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Attorney General, Burnham, Clark, Coleman, D. Jones, Jonas Jones, McLean, Morris, Scollick, VanKoughnet, and Walsh. Colonel Thompson of York, went out of the house until the voting was over. Against sending Oliver to jail, voted Messrs. Attorney General, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Coleman, Jonas Jones, McLean, Morris, Scollick, VanKoughnet, and Walsh.

No. 100. CANAL COMMISSIONERS.---SEARCH WARRANTS.

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A colonial legislature, such as has hitherto existed in Upper Canada, is no great blessing, further than that it accustoms the people to a popular mode of administering government. A governor and council durst never have gone the lengths to which the corruptions of our small assemblies have carried them. I perceive that about \$12,000, if not \$16,000, were voted to the commissioners who had the luck to be appointed to manage the enquiries into the best mode of improving the navigation. Two thirds of that money was waste profusion and extravagance. The act, chap. 11th, statutes 1824, has a clause (the 50th) which is very unjust, and would, if generally acted on, put the country in an uproar. Deputy Collectors of the customs are thereby empowered to call on magistrates for warrants and to enter shops or dwelling houses and search for and take supposed smuggled goods: and it is for the shopkeeper or inhabitant to prove that the articles so seized have paid duty---a fact which, however true, in many cases could not possibly be proven. For the passage of this last named odious statute (see clause 50th) voted Messrs. Attorney General, Speaker Willson, Burwell, Archibald McLean, Gordon, Randal, McMartin, Clark, Kerr, Robert Hamilton, Ruttan, Jonas Jones, Hagerman, Morris, McDonell, Shaver, and Hostwick---17. This is the only instance in which we have had to record Mr. Randal's name as dividing in favour of what we really think a very bad measure, during a period of eight years.

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No. 102.

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In Oct. 1813, Peter Howard, brought in a bill to increase the wages of assemblymen; and Mr. Vankoughnet brought in another, to take away the Receiver General's poundage and to give a salary in lieu thereof. This economical measure Van has kept agoing these last 10 years, session after session, as a popular veil for his political rottenness---also Mr. Jones brought in a bill to provide a salary for the Speaker of the upper house, and a pension (of \$3200 a year I believe) to the old C. J.---Vankoughnet seconded Jonas Jones's motion for passing the Gag Law.

In Feb'y 1819---Messrs. W. H. Morrill, John Clark, C. Ingersoll, George Adams, S. P. Jarvis, and others sent a fulsome address to Sir P. Maitland puffing his administration, and denouncing Mr. Gourlay's conduct as seditious, and disloyal. Mr. G. was then in jail.

No. 103.

DOCTOR BALDWIN.

In Feb'y 1821, Doctor Baldwin actually proposed lawyer Allan McLean, whose name figures in this work, as Speaker. The Doctor was promptly seconded by lawyer Hagerman, but the measure did not carry.

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In one of his retrenchment speeches in 1821, "Dr. Baldwin said, there was a clerk in the Governor's office, who had £180 a year from the people of this province, while he, at the same time, was a student at law, and acted as clerk to his master, attending to his own private business! Was this not, he asked, an extravagant waste of public money?"---In 1827, however, this gentleman felt no repugnance, when