

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Mabey took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Mabey, Chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone into the consideration of the bill, and that the committee

had directed him to report the same agreed to.

Ordered, that the Report of the committee be agreed to.

Ordered, that the said bill be engrossed.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY, April 7, 7 P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Dalrymple reported from the committee appointed to examine into the matter of the several Petitions relating to Glebe Lands, and to report thereon, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of a variety of Petitions relating to Glebe Lands, or Clergy Reserves, after a careful examination of the subject, beg to report:—

That it appears by the terms and conditions of the Original Grants from the Crown, under which lands are held in this Colony, that a reservation was made of one hundred acres in each Township, for a Minister of the Gospel. Such being the tenor of the original Deeds granted to the Proprietors of Townships, Your Committee therefore consider that the Presbyterian, and other Dissenting Clergymen, as well as those of the Roman Catholic persuasion, have, as Ministers of the Gospel, an equal claim to the Glebe Lands with their Reverend Brethren who may have received Episcopal Ordination, in the Established Churches either of England or Nova Scotia.

As the adherents to the Church of England hardly amount to one-twentieth part of the population of this Island, the confirming to them the possession of the Church Lands, and excluding other denominations from a participation therein, could not be viewed in any other light than as an act of injustice, and would certainly be productive of great and general dissatisfaction. Were an example necessary in proof of the pernicious consequences resulting from such exclusive privileges, the state of Ireland may be adduced for that purpose, where the operation of similar causes has produced consequences destructive alike of public morals and social happiness.

Your Committee consider that the granting of the clergy-reserves exclusively to any particular denomination, instead of promoting the true interests of religion, would, it is to be feared, have a direct tendency to excite those feelings, dispositions and passions, which are absolutely derogatory to the pure and benevolent spirit of genuine Christianity. The members of the various religious persuasions throughout this Colony, unconnected with the Episcopal Church, have hitherto without public aid succeeded in procuring the means of erecting Churches and of supporting their respective Clergymen; and the variety of religious sects and denominations into which the Island is divided, would render nugatory any attempt to carry into effect the appropriation of the clergy-reserves according to the terms of the original grants, by a division of the lands in question among the respective claimants. Such a distribution could be productive of no public benefit.

Your Committee would therefore beg leave to recommend, that an humble address be presented to His Majesty, setting forth the difficulties in which the subject is involved; and humbly praying that he will be graciously pleased to grant those lands which still remain unoccupied, and appropriate the same for the advancement of Education—an arrangement, in the benefits of which all classes of the community would participate.

Ordered, that the Report be accepted.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, pursuant to the recommendation contained in the foregoing Report.

Ordered, that Mr. Dalrymple, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Brecken, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Mabey be a committee to prepare the said Address.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, April 8, 1830.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.

—PRAYERS.

Read a third time, as engrossed, the Bill intituled "An Act for the Maintenance and Support of Illegitimate Children."

Ordered, that the said Bill do pass.

Read a third time, as engrossed, the Bill intituled "An act to amend an act of the twenty-sixth year of the late King, intituled an act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors."

Ordered, that the said bill do pass.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a

Committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the Bill intituled "An act to alter, amend and repeal an act made and passed in the 31st year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act for providing Pounds in the different Royalities in this Province."

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Mabey took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Mabey, Chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a further progress in the Bill, and that he was directed