

18th, 20th & 21st April, 1835.

HENRY PRESCOTT, Esquire, C. B., Governor.

enactments relate to and mention the Officers of His Majesty's Customs, with a view to impose the collection of the said Duties on those Officers, are opposed to the provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament, entitled "An Act for the management of the Customs," viz., 3 & 4, Wm. 4, cap. 51, sec. 12.—"And be it further enacted, that no Commissioner of Customs, nor any Officer of Customs, or Person employed in the collection or management of or accounting for the Revenue of Customs, or any part thereof, nor any Clerk or other Person acting under them, shall, during the time of his acting as such Commissioner, or as such Officer, or of his being so employed as aforesaid, or of his acting as such Clerk or other Person as aforesaid, as the case may be, be compelled to serve as a Mayor or Sheriff, or in any corporate or parochial or other public office or employment, or to serve on any Jury or Inquest, or in the Militia; any Law, usage or custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding."

2nd—"And because by rejecting the several Amendments moved by me with the view of destroying the opposition at present existing between this Act entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain duties on articles imported into this Colony," and those of the above recited Act of the Imperial Parliament, the Council have placed the affairs of His Majesty's Customs, stationed in this Island, in such a situation, that they may, with perfect impunity, disregard the provisions of an Act of the Colonial Legislature; a situation in which no Public Officer should be placed, and which I conceive it to be the bounden duty of the Legislature to guard against.

J. M. SPEARMAN.

On motion, made and seconded, the House adjourned until 10 of the clock, a. m. on Monday next. House adjourns.

MONDAY, 20th APRIL, 1835.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

Present.

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Chief Justice.*

Members present.

" " JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney General.*
 " " JAMES CROWDY, *Colonial Secretary.*
 " " JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of the Customs.*
 " " WILLIAM HALY,
 " " WILLIAM THOMAS,
 " " JOHN B. BLAND.

The Minutes of Saturday last were read.

At a quarter past Ten of the Clock, a. m., His Excellency the Governor having come to the Legislative Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was ordered to direct the immediate attendance of the Commons House of Assembly in this House; and they being come thereto— Governor comes to the House—

His Excellency was pleased to assent to the Bill entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on articles imported into this Colony." And assents to Revenue Bill.

Then the House of Assembly retired, and His Excellency withdrew.

On motion, made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow at 1 of the Clock, p. m. House Adjourns.

TUESDAY, 21st APRIL, 1835.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

Present,

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Chief Justice.*

Members present.

" " JAMES CROWDY, *Colonial Secretary.*
 " " JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of the Customs.*
 " " JOHN DUNSCOMB,
 " " WILLIAM THOMAS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.