

that Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to accept towards the salaries of the Governor, the Chief Justice, the Colonial Secretary, and Attorney General, the sum of £4000, to be secured by an Act of the General Assembly upon permanent funds adequate to the purpose; and that Your Majesty would, thereupon, be graciously pleased to concur with the Legislature in repealing so much of the said act of the Imperial Parliament as relates to the reservation of the sum of £6550 out of the Revenue of the Colony;—and we beg further to assure Your Majesty, that, in the event of Your Majesty's concurrence in this our unanimous wish, it is our determination to make full provision for the salaries of the Assistant Judges, during the continuance of the present constitution of the Supreme Court of this Island.

To the expenses of the Custom House Department in this Island, we beg to solicit Your Majesty's attention.—By the said act of the Imperial Parliament, 2d and 3d Wm. 4th, cap. 78. the nett produce of all duties levied within the Colony is placed under the control of its Legislature; it is thence assumed by the Officers of the Custom Department that the Local Legislature has no control over the expenses of collection.—The aggregate amount of Revenue collected in this Colony by the powers of Imperial and Local Acts of Parliament, is £16,000; the expenses of collection £4000,—that is 25 per cent on the gross amount.

We beg to submit to Your Majesty, that, as the Legislature of this Colony has from its own revenue to defray the whole of its civil expenditure, so as it would only be a measure of justice towards it to allow it a control over the expense of collecting that Revenue; and to prove to Your Majesty the desire of your faithful Commons to support Your Majesty's Government in this Colony, we are satisfied that a sum not exceeding £2350, should be set aside for the maintenance of the present Custom Establishment in this Island, a sum in our opinion, after mature deliberation, fully adequate to meet all the exigencies of that department.

The rents of Ships' Rooms and other Public Lands, form a source of revenue in this Colony, not within the control of its local Parliament.—These are reasons both of justice and expediency to influence Your Majesty's faithful Commons in praying that they should be placed under the control of the Legislature of this Colony. We feel assured that, under its fostering care, these sources of Revenue might be essentially improved, so as to be productive in many ways to the best interests of the Colony. The removal of every obstruction to the cultivation of the soil, we deem called for, on every principle of policy,—our increasing population requiring this as an auxiliary to our fisheries.—Actuated by these considerations, we humbly pray that Your Majesty would graciously be pleased to direct that the rents accruing from ships' rooms and other public lands, and, also, the monies accruing from the future sales of Crown Lands, should be placed at the disposal of the Colonial Legislature.

Such are the measures of amelioration which the People of Newfoundland, by the unanimous voice of us, their Representatives, crave from your Majesty. These necessities produced, in some degree, by the withdrawal of aid by the Parent Country, force them to be thus importunate; and they are so with confidence, because they know that Justice is one of the most distinguishing attributes in the character of their Illustrious Sovereign.

On motion of Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. SWEETMAN,

*Resolved*, that the said Address to his Majesty as now read, be adopted by the House.

*Ordered*, that the same be engrossed.

*Resolved*, that the said address be presented to his Excellency the Governor by the whole House, with a request that he will be pleased to forward the same to England, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

On motion of Mr. Row,

*Resolved*, that the Bill for amending the act for the Registration of the names of Voters be recommitted.