

And so it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. CARSON, seconded by Mr. KENT, then moved, "that Mr. Lilly be ordered by the Speaker to withdraw, until it is determined by the House whether or not he be received as the Clerk of the House."—Which, upon the question being put thereon, was agreed to.

Mr. LILLY, by desire of the Speaker, accordingly withdrew from the House.

The Commission appointing Mr. Lilly as acting Clerk of the House was then read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

"THOS. COCHRANE."
(L. S).

*WILLIAM the FOURTH, by the Grace
of GOD of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Ireland, King,
Defender of the Faith, &c.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING.

KNOW YE that We having taken into our Royal Consideration the loyalty integrity and learning of our trusty and well beloved George Lilly Esquire have constituted and appointed and by these presents do constitute and appoint the said George Lilly to be Acting Clerk of our General Assembly of our Island of Newfoundland—To have hold execute and enjoy the said Office during the absence of Edward Mortimer Archibald Esquire, or during our pleasure, together with all and singular the rights profits privileges and emoluments unto the said place—belonging.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent under the Great Seal of our said Island.

WITNESS our trusty and well beloved Sir THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said Island and its Dependencies at Saint John's, in our said Island the Eight day of September in the Fifth year of our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JAMES CROWDY.

Mr. PETER BROWN, seconded by Mr. KENT, then moved, "that Mr. John Shea is a fit and proper person to be appointed to fill the situation of Clerk of this House, now vacant."

Whereupon, in amendment, Mr. Row, seconded by Mr. HOYLES, moved "that this House adheres to its former resolutions of being entitled to appoint its own officers, but that, nevertheless, as the question appears open to some doubt, the House will, for the present, admit Mr. Lilly to act as Clerk of the House in the absence of Mr. Archibald."

Which, upon the question being put thereon, there appeared for the amendment six ; against it, four.

For the amendment.

Mr. HOOPER
— CARTER
— KOUGH
— ROW
— COZENS
— HOYLES.

Against the amendment.

Mr. CARSON
— P. BROWN
— KENT
— POWER.

So it passed in the affirmative,

Mr. Row, seconded by Mr. KOUGH, then moved "That an address be presented to his Majesty, praying that his Majesty will be pleased to remove all doubts