

Mr. Blair, Sitting Member for the County of Cumberland, requesting permission to resign his Seat at the end of the present Session ; 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 :

That the Committee have duly considered the Letter to them referred—That they find, on examining the Proceedings of the House of Commons, no precedent of any Member having resigned his Seat, but, on the contrary, so far back as 1623, an agreement “that after he is chosen he cannot relinquish.” The cases are fully detailed in second Hartsel ; but many where they have, on the acceptance of certain situations, vacated their seats. That the Committee find a precedent on our own Journals of a Member having been allowed to resign from continued ill health ; and a request, similar to the one in question, whereon the House decided unfavorably ; and thereupon,

Mr. Uniacke moved that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth, viz.

Resolved, That the Seat of Richard Blair, Esq. Member for the County of Cumberland, be declared vacant ; and that Mr. Speaker be directed, on the prorogation of the House, to apply in the usual manner for the issue of a new Writ : which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Three ; against it, Twenty-five :

For the Motion :

Mr. Church,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf.

Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Bingay,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Flemming,

Against the Motion :

Mr. Albro,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. James,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Gesner,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bishop,

So it passed in the negative.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-five ; and for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, That Mr. Speaker do inform His Honor the President that the convenience of the Members of the House will be promoted if the meeting of the General Assembly be appointed for some day between the Twentieth and last days of January ; and if the Public Accounts be prepared and laid on the Table the first day of the Session.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

His Honor the President commands this House to attend His Honor immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Honor in the Council Chamber, where His Honor was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, viz.

An Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other Articles, exported to Foreign Countries.

An Act relating to the Terms of the Supreme Court at Halifax.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise, and to prevent frauds in the collection of the Provincial Revenue.

An Act to authorise the Incorporation of a Company for erecting a Bridge across Cornwallis River.

An Act relating to Special Jurisdiction.

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