

into the mode of constructing Bridges in the neighbouring Colonies.

The House divided on the question :

YEAS, 9.

NAYS, 10.

So it passed in the negative.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Secretary Haviland, by His Excellency's command, delivered the following

Message :

C. A. FITZ ROY, Lieut. Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor lays before the House of Assembly the copy of a Despatch from the Right Hon. Lord John Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, with reference to the Salary received by him as Her Majesty's Representative in this Colony.

The question which forms the subject of this Despatch is so peculiarly of a personal nature, that the Lieut. Governor abstains from offering any observation, in submitting it to the consideration of the House.

Government House, Feb. 8, 1841.

Ordered, That the said Message, with the accompanying Despatch, be referred to the Committee of the whole House, to inquire into and take into consideration the State of the Colony.

[For Despatch, See Appendix (E).]

The Hon. J. S. Macdonald, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Legislative Council, to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address, praying that he will be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of the Council and Assembly to Her Majesty, congratulating Her

Majesty on the auspicious event of the Birth of an Heiress Presumptive to the Crown of these Realms, reported the delivery thereof, and that His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply :—

GENTLEMEN;

I shall have the highest satisfaction in transmitting the dutiful and loyal Address from the Legislative Council and Assembly, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

I beg you will convey to both Houses my best thanks for the renewed expression of their confidence and esteem towards myself.

Then the House adjourned for one hour.

And being met—

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill for ascertaining the Population of the Island, and for obtaining other statistical information.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Gorman took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again—which the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 10, 1841.

RESOLVED, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to inquire into and take into consideration the State of the Colony.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Gorman took the Chair of the Committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again—which the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned for one hour.

And being met—

Mr. Rae moved, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, praying that he will be pleased to communicate with the Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick, to ascertain whether it is the intention of the Legislature of that Province, that the Vessels and Produce of this Island will be admitted to pass through the intended Canal at equal rates with the Vessels and Produce of New Brunswick.

Mr. Thomson moved, by way of amendment, that a Message be sent to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to transmit to the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick a copy of the Resolution adopted by this House yesterday, for appropriating, if the same should be required, a sum not exceeding Two hundred Pounds, towards