

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Jardine took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had come to Eleven Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and delivered them in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again; which the House agreed to.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee, were then read by the Clerk, and are as follow :

1. RESOLVED, That the Constituencies of this Colony have unequivocally declared themselves in favor of Responsible Government, by the return of a large majority of their Representatives who were pledged to carry out that measure.

2. RESOLVED, That the Despatch, dated 27th December, 1849, from the Colonial Office, laid this Session before the House, was not so clear as was desirable; yet, the Committee believe that it warranted the Governor in making the changes desired by the House of Assembly.

3. RESOLVED, That in the answer of the House to the Governor's Speech, they expressed their want of confidence in the Executive Council, by a vote of seventeen to three.

4. RESOLVED, That there appearing no intention on the part of the Executive to concede the changes requisite, this House of Assembly resolved that they would not put the money of the people into the management of men in whom they had expressed a want of confidence.

5. RESOLVED, That thereafter on the 14th of March, a verbal message from the Governor was delivered by Mr. Thornton, a member of the Executive Council, in his place as a member of the House, to the effect, that His Excellency had received an important Despatch on the subject of Responsible Government by the last night's mail, and requesting the House to suspend any proceedings contemplated in consequence of His Excellency's reply to the Address of the House, until such time as the Despatch in question should be communicated to them, which would be with as little delay as possible.

6. RESOLVED, That the House acceded to

the request of His Excellency, and proceeded with the public business.

7. RESOLVED, That an Extract from a Confidential Despatch, transmitted by the Right Honourable Earl Grey, to the Lieutenant Governor of this Island, bearing date 18th February, —was communicated to the House of Assembly on the 14th of March; instant; and the Committee believe, that though the former Despatch, of the 27th December, 1849, may be regarded as doubtful and ambiguous in its references to Responsible Government, there can be no doubt the Lieutenant Governor would be fully authorised, by the Extract of the Confidential Despatch, in putting into immediate practice the principles of Responsible Government.

8. RESOLVED, That the arrangements offered in regard to the provision for the Chief Justice, were satisfactory to that officer, and these to the other officers, were as liberal as their claims and the circumstances of the Colony warranted.

9. RESOLVED, That the Governor will only agree to allow three, enjoying the confidence of this House, to be called to a Council consisting of nine members, and that such an arrangement is a denial of Responsible Government.

10. RESOLVED, That as all the Members of Her Majesty's Executive Council have resigned their seats to His Excellency, there does not now exist any impediment in the way of His Excellency to remodel his Executive Council, in accordance with the principles of Responsible Government, that the Assembly may be enabled to proceed with business.

11. RESOLVED, That as the arrangements offered by the majority of the House, through two of their body, have not been acceded to, this Committee recommended the House to resume the procedure indicated by their Resolution of the 12th of March.

And which Resolution is as follows:

“RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the House to appoint a Committee to draw up an Address to Her Majesty, stating the grounds on which the House has been obliged to pass a vote of Want of Confidence in the Executive Council of this Colony, and that, as a consequence, they are under the necessity of refusing the Supplies, until the Government of this Island shall be remodeled, so as to enjoy the confidence of the people, and that the moneys which shall in future be taken from the people, shall be expended judiciously and for their benefit; or, in other words, until the people of this Colony obtain what is usually termed Responsible Government.”