

On motion of Mr. Taylor.—The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein mentioned.

Mr. Partelow in the Chair of the Committee.

The Chairman reported, they had agreed to the Bill without making any amendments thereto.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the Bill engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Partelow.—“Resolved unanimously, that this House deeply lament that the proposal of His Majesty’s Government, on the settlement of the Custom House question, as communicated by His Excellency’s Message of the 27th ultimo, cannot be complied with.

“That the House, in unanimously coming to this determination, do it upon the principle, that the House of Assembly, are the sole constitutional judges of the proper compensation to be afforded Public Officers, when their salaries are to arise from taxation within the Province; and that although the House are well satisfied of the necessity of making proper provision, for Officers of the Customs, and will be at all times ready to appropriate a reasonable sum for that purpose, when the Revenues are left to the disposal of the Legislature; yet they feel bound to say, that the scale now proposed is far beyond what the circumstances of the Country, will admit; and out of all proportion to the allowances made for similar services, by the General Assembly.

“That the House deem it their imperative duty, again to express their opinion, that although, the abolition of fees, has greatly tended to relieve the coasting trade of the Country; yet that the principal benefit, derived from such abolition, have been enjoyed by the British Shipping coming to the Province, from which the Custom House Establishment was in a great measure supported.”

Mr. Chandler, from the Joint Committee of the Council, and House of Assembly, to prepare an address to His Majesty, upon the present system, of disposing of the Crown Lands; reported, they had prepared an address, which he read, and it being handed in at the Clerk’s table, was there again read.

The House adjourned until Monday morning next, at 10 o’clock.

MONDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1829.

*Prayers.*

Read a third time, as engrossed,

A Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue to the payment of the services therein mentioned.

Resolved, that the Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr. Taylor carry the said Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Cunard, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Address relative to a Light House to be erected on Saint Paul’s Island, on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Reported, that they had attended to that duty; and that His Excellency was pleased to say, he would with much satisfaction, announce to the Governments of Canada and Prince Edward’s Island, that the House will contribute its fair proportion towards the erection of a Light House on Saint Paul’s Island; and that he would likewise apply to the proper authorities of the Mother Country, for aid towards erecting and maintaining an establishment, so essential to the shipping interests of the Empire.

The House in Committee of the whole, went in consideration of the Joint Address of the Council and House of Assembly, to His Majesty, upon the subject of the Crown Lands System.

Mr. Crane in the Chair of the Committee.

The Chairman reported, that they had made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. Wyer—Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency