

from the Road Correspondent, who was himself unable to meet the demands, because he could not procure money for the Treasury Warrants placed in his hands for the purpose; individuals have travelled, in some instances, more than 30 miles, in order to lay their cases before me. I feel that you will exert your best endeavours to relieve this hard working and indigent class of the population from so great a hardship as that complained of.

I shall cause to be laid before you the Report of Commissioners, whom I appointed, to enquire into this Department of the public service, for the purpose of carrying out more fully the wishes of the House of Assembly, as expressed to me in their Address last Session.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*

I shall cause the Public Accounts to be laid before you without delay. Although I have satisfaction in announcing a further increase of the Revenue, yet, in making provision for the services of the current year, the existing state of the financial affairs of the Colony will demand your serious deliberation; the large amount of outstanding Warrants, so disproportionate to the present resources of the Colony, will, I fear, ultimately operate to weaken public confidence in their stability; therefore, as the due maintenance of public credit is essential to the prosperity of the Colony, it is my obvious duty, not only again to urge the necessity of confining the expenditure within the limits of the prospective Revenue, but also to reiterate the importance of adopting some efficient measure for the early redemption of the liabilities which a previous excess of expenditure has imposed upon the Colony.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*

I shall lay before you some papers connected with the present state and prospects of the Central Academy. I am satisfied that in placing this subject before you, Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen, I shall find every disposition to give this Institution all possible support, advancing, as it undoubtedly is, into a high literary reputation, under the care of the present Trustees, and the very able Masters to whom they have entrusted the educational duties of the establishment.

The Lunatic Asylum and House of Industry, although not quite finished, is in a sufficiently complete state to be used for the purposes for which it has been erected. I therefore hope, that some material change will be made in the present objectionable system of affording relief to the destitute.

I shall take an early occasion to lay upon your tables several necessary documents, and shall be

always ready to facilitate, to the best of my power, the labours in which you are about to engage.

*Resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to revise the Journal of each day, after the adjournment.

*Ordered,* That the Hon. Mr. Palmer, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Wightman do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved,* That a Committee of five Members be appointed, to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, the draught of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered this day to both Houses of the Legislature.

*Ordered,* That the Hon. Mr. Palmer, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Cambridge, Mr. Beairsto and Mr. Hudson do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved,* That a Committee of seven Members be appointed, to examine what Laws have lately expired, or are near expiring; with leave to report from time to time, by Bills or otherwise.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Dalziel, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Coles, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Yeo, Hon. J. S. Macdonald, and the Hon. Mr. Palmer do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved,* That a Committee of seven Members be appointed, to examine and report on the Public Accounts—with power to send for persons, papers and records.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Thornton, Mr. Wightman, Mr. Coles, Mr. A. Maclean, Mr. Yeo, Mr. Beairsto and Mr. Aitken do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved,* That a Committee be appointed, to examine Bills to be engrossed, or that have been engrossed.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Hudson, Mr. Aitken, Mr. Coles and Mr. A. Maclean do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved,* That a Committee of five Members be appointed, to keep up a good correspondence between the two branches of the Legislature, and to report their proceedings from time to time—with power to send for persons, papers and records.