

Roads has been hitherto applied has been found to be altogether inefficient for the purpose intended, and the necessity of an improved system in this important particular is very apparent.

“The Bounty so liberally granted by the Legislature for the endowment of Parish Schools, is frequently rendered ineffectual from the want of proper qualification and ability in the Teachers, and, I regret to say, has in too many instances been abused by their immoral conduct. These evils arise from the want of some proper established mode of examination of Applicants for Licenses, both as to their moral character, and to their fitness, in other respects, for the office of Instructors; and I therefore recommend these subjects to your deliberate consideration.

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

“I have directed the Treasurer’s Accounts to be laid before you, which will shew a most gratifying increase of Revenue as compared with the preceding year, and will enable you to continue the accustomed aid and support to all those institutions and objects of public utility, which have hitherto been fostered and maintained by the liberality of the Legislature.

“*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

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

“His Majesty having been pleased to confirm the Act to provide for the Custom House Establishment, and graciously to accede to the terms proposed for relinquishing the Quit Rents, I have only to express my satisfaction at the final settlement of these two important questions, the latter of which is acknowledged to have been one of great interest to all His Majesty’s Subjects in this Province, who, I confidently trust, will duly appreciate this additional mark of His Majesty’s liberality and paternal regard for their welfare.

“I am instructed to lay before you some important communications from His Majesty’s Government, which I shall take an early opportunity of doing by Message.”

On motion of Mr. Crane,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, to whom may be referred all matters which may hereafter arise that may in any way be supposed to affect the privileges of this House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Crane, Mr. Johnston, Mr. L. A. Wilmot, Mr. Weldon and Mr. Street, be a Committee therefor.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that the Clerk had communicated to him that the office of Clerk Assistant to the Assembly had become vacant by the removal of Thomas S. Wetmore, Esquire, from the Province, and that he now nominated George Lee, Junior, Esquire, to that office; which nomination was approved of by the House.

Mr. Lee, after the requisite oaths, took the seat assigned him at the Clerk’s Table.

On motion of Mr. End,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to His Excellency’s Speech at the opening of the Session.

*Ordered*, That Mr. End, Mr. Partelow and Mr. Brown, be a Committee to prepare the Address.

On motion of Mr. Johnston,

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the state of all the Roads of Communication in the Province, and to report the same to the House; and also to report what sums it may be necessary to grant for repairing and improving as well the Great Roads as Bye Roads.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Johnston, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Crane, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Connell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ford, Mr. Hayward, Mr. Freeze, Mr. Street and Mr. Partelow, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Street,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine what Laws have lately expired or are near expiring, and report thereon to the House.

*Ordered*,