

FRIDAY, March 6th.

On proper application being made, Mr. Daniel J. Roberts was permitted to appear at the bar of the House, where he apologized in suitable terms for being guilty of contempt in refusing to answer a question put to him by the authority of the House through the Speaker. His apology was accepted, and the question having been again put to him, he answered it, and made a statement to the effect that in some conversation they had had in the house of Dr. Jenkins, prior to the assault, in regard to the chaplaincy of the House of Assembly, the latter said that the conduct of the majority in the vote was contemptible, and they ought to be well licked, and he would not mind if he had the pleasure of doing it on the Market Square; that the former said this would not mend the matter much, and the conversation ended in a joke.

Mr. Roberts was then relieved from the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Dr. Jenkins was then asked if he had any statement to make with respect to the evidence given, when he expressed his satisfaction with the greater part of it, said he scarcely knew what words he used at the time of the assault, admitted the privileges of the House, and would bow to its decision, though he claimed that the liberty of the subject was equally sacred with these privileges. He also employed some words of doubtful meaning, which might be construed as threatening language. After Dr. Jenkins had concluded his remarks, he was withdrawn, and the House sat with closed doors till the hour of adjournment.

In the afternoon the Committee appointed to prepare standing rules for the guidance of the House, reported. The rules are the same, with a few unimportant alterations, as those formerly in use.

The Committee on the printing of the Journals reported, to the effect that they had received six tenders, viz: from Daniel Bothune, proposing to bind the Journals for 8s. 8d. per copy, and to stitch the same for 1s. 2d. per copy; from J. C. Doyle, offering to print the Journals for 22s. per sheet, and to bind the same for 2s. 9d. per volume, for the stitched copies 1s. per copy; from Geo. T. Hazzard, printing per sheet, different prices for 4 different qualities of paper, lowest being 19s. 9d. for binding 3s. 9d. for stitching 1s. 3d.; from F. W. Hughes, for printing 19s. 6d. per sheet, binding 4s. 6d. per copy, stitching 1s. 6d.; from John Ings, for printing, different prices for three different qualities of paper, the lowest being 23s. per sheet, binding each copy 4s. 6d., stitching 1s. 3d.; from Geo. Bremner, for printing 24s., binding 4s. per copy, stitching 1s. Mr. G. T. Hazzard's tender being the lowest was accepted.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of privileges, and sat with closed doors till a late hour, when the following resolution was reported from Committee, and agreed to by the House:—

"WHEREAS it appears, by evidence adduced before this Committee, that Dr. John T. Jenkins did, on the 4th day of March, instant, assault two of the members of this House, namely, the Hon. Daniel Davies and James Duncan, Esq., while those members were in the act of entering this House for the purpose of discharging their public duties therein, and did then and there use and apply towards those two members most abusive, opprobrious and contemptuous terms in regard to their conduct in this House as members thereof, and did also upon the same occasion, and when the said members were within the precincts of this House, violently assault and strike one of the said members, and by reason of such acts and conduct has been guilty of a high contempt and breach of the privileges of this House—

Resolved, therefore, that for the said contempt and breach of the privileges of this House, so committed by the said John T. Jenkins, he the said John T. Jenkins be committed, during the pleasure of the House, to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and that the Honorable the Speaker do forthwith issue his Warrant accordingly."

House adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 7.

## DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS IN ANSWER TO HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

The Hon. the Speaker took the chair at the usual hour, and the House resolved itself into Committee to consider the draft of the Committee appointed to prepare a reply to the Speech of the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the House. Mr. Muirhead in the Chair.

The Address was then read, clause by clause, by the Chairman, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency George Dundas, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Island of Prince Edward and the territories thereto belonging, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, and ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's faithful subjects the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, beg respectfully to tender our thanks for the speech with which your Excellency was pleased to open the present Session.

It is with pleasure that we receive the intelligence, that Her Gracious Majesty, the Queen, has been pleased to announce to the Imperial Parliament, that she has given her consent to a marriage between His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alexandra, of Denmark, and we heartily unite in expressing to Her Majesty our congratulations on an event so conducive to Her own happiness, that of Her august family, and the welfare of the nation at large.

To the inhabitants of this Colony, the recollection of the visit of His Royal Highness to our shores, invests this great event with additional interest.

It is with satisfaction we learn, that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has laid before the Queen the Petition passed by the Legislature last Session, praying Her Majesty to use her influence to obtain for this Island privileges in respect of shipping similar to those which have been conceded by the French Government to the Province of Canada; and also that the question of extending those privileges to vessels built in any of Her Majesty's North American Provinces is under the consideration of the Government of France.

We regret that the Colonial Minister should have taken such a view of the Report of the Commissioners appointed by the Queen to inquire into the differences between Landlord and Tenant as to lead him to intimate that they have exceeded their power, and that His Grace cannot in consequence recommend that the Royal assent should be given to the two Acts passed during the last Session of this Legislature, which had for their object the confirmation and carrying into effect the provisions of the Award of Her Majesty's Royal Commissioners.

When the papers relating to this subject are laid before us, they will receive that grave consideration which their importance demands, and we assure your Excellency that our most serious and earnest deliberations will be devoted to a question fraught as this is, with such interest to our Constituents, and the Colony at large, and that we will be actuated by a determination to obtain a solution of a question the unsettled state of which has so long retarded the prosperity of this Colony.

We thank your Excellency for having directed the estimates of the present year, and the public accounts for the past, to be laid before us.

We regret to learn that the expenditure for the year that has just expired has largely exceeded the Revenue, and all so that the Revenue has fallen short of that of the preceding twelve-months, which is no doubt mainly to be attributed to the derangement of our commerce, the result of that fratricidal and devastating war, which is now raging in the neighboring Republic.

The important subject of Education, with the large and increasing expenditure which the maintenance of this department of the public service entails on the Colony, shall receive our deliberative attention.

The financial condition of this Island will receive our most serious attention, and we will also take into our consideration the adoption of such measures as will tend to the equalization of the Revenue and Expenditure, and the due maintenance of the public credit.