

able members; yet, when the question was called for, there appeared a *parity* of votes; the Speaker therefore submitted to the Members, whether, agreeably to the rules of the House, he might be permitted to give the casting vote in favour of the Petition; which he was told he could not do, as it was an appeal for *pecuniary assistance*: he had therefore no alternative but to vote against it.

It is difficult to describe in sufficiently strong terms, the gross barbarities which have been inflicted by white men upon this unhappy people.

In Mr. Bromley's Appeal on behalf of the Indians, printed in Nova Scotia, in 1820, p. 24, he says:—"One of the chiefs, who took up his abode with me a few weeks ago, appeared much agitated while he related the circumstance of the white people having obtained a grant of the burying-ground of his ancestors, whose bones they had lately ploughed up; and this to an Indian is a species of sacrilege which he never can forgive. I am also acquainted with a particular part of the province of Nova Scotia, where a most ancient burying-ground of the Indians is now in the possession of the white people; who, however, out of courtesy, still allow them to bury their dead there." Mr. Bromley adds, "While reading over this part of my manuscript to a friend, a native of this country, he assured me that the white people had not only dispossessed them of their land, but that they had also driven them from their