

RESOLVED, That this House would have most cheerfully concurred in such enactments as would have given effect to His Majesty's gracious intentions, but as doubts have arisen whether we could, consistently with the provisions of the statute by which the Legislature of this province is created, confer the rights and privileges of natural born subjects, upon any who may not be entitled to them, it seems more expedient to petition His Majesty in Parliament.

RESOLVED, That this house present an humble address to His Majesty, supplicating His Majesty's most gracious recommendation to His Parliament to confer upon all persons now resident in this province, all those rights and privileges which His Majesty's natural born subjects enjoy in this colony, with such limitations only as have been heretofore imposed by the Provincial enactments; and to pass such a law for the naturalization of all Foreigners who may hereafter come into the province, as shall in the wisdom of Parliament, be best adapted to our circumstances and situations; and that His Majesty would in the mean time, be graciously pleased to increase the emigration from the United Kingdom, which has been so happily begun.

THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE REPORTED.

THAT after much discussion and an unsuccessful attempt on the part of the conferees of the Legislative Council, to induce the conferees of the House of Assembly to concur in certain proposed modifications of the first of the said bills, the conferees of that house proposed the following Resolution as the result of their unanimous opinion to be adopted by the Joint committee of Conference.

Viz:—"That if there are aliens in this province no act of the Provincial Legislature can naturalize them," which resolution being in the opinion of the Conferees of the Legislative Council, decidedly at variance with the instructions they had received, and indeed incompatible with any thing which they could have proposed, it precluded all further proceedings of the Joint committee of Conference.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THEN PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

- 1st. **RESOLVED**, That on the ratification of the Treaty of 1783 by Great Britain and the United States of America the bond of union between the inhabitants of the two countries was for ever cancelled, and the constitutional obligations on both sides were by this concurrent act, as completely dissolved as if they had never existed.
- 2d. **Resolved**—That since the ratification of the aforesaid Treaty, the inhabitants of Great Britain and the citizens of the United States, have been considered by all other governments, as well as their own, distinct and independent nations.
- 3d. **Resolved**—That the external and internal policy of Great Britain and the United States, has proceeded upon the principle that the inhabitants of each country were aliens to those of the other.
- 4th. **Resolved**—That the province of Quebec remained faithful to His late Majesty King George 3d. and to the supremacy of the Imperial Parliament during the American revolution.