

being proposed, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. That this House regrets to learn that Her Majesty's Advisers have seen fit to assume the responsibility of withdrawing the claims of the Dominion of *Canada*, against the *United States*, for compensation on account of injuries arising from the *Fenian* raids.

2. That this House cannot but feel that the proposal to indemnify the people of *Canada*, whether directly or indirectly, at the expense of the *English* tax-payer, for wrongs committed by subjects of a Foreign State, is impolitic, both in itself and as tending to produce just dissatisfaction in the Mother Country, and furthermore that such a course of action is likely to operate as a direct incentive to renewed outrages, inasmuch as it is notorious that the above-mentioned raids have arisen rather from feelings of hostility to the Imperial Government as a whole, than from any special animosity to the inhabitants of this Dominion.

3. That taking into consideration the circumstances under which these inroads were committed, this House is apprehensive that the refusal of the *British* Government to press these claims is calculated to encourage the people and Government of the *United States* in the belief that the due discharge of their international obligations towards the Dominion of *Canada*, is a matter of comparative indifference to Her Majesty's Imperial Cabinet ;

Mr. *Harrison* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Gray*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "this House does not consider that the interests of the Dominion will be promoted, or the relations now happily existing between the Mother Country and *Canada* strengthened by an expression of opinion on the subject of the withdrawal of the *Fenian* Claims, by the Imperial Government, from the consideration of the Joint High Commission," inserted instead thereof ;

The Honorable Mr. *Blake* moved, in amendment to the said proposed amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holton*, That the words "does not consider that the interests of the Dominion will be promoted, or the relations now happily existing between the Mother Country and *Canada* strengthened by an expression of opinion on the subject of the withdrawal of the *Fenian* Claims, by the Imperial Government, from the consideration of the Joint High Commission," be left out, and the words "concurs with the view expressed by the *Canadian* Government, with reference to the subject of the *Fenian* Raids in their Minute of Council dated 1st July, 1870, in the following words:—'The Committee of the Privy Council feel it their duty to express very strongly to Your Excellency, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, the deep sense entertained by the people of the Dominion of all shades of party that they have not received from Her Majesty's Government that support and protection, which, as loyal subjects of Her Majesty, they have a right to claim.'

" 'And in their Minute of Council, dated 28th July, 1871, in the following words:—'The principal cause of difference between *Canada* and the *United States* has not been removed by the Treaty, but remains a subject for anxiety.'

And in the following words :—

"The fact that this *Fenian* organization is still in full vigor and that there seems no reason to hope that the *United States* Government will perform its duty to a friendly neighbor any better in the future than in the past, leads them to entertain a just apprehension that the outstanding subject of difference with the *United States* is the one of all others which is of special importance to the Dominion.'

And in the following words :—

"The failure of the High Commissioners to deal with it has been one cause of the prevailing dissatisfaction with the Treaty of *Washington* ;" inserted instead thereof,

And the Question being put on the amendment to the said proposed amendment ; the House divided ; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :