

ing a certain moral support from Government, should regulate the amount of assistance to be given in each case from public funds.

As the terms of commutation proposed by his Grace were in some respects less favourable to the tenantry than those which had already been offered by the proprietors, and as it seemed likely that little practical good would result from their adoption, in consequence of his Grace stating that they would not be compulsory on the landlords, it was deemed expedient that Delegates should be sent to England to ascertain the views of Her Majesty's Government, and to facilitate a settlement of the question.

The Report of the Delegates will be laid before you.

After mature consideration of this Report and of the whole question of a settlement, I trust your best efforts will be directed to maturing such measures as may not only conduce to the amelioration of the condition of the tenantry, but also receive the sanction of the Imperial Government, and the concurrence of the proprietors.

The Administrator of the Government of Nova Scotia has addressed communications to me on the subject of a proposed Union of the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, under one Government and Legislature.

I have directed that these communications be laid before you.

A Bill to prevent the fraudulent marking of merchandize will be proposed to you. You will also be asked to take under your consideration a suggestion made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting the establishment of a Maritime Court of Enquiry into the causes of wrecks.

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

The Estimates for the current year will be laid before you. They have been framed with due regard to economy.

The Accounts for the past year will also be submitted to you. I observe, with great satisfaction, that the Revenue of the past year far exceeds that of any previous year, and leaves a large surplus over the expenditure.

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

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

I rejoice to be able to congratulate you on the general prosperity of this Colony during the past year.

The labours of our agricultural population were blessed with an abundant harvest.

An unprecedented demand increased materially the value of our staple produce; and the quantity which left our shores exceeded the export of any previous year.

I now commit to you the business of the Session; may your deliberations conduce to the honor and welfare of this Island.

The Hon. G. Coles then moved that the House do now adjourn.

And the motion being seconded, and the question put thereon

The House divided.

YEAS :

Hon. G. Coles,	Mr. Conroy,
Hon. E. Whelan,	Mr. Howlan,
Hon. F. Kelly,	Mr. Walker,
Hon. J. Hensley,	Mr. Sutherland—9.
Hon. J. Warburton,	

NAYS :

Hon. J. H. Gray,	Mr. John Yeo,
Hon. Col. Secretary,	Mr. Brecken,
Hon. D. Kaye,	Mr. MacLennan,
Hon. J. Longworth,	Mr. Howat,
Hon. A. Laird,	Mr. Duncan,
Hon. R. Macaulay,	Mr. Haslam,
Hon. D. Davies,	Mr. Green,
Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Sinclair—17.
Mr. Ramsay,	

So it passed in the negative.

*Resolved,* That a Committee of seven Members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed the draft 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 Mr. MacLennan, Mr. Brecken, Mr. John Yeo, the Hon. A. Laird, Mr. Howat, Mr. Haslam and Mr. Montgomery do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved,* That a Committee of three 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 the Hon. J. Longworth, Mr. Brecken and the Hon. J. Hensley do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved,* That a Committee of three Members be appointed to provide Stationary for the use of the House.