

to the Conference desired by the House of Assembly on the Bill sent up by that House, intituled, "An Act to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province" and that the Managers on the part of this House are to be, the Honorable Messrs. *Duchesnay* and *Caldwell*, who are to meet as Managers for the Assembly the number required by Parliamentary Usage, and that the time of said Conference be this day, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, and the place, the Great Committee Room, in this Bishop's Palace.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Caldwell* and himself attended the Conference desired by the Assembly, as Managers for this House, and that they met Messrs. *Papineau*, *Taschereau*, *Irvine* and *Mure*, who delivered a Writing, and received for answer, by the Managers of this House, that they would report it to the Council; which Writing being read, was in the words following:

Reasons to be offered at a Conference with the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the Amendments made by their Honors to the engrossed Bill sent up by the House of Assembly, intituled, "An Act to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province."

The House of Assembly does not concur in the Amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province," for the following Reasons:

First. Because, in point of fact, it is generally known, and it has, moreover, been incontrovertibly proved before a Committee of this House, that in the execution of that part of the Law as it now exists, many acts of partiality of the most unjust nature, have been committed. And in point of principle, it is at all times dangerous to leave such an arbitrary power in the hands of individuals, who, however respectable their situation in society, and however impartial they may be in the exercise of their official duty, will be generally or partially suspected of the contrary.

Secondly, Because, experience has shown, that in this Province, few persons under eighteen years of age have acquired sufficient strength to undergo the fatigues attendant on Military Life, and great numbers of
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