

In favor of such a course it may be stated, that by such an act we do promptly every thing we can in favor of the persons whom we are desirous to protect, that we at once provide a remedy so far as we are able, and that His Majesty's government cannot fail at our intercession, to do the rest with the least possible delay. Against it it may be urged, that by conferring those rights which it is in our power to confer, we declare, beyond doubt, our judgment as to those disabilities which we cannot remove, and that we shall create apprehension, and may produce inconvenience, by calling attention to the evil before we are prepared to administer the remedy.

Undoubtedly, Sir, all this it is our duty to consider, the choice of measures is here before us;—and, as the representatives of the people, we are called upon to decide which is the most proper and effectual course. My mind, I repeat is made up—I would concur in passing this bill under the very particular circumstances which are expressly recited in the preamble, in the conviction that it can do no harm, and that it may lead the most readily to the result we all wish for. But, I am so far from being obstinate in this opinion, that if the committee generally think it better to pass no bill, but to unite rather with the Legislative Council in an address to the Governor, soliciting His Excellency's further intercession with His Majesty's government for an Imperial act in conformity with Lord Bathurst's despatch, I will most readily and cheerfully concur in that course, and give any assistance in my power in promoting it. I have, indeed, Sir, already considered this alternative; and