

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Macdonald took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein—

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. Macdonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several amendments thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's Table.

A motion being made that the Report of the Committee be now agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Longworth moved as an amendment to the motion, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the question insert "this day three months."

The House divided on the motion of amendment:—

YEAS:

Hon. Mr. Longworth, Mr. Douse,
Hon. Mr. Montgomery, Mr. H. Haviland,

NAYS:

Hon. Mr. Wightman, Mr. Cooper,
Hon. Mr. Lord, Mr. Macgill,
Mr. Dingwell, Mr. Laird,
Mr. Munro, Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Perry, Mr. Macintosh.

So it passed in the negative.

The Hon. Mr. Longworth then moved that the Bill be referred back to the Committee for the purpose of amending the same, by making it obligatory on the Treasurer of this Island to receive Land tax for any quantity of Land not less than one hundred acres.

And the motion being seconded, and the question put thereon,

The House divided:

And the names being called for, they were taken down as in the last preceding division.

Yeas: 4.

Nays: 10.

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed, and that the title be "An Act to amend two Acts therein mentioned, relating to Land Assessment."

A Petition of Theophilus Stewart was presented to the House by the Hon. Mr. Wightman, and the same was received and read, setting forth that in the last Session, the House granted to the petitioner a sum of sixteen pounds seven shillings and nine-pence, which, owing to the opposition of the Legislative Council thereto, was subsequently withdrawn, and praying the House now to give effect to the intention of the late House in reference to the said amount of money.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Lord have leave to introduce a Bill to authorise Free Trade with the United States of America, under a Treaty between Great Britain and the United States of America.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Tenth Rule of the House be suspended in this case;

And then the said Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Saturday last, and the copies of Despatches therewith transmitted from Her Majesty's Government, on the subject of the Reciprocity Treaty, be referred to the said Committee.

And then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Perry took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein—

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. Perry reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto; and the report was again read at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and that the title be "An Act to authorise Free Trade with the United States of America, under a Treaty between Great Britain and the United States of America."

The Hon. Mr. Wightman from the Committee appointed to prepare and report the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to the Resolutions reported