been found to press with peculiar severity on the coasting vessels of this Island which have been compelled to pay at the rate of 6d. per ton on every voyage while the same description of vessels belonging to Nova Scotia, are allowed to pass, by an annual payment of twenty shillings, causing thereby a Tax

of sometimes five times the amount to be taken from a vessel of this Island which is exacted from a like vessel belonging to Nova Scotia.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, and that he be requested to communicate with the Lieut. Governor of Nova-Scotia on this subject.

Resolved, That if no satisfactory redress of this grievance shall be obtained through the correspondence of his Excellency the Lieut. Governor with the Lieut. Governor of Nova-Scotia, that his Excellency be requested to advise with the Law Officers of the Crown, and to adopt all lawful ways and means to resist this illegal exaction, and that this House will make good any expence attending the same; and that his Excellency be further requested, in such event, to correspond with the Lieut. Governor of New-Brunswick that the concurrence of the Legislature of that Province may be obtained in opposing an exaction that is alike injurious to the trade of that Colony within the Gulf and to the trade of this Island.

On Motion the Bill intituled "an Act for summary punishment in certain cases of persons wilfully or maliciously damaging or committing Trespasses on public or private property," received the third reading.

Ordered, That the said Bill do pass with an amendment.

On Motion, the Bill to prevent the importation and circulation of base copper coin into and within this Island, received the second reading.

Mr. McNeill gave notice, that he would on Wednesday next bring in a Bill to regulate hired Tradesmen and Labourers,

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, February 8, 1825.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to to resume the consideration of the Bill intituled "an Act for the encouragement of Education in the different Counties and Districts in this Island,"

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 gone through the Bill and agreed to the same.
On Motion, That the Report of the