

Government, similar to that which obtains in the neighbouring Provinces.

We are, nevertheless, gratified by the announcement of your Excellency, that you are prepared to introduce that system into this Colony, and to surrender to the Legislature the disposal of Her Majesty's Crown Revenues, when we shall have agreed to certain conditions, which, on their being submitted, shall receive our most deliberate attention; and should those conditions appear to us to be such as we may deem conducive to the best interests of the Inhabitants of this Island, we beg to assure your Excellency, that we shall hasten to give effect to them in a Civil List Bill. On the subject of its necessary provisions, it will afford us great satisfaction to avail ourselves of your Excellency's offer to communicate with us.

The assurance that it is the sincerest wish of Her Majesty and her confidential advisers that Prince Edward Island may advance in prosperity, and, under Divine Providence, that this prosperity may be attended with the blessings of social order and of harmony among the various classes of the people, is gratifying to us, as their Representatives, and will be fully appreciated by them.

And the Report being again read—

The Hon. *Solicitor General* moved to amend the same, by leaving out all after the words "May it please your Excellency," and substituting the following:—

"We, the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, respectfully thank your Excellency for your Speech delivered at the opening of the Session in which we are now convened, and for having summoned us to meet with as little delay as possible after your arrival in this Colony.

"We will proceed, as early as it is compatible with their nature, to the consideration of the local business of the Colony, and of those important subjects, affecting the interests of the North American Colonies, to which our attention had been directed by the late Lieutenant Governor of this Island, in the Speech with which he closed the Session on the first of May, last year.

"In passing a Revenue Bill for the present year, and in making the Appropriations for the wants of the Colony, we will endeavour to obviate the objections to which your Excellency has alluded, as existing, in principle and practice, against the Revenue Bill of last year, so far as our efforts may be availing, without compromising the estab-

lished rights or privileges of the House of Assembly.

"After the Accounts for the past and the Estimates for the present year have been laid before us, we will proceed, with as little delay as the business of the Session will admit, to vote the necessary Supplies for the Public Service.

"We receive with the highest respect that is due to them, the opinions of Her Majesty's Colonial Minister, as well as those of your Excellency, as expressed in your Excellency's Speech on the subject of the introduction of Responsible Government into this Colony. Her Majesty's disallowance of the Civil List Bill passed last year, for the purpose of establishing this change in the Government of the Colony, and the instructions with which your Excellency is now invested relative to this important question, will necessarily require a reconsideration of the subject. We will, therefore, be prepared to enter upon it, as also that of the Crown Revenues, and such other matters as the subject may involve, so soon as your Excellency may be pleased to lay before us the conditions which Her Majesty is pleased to require the Legislature to agree to, before the measure receives Her Majesty's assent.

"As the provisions of the Civil List Bill will, in all likelihood, require communication with your Excellency, before the measure is fully matured, we will readily avail ourselves of your Excellency's accommodating offer in this respect; and, with the fullest acknowledgment of our gratitude towards Her Majesty and her confidential advisers, for the cordial wishes they entertain in favor of the advancement and prosperity of the Island, we beg leave to assure your Excellency, that our aim will be, constantly to merit those sentiments; and we sincerely trust that our proceedings may not only prove successful, under Divine Providence, in the preservation of social order, and the establishment of harmony among all classes of the people of this Island, but that they may at all times tend towards the honor of Her Majesty's Crown, and the stability and endurance of her vast and extensive Empire."

The House divided on the motion of amendment: