

“ conference on the amendments to the Militia Bill, and that Mr. Odell and Judge Saunders are a committee to manage the same;” and then Mr. Robinson withdrew.

Resolved, that the House do agree to the free conference requested by the Council on the subject of the last conference on the amendments to the Militia Bill, and ordered, that the committee which managed the last conference do manage the present on the part of this House, and acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. Attorney General from the committee appointed to conduct the free conference with the committee of the Council on the amendments proposed by the Council to the Militia Bill, reports, that they have attended the conference which was managed on the part of the Council by Mr. Odell and Judge Saunders; that the said committee of the Council have this day delivered to them a paper containing the following proposition, viz.

“ COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5th MARCH, 1814.

“ The committee of free conference on the subject of the last conference are instructed to state, that the Council are at all times, and especially in the present situation of the Province, sincerely desirous to concur, as far as they consistently can, in every measure proposed by the House of Assembly; in this conciliatory disposition they would now *wave* objections which they continue to think important, and without further discussion, guarding only against any future inference of precedent prejudicial to the constitution of this Colonial Legislature, would agree to the present Bill, but as the practice, which has hitherto, perhaps inadvertently, been adopted by both Houses, not only of limiting the *time*, but also of prescribing the *manner* in which the Militia are to be trained, appears to the Council, upon a deliberate review of the subject to be clearly unparliamentary; they deem it their indispensable duty, on the present occasion, to request that the House of Assembly will give this suggestion that deliberate consideration which is due to every point of constitutional practice, and, in this view, the Council hope the House of Assembly will concur in passing the present Bill, with the first amendment proposed by the Council, and with an alteration of their second amendment in lieu of which they propose to limit the time of training to four days, as proposed by the Assembly in a former Bill, instead of six days, and the Council direct their committee to return the Bill, thus amended to the House of Assembly.

“ W. M. F. ODELL, Clerk.”

The House in committee, Mr. Street in the chair, went into consideration of the proposition delivered by the committee of free conference on the part of the Council to the committee of free conference on the part of this House, on the Militia Bill. The Speaker resumed the chair. Mr. Street from the committee reported, that he was directed by the committee to report the following resolutions, viz.

Resolved, unanimously, that, it is the opinion of the committee, that the amendments proposed by the Council, cannot be concurred in.

Resolved, further, that, it is the opinion of this committee, that it is consonant to the usage of the mother country, as well as of this, and the Sister Province, to limit by Law, not only the *time* but the *manner* in which the Militia are to be trained. Which report is accepted.

Mr. Attorney General from the committee of free conference appointed to draw up reasons for disagreeing to the last amendments made by the Council to the Militia Bill, reported, the following reasons which are read, and agreed unto by the House, viz.

The House having with the same spirit of conciliation which appears to regulate