

Mr. Cudlip, by leave, presented a Petition from Alfred Thomas, Samuel Stones, John Murphy, and sixty seven others, of the City of Saint John, praying that an Act may pass incorporating the Riggers and Mariners Association; which he read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. Cudlip moved for leave to bring in—A Bill to incorporate the Saint John Riggers and Mariners Benefit Association.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

It being the time appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to receive the House with their Address, in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, the House waited upon His Excellency at Government House, and presented the same, which is as followeth:—

To His Excellency the Honorable JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS-SUTTON, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Address of the House of Assembly.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Commons of New Brunswick, thank Your Excellency for the Speech delivered at the opening of this Session of the Legislature.

Assured that the exigencies of the Public Service call for immediate consideration, we shall not regard any personal sacrifice required in the performance of our public duties.

While we regret the death of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester, we rejoice to be informed of the birth of another Princess.

Your Excellency having deemed it necessary to issue Warrants on the Treasury to prevent inconvenience in the prosecution of the public business, we thank Your Excellency for directing an Account of these payments, and the Estimates of the probable Revenue and Expenditure of the current year, to be laid before us.

We shall enter upon our deliberations with a fervent desire that Providence will bless our endeavours to maintain the character and advance the prosperity of this Province.

And being returned—

The Honorable Mr. Speaker reported—That His Excellency had been pleased to make the following Reply thereto:—

“ Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

“ I receive with sincere pleasure the assurance of your zeal for the Public Service; and I return you my warm acknowledgments for your loyal Address.”

On motion of Mr. Mitchell,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House, copies of all Despatches which have been received from the British Government in reference to a Railway to connect Canada with New Brunswick, since the 1st day of September last; and also copies of any Correspondence, either with the Colonial Office, or with Canada or Nova Scotia, within the above named period, in reference to such a Railway, or in reference to any other line of Railway.

Ordered, That Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Cudlip, and Mr. Vail, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency with the Address.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House a detailed Statement of the cost of Public Printing since the 1st day of May 1856, as also of Advertisements; and

Upon the question for adopting the Resolution for this Address, the House divided as follows:—

YEAS.