

" NEW-BRUNSWICK, 1st MARCH, 1810.

" M. HUNTER.

" MESSAGE TO THE ASSEMBLY.

" The PRESIDENT informs the House of Assembly that, in compliance
" with the request contained in their Address of the 23d of February, he
" has appointed the commanding Royal Engineer, with Mr. *Robert Smith*,
" and Mr. *Alpheus Pine* to make the enquiry proposed, and to report as
" soon as may be practicable. " M. H."

Mr. *Wetmore* from the Committee appointed to conduct the free conference with the Committee of the Council on the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts, reports that they did on the 25th ult. attend the conference, which was managed by the Honorable Mr. Justice *Saunders* and Mr. Justice *Chipman* on the part of the Council: That they stated to the said Committee that the principal objections on the part of the House of Assembly to the amendments proposed to the said Bill were the reducing the jurisdiction of the Justices of the Peace below *five pounds* and restricting that jurisdiction to debt only; and that the Assembly wished to know whether the Council would recede from those parts of the amendments.

That on the 26th they met the same Committee again who requested a statement in writing of all the objections on the part of the House of Assembly to the said amendments proposed by the Council.

That the next day the Committee again met the same Committee of the Council, and delivered to them a paper containing all the objections, a copy of which is as follows, to wit.

" The House of Assembly have instructed their Committee of free conference with the Committee of the Council on the Bill for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts to make, in addition to the two principal objections stated yesterday, the following, that is to say;

" 1. To the expunging the third Section they cannot consent.

" 2. They object to that part of the proposed amendment to the sixth Section which authorises the Justice to direct payment to be made by installments; but are willing to concur in such an amendment as will enable the Justice to stay execution, in cases where he may think it expedient, for any time not exceeding three months, upon the defendant's giving security not to depart the Jurisdiction.

" 3. They consider the restoration of the seventh Section will not be resisted by the Council if the Justices jurisdiction continues the same as it has been and now is under the existing law, but they admit that this Section may be amended.

" 4. As to the new Sections proposed by the amendments to be introduced after the seventh Section of the Bill, the House consider several of them to be unnecessary as they are only declaratory of the Laws now in force; but the House are not inclined to persist in objections upon this ground, if the Council continue of opinion that such amendments are necessary.

" That the fourth of the new sections proposed, numbered in pencil 10, and also the sixth numbered in pencil 12, the House cannot concur in; indeed they