

the House of Assembly only—" a Bill for the appointment of an Agent having been regularly introduced and passed by the Assembly every year, almost for the last thirty years (previously to 1836), and as regularly thrown out by the Legislative Council."

The last appointment of Agent made by the House of Assembly of that province was of Mr Roebuck, M.P. A salary was voted as in the case of Edmund Burke, when appointed by the House of Assembly of New York the Agent in England for that colony, with an additional sum for the payment of contingencies. This payment, however, was suspended in consequence of several prorogations of the Provincial Parliament without a vote of supply having been passed. Mr Roebuck, nevertheless, acted as Agent, and was heard in that capacity before both Houses of Parliament in opposition to the Bill to suspend the Constitution of the Province. When a new constitution was granted by Parliament, it was enacted, that no vote of money should be made by the Assembly without the recommendation of the Crown. This power has not been exercised to advise the payment of the previous obligation of the House of Assembly, and the payment has thus been prevented of the salary due to Mr Roebuck, and even of the expenses incurred in his defence of the people of Canada before Parliament—a defence made when he was not a member of the House of Commons. Higher obligations may hereafter be repudiated, and it ought to be