

It is pleasing to know that the Revenue for the past year exhibits so very satisfactory an appearance, and considering the amount of the Public Debt, we fully agree with your Excellency as to the duty incumbent upon us, of increasing, if possible, the income of the Island; and we think in common with your Excellency, that this may be partly attained by a more careful attention to the manner in which the duties on Foreign and Home made Spirits are imposed and collected.

The Laws regulating the issue of Tavern Licenses shall receive our best consideration with a view to their improvement.

We are pleased to know that your Excellency has been in communication with the Governments of the neighbouring Provinces for the purpose of obtaining their co-operation in establishing Light houses on the East and North Capes of this Island; and any communications on that subject which may be laid before us by your Excellency shall receive our earnest consideration.

The subject of Light duties in this Island shall receive our closest attention in order to improve the mode of collecting the same.

Sensible of the advantages which will result to the public creditors from the arrangement which your Excellency's Government has made with the Bank of P. E. Island, under which Treasury Warrants in future will be paid on presentation, we will cheerfully pass an Act for the purpose of giving effect to this arrangement.

The Despatch from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, referred to by your Excellency relative to the pre-payment of letters addressed to the United Kingdom, when laid before us shall receive that attention which its importance demands, so that the wishes of Her Majesty's Government in this respect may be carried into effect.

It is gratifying to know that the several Acts of last session have received the approval of Her Majesty.

We concur most fully in opinion with your Excellency that in consequence of the Laws of the Island not having been revised for several years, great advantage would result from their consolidation; and it will be our duty to perfect a measure for the purpose of remedying the evil.

The bountiful harvest and general prosperity with which, during the past year, this Colony has been blessed, call forth the expression of our deepest thankfulness to Almighty God, and we humbly pray that the Divine favor may be continued to us, and that His Wisdom may control our deliberations for the promotion of the best interests of this Colony.

[The Debate on the foregoing Address will be found in a subsequent page, under the proper heading.]

TUESDAY, Feb. 21.

The following petitions were presented to the House:—

By Hon. Mr. Coles, from the Trustees of Stanhope School, praying for payment of Teacher's salary.

By Hon. Col. Gray, from inhabitants of Uigg Back Settlement, and others, praying for the opening of a new Road.

By Hon. Mr. Longworth, from Robert Galbraith, praying that money paid for a Tavern License be refunded. Also a petition from inhabitants of Rear District, St. Peter's, praying for a grant to repair a road.

By Mr. Douse, from inhabitants of Park Settlement, praying for a grant to repair a bridge.

PAUPERS.

Hon. Mr. Haviland moved that a Committee be appointed to whom shall be referred every petition relating to Paupers, to examine the same and report thereon.

Committee.—Hons Messrs. Perry, Kelly, Longworth, Gray, Thornton, McAulay, Messrs. Coaroy, J. Yeo, Howat, Sinclair, Holm, Davies, Sutherland, Knight, and McNeill.

Hon. Col. Gray wished to make an observation respecting pauper grants. The money was voted expressly to relieve the poor, and care should be taken that it was appropriated to no other purpose. The method pursued by the House in dividing the money was objectionable. It was unfair that a mem-

ber who had perhaps ten paupers on his list should receive the same amount as one who had only two or three.

Mr. HOLM entertained a similar opinion. There were many paupers in his district—so many that last year several who were really needy only received fifteen shillings.

Hon. Mr. COLES concurred with the hon. member for Belfast that the matter required investigation. Several, he believed, received an allowance who were not really in destitute circumstances. He knew cases of individuals calling for money two or three years after it had been voted; and thought that money was sometimes even granted to persons who had been dead for several years.

Hon. Mr. LONGWORTH thought there was much room for improvement. It was a very improper method to take the list of last year as a guide when voting the amounts. Some did not call for the money placed at his disposal last year.

Hon. Mr. YEO knew that all in his district had received their money. He thought the system was well enough.

Mr. BEEN said that the objection to the present method appeared to be that an equal sum was granted to each electoral district. In his opinion the money ought to be apportioned among the several districts according to the number of paupers in each.

Hon. Mr. PERRY thought that the Chairman of the committee should write to well informed persons in different parts of the Island, to learn who were really destitute. By this means deception would be prevented.

Mr. HOWAT remarked that there seemed to be an inclination to change the system. He thought it was fair that each district should receive an equal amount, as it contributed its share to the general revenue.

Mr. CONROY said that in his part of the country those in want applied to the members for the district. He must have very few paupers indeed if he could not distribute £25, the sum which he received last year.

Mr. SINCLAIR observed that in his district last year very little money was required—part of the money allowed for it had been given to other districts more needy. He thought something like this course ought to be pursued.

Some further discussion ensued, when the House adjourned without coming to any decision on the subject.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

Mr. DAVIES from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency to know his pleasure when he would be attended with the Address, reported that he would be prepared to receive it to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. DAVIS from the Committee appointed to enquire into the delay in publishing the Journals of last session, presented a report, which having been read, it was therefore resolved that said report be taken up in committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. COLES rose to refer to a statement in the last No. of the *Royal Gazette*, respecting the proceedings of the House. There it was made to appear that Rev. Dr. Jenkins had been appointed Chaplain, on motion of the Hon. Col. Gray, whereas he only moved that a Chaplain be appointed, and he (Mr. Coles) made the motion in reference to Dr. Jenkins. It was also stated that the Address in answer to the Governor's Speech finally passed on a division of 17 to 11. This was incorrect, for though the opposition had endeavored to carry amendments, they did not oppose the whole Address. As that paper was published by authority, it ought to give correct statements.

On motion of Mr. McNeill, the following Committee were appointed, to whom all matters relating to Post Offices should be referred, viz:—Messrs. McNeill, J. Yeo, Sinclair, Montgomery, and Hon. Mr. Thornton.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND thought the House ought to decide about the manner of printing the Debates. The Committee to receive tenders had not yet reported, and he understood some hon. members had changed their opinion since it was appointed, now thinking more information would be communicated by publishing the reports merely in the newspapers.

Hon. Mr. COLES said, it was necessary something should be done. He thought the best method would be to publish the Debates in the leading paper of each party. Though 20 copies were distributed by each member, that would not circulate them