

takes upon himself to deny this grant to those who were members of the Convention. From them it was withheld for seven years, and not yielded till the House of Assembly took up the subject, passed a series of resolutions, and addressed his Excellency thereon.

To complete this record, I extract, below, from the Journals of the Assembly, the resolutions, with the votes on amendment; also, the Assembly's address to his Majesty, and the Lieutenant Governor's reply, pledging himself to transmit the same.

Commons House of Assembly,

January 11th, 1826.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee, on the state of the province.

Mr. Scollick was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Scollick reported, that the committee had agreed to a series of resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

The report was ordered to be received, and leave was granted accordingly.

The first resolution was then read, as follows :

RESOLVED, That many who were conspicuous during the late war, for their firm attachment to his Majesty, and for their zeal and loyalty in the defence of this province, were connected with the Convention of 1813, formed by the people, to seek, by petition to the throne, for the redress of grievances.

In amendment, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. C. Jones, moves, that after the word "resolved," in the original resolution, the remaining words be expunged, and the following words inserted—"That this House is satisfied, that the political principles and plans of Mr. Gourlay, are hostile to the Government of this country, and that no good and loyal subject can hesitate to declare his entire disapprobation of them; and that any persons who still vindicate and avow them, are unworthy the confidence of the Government or people of this province; although the House is convinced, that by far the greater number of those who acted with him, in this country, were, at the time, unconscious of the tendency of his measures."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Attorney General, Burnham, Burke, Cameron, Cryslar, Gordon, C. Jones, D. Jones, J. Jones, McDonell, Morris, and Van Koughnet—12.

Nays—Messrs. Atkinson, Baby, Beardsley, Beasley, Clark, Coleman, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Leflerty, Matthews, McBride, Perry, Playter, Randal, Rolph, Scollick, Thompson, Thomson, Wilkinson, and Wilson—21.

The question was decided in the negative, by a majority of nine, and lost accordingly.

The original resolution, as reported by the committee on the state of the province, was then put, on which the House divided, and the yeas and nays being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Atkinson, Baby, Beardsley, Beasley, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Coleman, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, C. Jones, D. Jones, Leflerty, Matthews, McBride, Morris, Perry, Playter,

Randal, Rolph, Thompson, Thomson, Van Koughnet, Wilkinson, and Wilson—26.

Nays—Messrs. Attorney General, Burke, Cryslar, J. Jones, McDonell, and Scollick—6.

The question was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of twenty, and it was

RESOLVED, That many who were conspicuous during the late war for their firm attachment to his Majesty, and for their zeal and loyalty in the defence of this province, were connected with the Convention of 1813, formed by the people, to seek, by petition to the throne, for the redress of grievances.

The second resolution was then read, as follows :

RESOLVED, That the promised bounty in land, of his late most gracious Majesty, on account of meritorious service during the late war, has been withheld from some persons entitled to it, on account of their connexion with the said Convention, although they never have been tried by any lawful or constitutional tribunal whatsoever, for the part they acted.

In amendment, Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves, that after the word "Convention," in the original resolution, the remaining words be expunged.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Attorney General, Burke, Burnham, Cameron, C. Jones, D. Jones, J. Jones, Morris, McDonell, Van Koughnet, and Walsh—11.

Nays—Messrs. Atkinson, Baby, Beardsley, Beasley, Clark, Coleman, Cryslar, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Leflerty, Matthews, McBride, Perry, Playter, Randal, Rolph, Scollick, Thompson, Thomson, Wilkinson, and Wilson—22.

The question was decided in the negative, by a majority of eleven, and was lost accordingly.

The original question was then put, on which the House divided, and the yeas and nays being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Atkinson, Baby, Beardsley, Beasley, Clark, Coleman, Cryslar, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Leflerty, Matthews, McBride, Perry, Playter, Randal, Rolph, Thompson, Thomson, Wilkinson, and Wilson—20.

Nays—Messrs. Attorney General, Burnham, Burke, Cameron, Cryslar, Gordon, C. Jones, D. Jones, J. Jones, McDonell, Morris, Scollick, Van Koughnet, and Walsh—14.

The question was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of six, and it was

RESOLVED, That the promised bounty in land, of his late most gracious Majesty, on account of meritorious service during the late war, has been withheld from some persons entitled to it, on account of their connexion with the said Convention, although they never have been tried by any lawful or constitutional tribunal whatsoever, for the part they acted.

The third resolution was then read, as follows :

RESOLVED, That this House is satisfied of the loyalty and patriotism of such delegates, (to Convention, 1813,) and the purity of the intentions of the people who appointed them; while he withholding from such meritorious persons the promised and well earned bounty of their Sovereign, on account of their exertions to procure a redress of public grievances, implies a serious and unmerited imputation, which not only affects them and their posterity, but also the people who appointed them.

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