

him by the Coroner, complaining of words used by him, the said Patrick Morris, whilst in the exercise of his public duty as the Representative of the people of Newfoundland, in this the Commons House of Assembly.

5. *Resolved*,—That it is a high breach of the “undoubted privileges” of this House, and through them of the rights of the universal people of Newfoundland, to arraign, prosecute or complain in any inferior Court or place, for acts done, or words spoken in this House.

6. *Resolved*,—That the deliberate, repeated outrages committed on the privileges of this House by Benjamin G. Garrett, Esq., High Sheriff, has subjected him to its highest displeasure.

7. *Resolved*,—That it is the undoubted right of this House to commit all persons who may violate their privileges. And that in the case of Edward Kielley vs. the hon. the Speaker, Members, and the Officers, of this House—the plaintiff, the Sheriff and Bailiffs, the Counsel, Attorneys and Solicitors, have all violated the privileges of this House, and are liable to be committed.

8. *Resolved*,—That having on a recent occasion committed Edward Kielley, George Lilly, Acting Judge, and Benjamin G. Garrett, High Sheriff, and through them asserted the “undoubted privileges” of the House, it is not prudent, nor expedient, or necessary again to resort to the exercise of such extreme power.

9. *Resolved*,—That having the most unbounded confidence in the justice and wisdom of her most Gracious Majesty, this House do recommend to the hon. the Speaker and the members of the House, to submit the case of Edward Kielley against them to the adjudication of Her Majesty’s Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court; and it is further recommended to the hon. the Speaker and the other members of the House, to direct their counsel to plead privilege, and to make no other defence whatever.

10. *Resolved*,—That John Kent, Esq., member for St. John’s, Peter Winsor, Esq., member for Ferryland, and Patrick Morris, Esq., member for St. John’s, be appointed managers on the part of the Commons House of Assembly of Newfoundland, to conduct the defence of the hon. the Speaker, the members, with the officers of the House, in the case of E. Kielley vs. them; and it is further recommended that they immediately retain as counsel her Majesty’s Attorney General and such other counsel as they may deem necessary.

11. *Resolved*,—That such a sum as may be deemed necessary for defending the case, be voted by the House and placed in the hands of its managers for that purpose.

12. *Resolved*,—That if it shall hereafter appear that the hon. the Speaker, the members, or the officers of this House, sustain loss or damage, directly or indirectly, by the prosecution of Edward Kielley, Surgeon, this House will avail itself of the first opportunity fully to compensate them, payable out of the public Revenue of this Island.

13. *Resolved*,—That an address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, with a copy of these resolutions, praying that his Excellency may be pleased to direct her Majesty’s Attorney General to aid and assist the managers from this House with his counsel and advice in defending the just, unquestionable, inalienable rights of her Majesty’s Commons of Newfoundland, in the persons of her faithful and loyal subjects the Speaker, the members, and the officers of this House.

14. *Resolved*,—That the address be presented to his Excellency the Governor by the hon. the Speaker and the whole House.