

Friday, 14th August, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Message from His Majesty's Council, by Mr. Cogswell, as follows :

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies to the purposes therein mentioned—but declare, unanimously, that the consideration of the present State of the Province, alone induces them to submit to measures, so subversive of the Principles of Constitutional Legislation : the House of Assembly having, by Message, announced to the Council, that the House would not take into its consideration, an amendment which the Council considered it their duty to make to a Bill, originating in the House, would, if submitted to by the Council, totally annihilate the Legislature of the Province : the House, therefore, are not to receive the assent of His Majesty's Council to this Bill, as a precedent, that can, in any shape convey an acquiescence, on the part of the Council, to an assumption of Power, on the part of the House, that were it not for the present situation of Public Affairs, the Council would consider itself bound to resist to the last extremity.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved, unanimously*, that this House, in refusing to consider the amendment proposed by His Majesty's Council to the Act of Appropriation, exercised their Constitutional Right, and did not assume a power which they do not possess.

Resolved, unanimously, That this House can never admit it to be the right of His Majesty's Council, to amend a Money Bill.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Deputy Secretary Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency commands this House to attend his Excellency, immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills following, *Viz* :—

An Act for granting to His Majesty an additional Revenue to defray the expense of the War : and to appoint Commissioners to borrow Money for the Use of the Province.

An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows :

May it please your Excellency,

I BEG leave to present to your Excellency, on the behalf of the Commons of Nova Scotia, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies, granted in the present Session, for the Support of His Majesty's Government, and to request your Excellency's assent to the same.

His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the said Bill following, *viz*,

An Act for applying certain Monies to the Purposes therein mentioned.

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