

SATURDAY, 10th APRIL, 1830.

and he read the said Resolutions in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow, viz.

Resolved, That the many important public services of this Province, which the Legislature have usually been desirous of promoting, and the provision to be made for the payment of the Officers of Government, and the other usual charges which form the Civil List, and likewise the heavy Debt due by this Province, rendered it necessary for the House of Assembly to provide means by raising a Revenue sufficient to meet the Current Expenditure of the present year, and to provide for the payment at least of the interest of the Public Debt.

Resolved, That the monies contemplated to be raised by the Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and continue the acts now in force to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, and for promoting its Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, by granting Duties of Impost on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, which passed this House on the 29th day of March last, were absolutely necessary, and not more than sufficient, with what might also be produced by the other Revenue Bills which have passed during the present Session, for the above purpose.

Resolved, That this House consider the rejection of the said Bill, by His Majesty's Council, particularly on the day on which the Laws, thereby continued, expired, as highly impolitic and unwise; and it has already produced disorder and confusion in the trade and commerce of the Country, by giving an undue advantage to those who are at present availing themselves of the state of the market, and disposing of large importations of articles, free of duty, to the manifest injury of such as have paid or secured the duties formerly payable upon the same description of articles which remain unsold.

Resolved, That the Bill, entitled, An Act to revive, alter and continue, the Acts to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, and for promoting its Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, by granting Duties of Impost on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar,—which passed this House on the 2d day of April instant, was intended by this House to remedy, as speedily as possible, the evils consequent upon the rejection of the first Bill; and this House framed the same conformably to His Majesty's Instructions, to be in force for a period not less than one whole year, which continued the operation of the Duties thereby imposed to the 6th day of April next; and this House entertained the hope that His Majesty's Council would have given the subject that deliberation which its importance demanded, and that they would not again have rejected so important a Revenue Bill, particularly as the altered circumstances of the Country, owing to the great quantity of articles charged with duty under the said Bill, which had in the meantime been introduced into the market to supply the consumption of the present year, rendered necessary an increase instead of a diminution of such duties.

Resolved, That His Majesty's Council having rejected the last mentioned Bill, this House is deprived of the means of raising a Revenue to meet the exigencies of the Government, unless they will consent to frame an Act conformable in all respects with the opinions and dictates of His Majesty's Council.

Resolved, That it is the inherent and undoubted right of this House to impose Duties upon His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, and that His Majesty's Council ought not to interfere in matters of Revenue, either by proposing alterations or amendments to such Bills, or dictating to this House the amount of Duties which they are to impose on their constituents, and that the interference of His Majesty's Council in such a manner is a breach of the privileges of this House.

Resolved, That the rejection of the Revenue by His Majesty's Council, at this time, is particularly unwise and impolitic, when it is considered that in the absence of the Lieutenant-Governor the Administration of the Government has necessarily devolved upon His Honor the President, who is a Member of the Council, and whose request to the
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