

sion, met with Your Excellency's approbation, and we rejoice that the efforts which have been made to improve that branch of the public service were attended with advantage.

9. We will consider whether the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States of America will render necessary any considerable alteration or modification of the Revenue Laws of the Province; and we unite with Your Excellency in expressing the hope that ere long some arrangement may be concluded, which will secure to both the United States and the British Provinces, the mutual benefits which would result from the establishment of a reciprocal trade on equitable terms.

10. We rejoice to be informed that the expenditure of this year will be covered by the Revenue, notwithstanding the unlooked for outlay occasioned by the employment, for a considerable period, of an armed force upon the Frontier.

11. We thank Your Excellency for having directed the Accounts of the past, and the Estimate of the Expenditure of the current year, to be laid before us.

12. We agree with Your Excellency in the opinion that the question of the Union of the British North American Provinces, upon which, by the Elections just terminated, the people of New Brunswick have recently expressed so strong an opinion, and which Your Excellency has called us together to consider, is the most momentous ever submitted to a Colonial Legislature: We shall approach the consideration of the question with a due sense of the importance of the issues involved and the solemn responsibility devolving upon us as Representatives of a free people. Our deliberations shall be conducted with a single view to the promotion of their interests; and we fervently pray that our determination may be calculated to promote the welfare and happiness of all Her Majesty's subjects in the wide-spread dominions of the Queen on this Continent.

On motion of Mr. Kerr,

*Ordered*, That two hundred copies of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be forthwith printed for the use of the Legislature; and

On like motion of Mr. Kerr,

*Ordered*, That two hundred copies of the proposed Address in answer to the Speech be also printed; and

On like motion of Mr. Kerr,

*Ordered*, That the House do, on Saturday next, the 23rd day of June instant, at the hour of eleven o'clock, A. M., go into consideration of the Address proposed in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The Honorable Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had nominated, subject to the approbation of the House, George Johnston Bliss, Esquire, to the office of Clerk Assistant; which nomination being approved of by the House, Mr. Bliss took his seat at the Clerk's Table.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Wilmot,

*Resolved*, That the Reverend Charles G. Coster, A. M., be the Chaplain to this House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Fisher,

Whereas the Honorable Mr. Speaker having informed the House of the death of the Honorable William Black, President of the Legislative Council, and that his Funeral will take place to-morrow at the hour of four o'clock, P. M.; therefore