

DOCTOR BALDWIN moved, in substance, that Marshall Spring Bidwell, Esq. (being an alien) was not qualified to hold a seat in the assembly, and that Mr. Ham should retain his seat (tho' Ham had the fewest votes.)

MR. McDONELL, as appears by his speech, deeply regretted having given a vote the year before, against Mr. Bidwell, senior; he was decidedly of opinion that Mr. Bidwell, junior, the rejected candidate, was eligible to a seat in the assembly.

[It had been contended that the rejected candidate was qualified by the provisions of 4th Geo. 2nd, and 7th Anne, by which he argued that all Americans whose fathers were natural born subjects, were also natural born subjects themselves, and that his father being a natural born subject, the son could not be an alien.]

Mr. Charles Jones, considered both the Messrs. Bidwell, ALIENS.

Mr. Hagerman, thought so too, and was for leaving the question "to the interference of the executive."

One law shall be to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.—Exodus, 12 & 49.

No. 16. Dr. Baldwin's opinion, of the RIGHTS possessed by a number of his constituents.

"He was opposed to delay. It was thought throughout the country that 7 years' residence gave a person a claim to naturalization which was not the case. The executive had, in some measure, countenanced that opinion, but the law did not."

"Hail to that Land! whatever Land it be—which, struggling hard, is panting to be free."—GOLDSMITH.

No. 17. Mr. Crooks said the 30th George IIIrd "provided for the settlement of the emigrants. It could not be expected that persons would emigrate to this country for the sake of importing goods to the amount of £50. Were they to bring in their goods and not settle? Nothing could divest such persons of the rights of British subjects. The country was thinly settled when the act passed; and it was passed to induce persons to come in as tenants, not as tenants, but as freeholders; the act did not extend to other colonies. [But Mr. Crooks did not vote as he had argued.]

Mr. C. Jones replied, that the 30th of the late king neither qualified emigrants from the States to vote nor hold property.

As DOCTOR BALDWIN'S motion exhibits a correct view of the opinions of certain members of the last parliament (1825) on what is termed the alien question, we record the vote upon Mr. Bidwell's eligibility.

For the resolution, [viz. that Mr. Bidwell was an alien, and could not sit in assembly], voted Messrs. M'Lean, J. Jones, C. Jones, Baldwin, Gordon, Hagerman, Burwell, Shaver, Vankoughnett and Bostwick, 10.—Against it, [and in favour of Mr. Bidwell's claim to the seat held by Matthew Clark], voted Messrs. Nichol, Randal, Hornor, Walsh, Pattie, Wilson, Clark, Baby, Wilmot, Peterson, White, Rutan, Kerr, Rogers, Chisholm, M'Donell, Gates, Hamilton, Morris, & Casey—22. Doctor B's resolution to reject Mr. Bidwell, was lost by a majority of 12.

No. 18. Vote on MR. R. STANTON'S conduct.

2. Resolved that the conduct of the Returning Officer, in refusing to allow Marshall S. Bidwell, Esq. to be polled at the said election, was an illegal assumption of power, in violation of his duty, and a high breach of the privileges of this house, as well as an infringement of the rights of the whole body of Electors of this Province. Carried by a majority of 25.

Mr. Rutan was the only opposer of the above resolution; he conceiving of course, that Stanton, as Returning Officer, had a right to reject Mr. Bidwell, tho' highest on the poll.

Armies embattled meet, and Thousands bleed,
For some vile spot, where Fifty cannot feed.—CHURCHILL.

No. 19.

WHO ARE ALIENS?

Opinions on this subject may be gathered from the vote on Resolution 4.—"That the said Marshall S. Bidwell, in so far as Allegiance is concerned, was and is eligible to a seat in this House."

For the resolution, Messrs. Nichol, Randal, Hornor, Pattie, Clark, Wilson, Baby, Willson, White, Walsh, Hamilton, Kerr, Chisholm, Gates, Peterson, M'Donell, Rogers,