

The Committee divided.

*Ayes*, 6.—Hon. Major Atkinson, Hon. Mr. Dick, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wright.

*Noes*, 4.—Mr. Barron, Mr. Dargaville, Sir G. Grey, Mr. Montgomery.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Question as amended put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. Peacock, *Resolved*, That the report be brought up to the House as soon as it can be got ready.

Adjourned till Wednesday next, at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1883.

*Present*: Mr. Moss (Chairman), Hon. Major Atkinson, Mr. Barron, Mr. Dargaville, Hon. Mr. Dick, Sir G. Grey, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wright.

Motion made and question proposed, That the report referred back by the House to this Committee be expunged from the proceedings and minutes of the Committee, as this report was arrived at without previous notice being given, and, by a vote of two, rescinding the report on this subject made by the whole Committee on the day before, and which had been laid on the table of the House.—(*Mr. Wilson.*)

Amendment proposed, That all the words after the words "Committee be" be omitted, in order to insert "on reconsideration confirmed."—(*Mr. Barron.*)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question.

The Committee divided.

*Ayes*, 5.—Hon. Major Atkinson, Hon. Mr. Dick, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Wright, Mr. Wilson.

*Noes*, 4.—Mr. Barron, Mr. Dargaville, Sir G. Grey, Mr. Montgomery.

Amendment negatived.

Amendment proposed, To add the following words: "but that a copy of the report referred back by the House to the Committee, and of the minutes connected therewith, be laid before the House at the same time that the Committee makes its report."—(*Sir G. Grey.*)

Amendment put, and the Committee divided.

*Ayes*, 4.—Mr. Barron, Mr. Dargaville, Sir G. Grey, Mr. Montgomery.

*Noes*, 5.—Hon. Major Atkinson, Hon. Mr. Dick, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wright.

Amendment negatived.

Amendment proposed, To add the following words: "but that effect be not given to this resolution until the House has adopted the report of the Committee."—(*Sir G. Grey.*)

Amendment put, and the Committee divided.

*Ayes*, 4.—Mr. Barron, Mr. Dargaville, Sir G. Grey, Mr. Montgomery.

*Noes*, 5.—Hon. Major Atkinson, Hon. Mr. Dick, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wright.

Amendment negatived.

Original question put.

The Committee divided.

*Ayes*, 5.—Hon. Major Atkinson, Hon. Mr. Dick, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wright.

*Noes*, 4.—Mr. Barron, Mr. Dargaville, Sir G. Grey, Mr. Montgomery.

Motion carried.

Motion made and question put, That the following be the report to the House: The Committee have to report that they have considered the interim report of this day referred back to them by the House. That the Committee have confirmed the report of the 4th September, laid on the table of the House on Tuesday, which was arrived at by a full meeting of the Committee, and have expunged the report of this day, which was referred back to them, from their proceedings, it not being supported by the evidence.—(*Mr. Wilson.*)

Amendment proposed, To insert after the words "arrived at by a" the following words: "majority of six against four, at a meeting at which three Ministers were present, voting with the majority."

Amendment put, and the Committee divided:—

*Ayes*, 4.—Mr. Barron, Mr. Dargaville, Sir G. Grey, Mr. Montgomery.

*Noes*, 5.—Hon. Major Atkinson, Hon. Mr. Dick, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wright.

Amendment negatived.

Question put, That the report be adopted.

The Committee divided.

*Ayes*, 5.—Hon. Major Atkinson, Hon. Mr. Dick, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wright.

*Noes*, 4.—Mr. Barron, Mr. Dargaville, Sir G. Grey, Mr. Montgomery.

Motion carried.

Motion made and question put, That the Committee adjourn to this day month.—(*Major Atkinson.*)

Amendment proposed, That the Committee adjourn till to-morrow.—(*Sir G. Grey.*)

Amendment put and negatived.

Original question put and carried.