

' To the *third* reason we answer, that we conceive the Statute  
 ' of 6. H. 8. c. 16. intituled "*An Act that no Knights of*  
 ' "*Shires nor Burgeses depart before the End of the Parliament*  
 ' or the provisions therein made "*that if any of the said Knights,*  
 ' "*Citizens, Burgeses, or Barons do depart without leave, e-*  
 ' "*very of them so departing should lose all those sums of money,*  
 ' "*which he ought to have had for his wages*" are not applicable  
 ' to our colonial situation; and ought not to be deemed a part of  
 ' the laws of this province. Neither that Statute, nor the  
 ' Statute 23 H. 6. c. 10. intituled "*The Order of Levying*  
 ' "*the Wages of the Knights of the Parliament*" nor any ancient  
 ' Statute regulating the wages of the Knights Citizens and Burges-  
 ' ses, ever were considered in force in any *British* colony, and are  
 ' not applicable to the state of a colony, or the forms of our Legis-  
 ' lature. But if these ancient and obsolete Statutes should be thought  
 ' to be in force here, or to make a part of our general laws, the  
 ' General Assembly is fully competent to make laws and regu-  
 ' lations, in this respect, more suitable to our condition and cir-  
 ' cumstances. This has been done by the General Assembly  
 ' of this Province heretofore in many instances, and is justified  
 ' by the usage of most of His MAJESTY's, American colonies.  
 ' We conceive that the recommendation of His EXCELLENCY  
 ' the Lieutenant Governor in 1793, to provide for the pay of  
 ' the Speaker and Members, &c. cannot be fairly construed o-  
 ' therwise than a recommendation to make provision in the u-  
 ' sual manner, which His EXCELLENCY had approved of by  
 ' giving his assent to all the acts passed by the two Houses for  
 ' that purpose. If a different mode had been in the contemplati-  
 ' on of the Lieutenant Governor he would have given some in-  
 ' timation thereof in his message to the House on that occasion;  
 ' and his giving his assent to the act since passed for that purpose  
 ' confirms this opinion of the House besides the Estimate a-  
 ' bove referred to, is intituled "*Estimate of Expenses for the*  
 ' "*Public Service of the Province of New-Brunswick for the cur-*  
 ' "*rent year 1793, to be laid before the House of Assembly by order*  
 ' "*of His EXCELLENCY the Lieutenant Governor.*" We there-  
 ' fore insist that the provisions of this bill, in this behalf, are  
 ' constitutional and expedient.

' To the *sixth* and *seventh* objections offered by the com-  
 ' mittee of free conference on the part of the Council, we an-  
 ' swer in the following Parliamentary language "*that it is the*  
 ' "*sole, undoubted and inherent right of the Commons to give money*  
 ' "*and grant aids; which are to be raised by such methods, and with*  
 ' "*such provisions, and the DISPOSITION thereof to be made in such*  
 ' "*manner*"