

The best interests of the Country require that each branch of the Legislature should scrupulously preserve that independence which the Constitution has bestowed upon it, and which would soon be destroyed, if either were to allow the other to interfere in the regulations of its own House.

His Majesty's Council have seen by the Journals of the House of Assembly, that the House has, this Session, departed from the pious usage which has ever prevailed in this Country, and the Parent State. They regret that their coadjutors, in Legislation, do now discuss and decide upon the various measures which the public interest bring under their consideration, without offering up their united supplications for the aid and guidance of Him, from whom alone all good counsels and all just works do proceed; but, deeply as they may deplore this, they feel that they have no right to interfere, and the subject is only alluded to, to show that if such interference of one House with the regulations of another could ever be proper, His Majesty's Council might be more justified in reminding the House of Assembly of the duty of adhering to the ancient and christian practice of daily and unitedly imploring the Divine Blessing upon our Gracious Sovereign and their own deliberations, than the House of Assembly can be in applying to His Majesty's Council to adopt a practice new in this Country, and which, notwithstanding its many advantages, has had its attendant evils, whenever it has been introduced.

Ordered, That the said Report be received, and the Message being read,

Ordered, That the Deputy Clerk do carry the same to the House of Assembly.

Message sent to H
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Message from His
Excellency with
Despatches, &c

Sir Rupert D. George, Bart. Secretary of the Province, informed the House, that he was commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to deliver to the House the following written Message from His Excellency.

MESSAGE.

C. CAMPBELL.

The Lieutenant-Governor lays before His Majesty's Council, copies of several Orders of the King, in Council, confirming or disallowing various Acts, passed by the Legislature of this Province; with a copy of a Despatch from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in answer to the Joint Address of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly in the last Session, praying that no alteration may be made in the existing duties on Timber imported into the United Kingdom.

The Lieutenant-Governor also submits to His Majesty's Council, copies of the three undermentioned Despatches from the same noble Secretary, and recommends the observations and suggestions which they contain, to the particular attention of the Council.

- No. 1. Despatch, dated 31st March, 1836, pointing out various objections to the three following Acts, viz. The Act for incorporating a Marine Insurance Company. The Act establishing a Fire and Life Insurance Company. And the Act for the encouragement of the manufacture of Chocolate.
2. Despatch, dated 31st August, 1836, containing various observations upon certain Acts passed in the Session of 1836.
3. Despatch, dated 31st August, 1836, and marked "Circular," representing the inconvenience that has arisen from measures adopted by various Colonial Legislatures, for revising and altering the Rates at which different Coins should pass current and be a legal tender, with reference to Local Monies of Account; and directing that no Act, Ordinance, Proclamation or Regulation, be permitted to go into operation relating to the Local Currency and Circulating Medium, or to the circulation of Promissory Notes or other Paper, without His Majesty's previous sanction.

Government-House,
4th February, 1837.

List alluded to in the annexed Message.

- No. 1. Order of the King, in Council, dated 13th April, 1836, confirming "An Act to divide the County of Halifax, and to regulate the representation thereof."