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In another copy which I received since, and which is the same as that laid before the Canadian Legislature, the section has been altered to read as follows:—

"21. The local Legislature of each Province may from time to time alter the Electoral Districts for the purpose of Representation in such Legislature, and distribute the Representatives to which the Province is entitled in such local Legislature in any manner such Legislature may see fit."

Now, Sir, this is a very material alteration in a very important clause, and does not say much for our safety should we place ourselves in the power of the Canadians by entering Confederation.

It has been said in justification of the alteration that the section referred entirely to the Local Legislatures, and therefore the rendering in the clause as it first stood was evidently an oversight. This apology, however, is unsatisfactory, as the 24th section is not in that part of the Report which relates to the Local Legislatures, but in that which lays down the constitution of the House of Commons. I may say that a dispute arose as to whether the General Legislatures should be allowed to arrange the constituencies, and it was understood that this power should be left to the Local Legislatures. When the delegates for this island contended for 8 members in the House of Commons instead of 5, our chief argument was that if we were allowed 8 representatives, it would render it an easy matter to divide the electoral districts between the three Counties. The Hon. Attorney General brought forward this proposition, and when it

was decided against us, we the principle of representation by population strictly adhered to, I was particularly in favour of the right of distributing the representation to which each Colony would be entitled, about one-half with the Local Legislatures, and about one-half with the General Legislature. Some of the considerations which were taken into account, protection by stating it beyond the sphere of the Confederation to divide the constituencies and to divide the representation among the Colonies. I judge of the importance of this question, and of the fact that we are not alone in the world, but that we are surrounded by the United States, and that we are surrounded by the United States. I judge of the importance of this question, and of the fact that we are not alone in the world, but that we are surrounded by the United States, and that we are surrounded by the United States.

After a few remarks by Hon. members who had already spoken, the motion was put on the amendment submitted by Hon. J. C. Pope in lieu of the resolutions approving of the Quebec Report, proposed by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, which amendment was carried on the following Division:

For the Amendment.—Hon. Messrs. J. C. Pope, Longworth, Laird, Davies, Kaye, Coler, Kelly, Rensley, Thorburn, Wadburn, Beaton, Messrs. Ramsay, Montgomery, Yeo, Duncan,