

21st April, 1835.

FIFTH SESSION FIRST COLONIAL PARLIAMENT, 5th WILLIAM IV.

Census Bill in Committee.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to authorize the Executive Government to appoint proper persons to take the Census of the Island.

The Honorable Mr. Crowdy in the Chair.

A Message being announced, the House formed.

Assembly pass Bill to prevent the unnecessary discharging of Guns, &c. with amendments.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Message announcing that they had passed the Bill sent down to them, entitled "An Act to prevent the unnecessary discharging of Guns, and other Fire Arms, in the Streets of Saint John's and the Suburbs thereof," with some Amendments, to which the concurrence of this House was requested—

The Amendments are as follows:

Amendments.

In the Title of the Bill—Expunge the word "Streets," and insert, in its place, the word "Towns."—Insert, between the words "Saint John's" and "and," the words "Harbor Grace, Carbonear, Port-de-Grave and Brigus."

In the preamble, 4th line—Expunge the words "Streets of the," and add to the word "Town" the letter "s"

" " 5th line—After the words "St. John's" insert the words "Harbour Grace, Carbonear, Port-de-Grave and Brigus."

1st Section, 6th line—Add to the word "Town" the letter "s."

" " " Expunge the words "of Saint John's."

" " 7th line—Between the words "thereof" and "discharge" insert the word "respectively."

" " 11th line—At the end of the Eleventh line insert the following words:—"And every person so offending shall, for every offence, upon conviction thereof on the oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, or on the view of any such Justice, forfeit and pay to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, the sum of Ten Shillings, to be levied by Warrant of Distress from such Justice, on the Offender's Goods and Chattels; and for want of sufficient Goods and Chattels, such Offender shall be committed to Gaol for the space of Twenty-four hours; one half of the said fine to be paid to the Informer, and the other half towards the support of the poor of the said Towns, respectively. *Provided always*, that no prosecution for a breach of this Act shall be admitted, unless complaint be made thereof within Forty-eight hours after the offence committed."

Page 2nd, line 1st—Expunge the word "always," and insert, in its stead, the word "also."

Assembly pass Amendments to the Law of Attachment amendment Bill.

The same deputation brought up a Message acquainting this House that they had passed the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Law of Attachment, and to facilitate the recovery of Debts from absent or absconding Debtors."

Census Bill committed;

The House again went into Committee on the Census Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Crowdy in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered, that the report be received, and—

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time To-morrow.

Amendments to Bill to prevent the unnecessary discharging of Guns—read 1st time.

The Amendments to the Bill entitled "An Act to prevent the unnecessary discharging of Guns and other Fire Arms, in the Streets of Saint John's, and the Suburbs thereof," were then read a first time, and—

Ordered, to be read a second time to-morrow.

Order of the day for House going into Committee on Revenue Bill, discharged.

Ordered, that the order of the day for the House going into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties upon Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony," be discharged.

House adjourns.

On motion, made and seconded, the House adjourned until Thursday next at One of the Clock. p. m.