

Wilmot, and Hamilton---19. Against it, Messrs. Baldwin, Ruttan, Morris, Casey, Shaver, Vankoughnet, and Bostwick---7. Carried by a majority of 12.

[Messrs. Burwell, the Joneses, and Hagerman, did not choose (it seems) to be present at this latter division.]

No. 20.

Monday, 12th Feb. 1821.

In opposition to Mr. Nichol's motion; not to close the doors upon the public during prayers; voted, Messrs. Shaver, Jonas Jones, Attorney General, Vankoughnet, Robert Hamilton, M'Donnell, Morris, and Alex. M'Martin.

No. 21.

THE YORK GOVERNMENT BANK.

In order that the country may know who the men were who placed in the hands of the present executive, that tremendous political engine, commonly called the Bank of Upper Canada; the charter of which gives the officers of government, for the time being, the entire control of its funds and discounts. A fearful power indeed, when lodged in the hands of such an administration as the present.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gordon moves, that the Bill do now pass, and that the title be "An Act to establish a Provincial Bank, under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada."

On which the house divided, as follows:

Yeas---Messrs. Bostwick, Crooks, Gordon, Pattie, Casey, Baldwin, Chisholm, C. Jones, Clark, McDonnell, Morris, Attorney General, McLean of Frontenac, Hamilton, of Lincoln, Ruttan, Kerr, Gates, P. Robinson, Shaver, Burwell, McMartin, McLean of Stormont---22.

Nays---Messrs. Randal, White, Peterson, Walsh, Wilson of P. Edw., G. Hamilton, Hornor---7.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and the bill was signed.*

* NOTE---It would seem that on this important division, Mr. Speaker Wilson, was not forthcoming. Messrs. Hagerman, and Jonas Jones, also appear to have been absent below the bar.

"If the civil government of a country has a right to impose one article of faith or mode of worship, or to require any test or subscription whatever from its subjects, respecting matters of religious belief, then it has a right to impose one thousand--persecution becomes an obsolete term, and resistance to court-creeds, a seditious daring of lawful authority. Admit these premises, and it follows of course, that the saints and martyrs, who suffered for conscience' sake, died rebels, and expired like fools.---STUART.

No. 22. The passage of the Attorney General's "Act, for the more certain punishment of persons illegally solemnizing marriage in this province," was supported by Messrs. John B. and Peter Robinson, Gordon, Burwell, Walsh, two McLeans, McMartin, Jones and Charles Jones, Gates, Wilmot, Baby, Ruttan, Vankoughnet, Hamilton of Prescott, Shaver, Morris, Hagerman, and McDonnell. 9th March, 1821.

By looking into the statutes for 1821, 1st session, 8th parliament, chapter 11th; you will find this precious law; some of the dissenters as they are called, will not find it very palatable.

No. 23.

MEMBERS' WAGES.

A barrister observed to a learned brother in court, the other morning, that he thought his whiskers were very unprofessional. 'You are right,' replied his friend, 'a lawyer cannot be too barefaced.'

In order to make the representatives of the people, in this poor colony, totally dependent on the executive, and to deter men of moderate fortunes, but independent principles, from seeking seats in the assembly for the future, lawyer Hagerman, moved for leave to bring in a bill to deprive the members of Assembly of their wages; or, in other words, to put the liberties of the people into the hands of a few peddling Attorneys and government hangers on. In his motion he was supported by all the lawyers in the House, except Dr. Baldwin. The yeas were, Lawyer Robinson, Mr. Walsh, Lawyer Arch. McLean, Mr. Burwell, Lawyer Jonas Jones, Mr. McDonnell, Lawyer Hagerman (the mover), Mr. Morris, Lawyer Allan McLean, Mr. Gates, Mr. C. Jones, Commissioners P. Robinson, & Hamilton of Prescott---Twenty three voted on the other side, and this insidious motion fell to the ground.