

of course, be regularly presented to the House.—The same observations apply to accounts of Fees received by Private Secretaries, which shall be furnished.

“ The Lieutenant Governor knows nothing of Commissions from his predecessors to their Private Secretaries. In his own case, he begs to decline compliance with the request of the Assembly.

“ D. C.”

The House of Assembly, therefore, most humbly pray your Majesty to take the foregoing premises into your most gracious consideration, and to cause such order to be made therein, as may tend to meet the wishes of your faithful Subjects, the House of Assembly of this Island.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the said Address, and request that His Excellency will be pleased to forward the same to the proper quarter.

Mr. *Whelan*, from the Committee appointed to prepare and report the draught of a Petition to the Honorable the House of Commons, in conformity with the Fourth of the Resolutions reported yesterday, from the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Colony, presented to the House the draught of a Petition as prepared by the Committee; and the same was received and read.

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

Ordered, That the draught of the Petition to the Honorable the House of Commons, reported from the Special Committee, be referred to the said Committee.

And then the House resolved itself into the the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Jardine* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Jardine* reported, that the Committee had gone through the draught Petition to them referred, and had adopted the same; and the said draught Petition being again read at the Clerk's Table, was, on the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:

To the Honorable the House of Commons of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled.

The House of Assembly of the Island of Prince Edward, in Session now convened, most respectfully desire to direct the attention of your Honorable and August Body to an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, which they have deemed it their duty to adopt during their present Session, in consequence of the refusal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this Colony to comply with the wishes of the House of Assembly, and to carry out what they believe to be the true intentions of Her Majesty, and of the Right Honorable the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in regard to extending to this Colony the principles of Self-Government in the management of its local affairs, in common with other Dependencies of the Crown in North America.

The House of Assembly desires likewise to submit for your consideration, a Bill which has passed both branches of the Legislature, to provide for the payment of expenses on the Civil Establishment of this Island, in the event of the principles of Self-Government, of which they are now desirous, being put into operation. In the arrangement of the details of this Bill, the House of Assembly have been actuated by a due regard for the faithful and independent management of the Public Service, and by a wise economy of the people's money.

The House of Assembly trusts that the Address and Bill herein referred to—copies of which are respectfully enclosed—will be received as evidence of an anxious desire on their part to meet the wishes of Her Majesty's Government, and to those of Her Representative in this Colony.

Too often misled by vacillating and contradictory Despatches, and their power too often rendered nugatory by the exercise of secret and unfair influences of interested parties in the Colony, who, unfortunately, have been too long permitted to interpose their selfish designs between the interests and opinions of the people, and the gracious wishes of the Sovereign—the House of Assembly appeals to your protection; relying upon your well-known attachment to the principles of constitutional liberty, which has been recently so clearly and satisfactorily explained by the First Minister of the Crown—your power and readiness to secure for the humblest class of Colonists in the Empire, the inalienable rights of British Subjects—are induced to hope, that through your prompt and generous interference in their behalf, they may be no longer deprived of a participation in all those advantages which a full extension of the British Constitution is calculated to confer, and which cannot fail to strengthen the ties that bind us to our common Country.

Ordered, That the said Petition be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to correspond, during the recess, with the Society for the Reform of Colonial Government do transmit the foregoing Petition to the Secretary of the said Society, for the purpose of being presented to the House of Commons.