

not received the Royal Assent. This Bill has been suspended until certain alterations are made in it, as specified in a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, which I shall take an early opportunity of submitting to you. The necessity of establishing a place of public refuge for those of our fellow creatures to whom, in his inscrutable wisdom, the Almighty, by depriving them of reason, has given peculiar claims to our care, is so apparent, that I feel satisfied you will cheerfully accede to the alterations proposed, and that I shall thus be enabled to carry into effect the liberal and benevolent intentions of Her Majesty's Government, by entering at once into contracts for the erection of the requisite buildings.

There are other subjects and Despatches which I shall bring under your consideration, by Message, in the usual manner; and I rely upon your framing such measures during the present Session as will be conducive to the general prosperity of the Island.

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 Mr. Rae, Mr. D. Macdonald, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Le Lacheur and Mr. Longworth do compose the said Committee.

Alexander Maclean, Esquire, elected a Member for the Third Electoral District of Queen's County, in the place of the Honorable Charles Young, removed to the Legislative Council, appeared at the bar, and having been led into the body of the House, and introduced to the Speaker by John W. Le Lacheur and John Macintosh, Esquires, took the Oaths prescribed by Law, and his seat.

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

Ordered, That Mr. D. Macdonald, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Maclean 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. Longworth, Mr. Thom-

son, Mr. Palmer, Hon. J. S. Macdonald, Mr. Clark, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Macintosh do compose the said Committee.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Palmer, Mr. Thomson and Mr. Montgomery do compose the said Committee.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Le Lacheur, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Macneill do compose the said Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Hon. J. S. Macdonald, Mr. Palmer, Mr. D. Macdonald, Mr. Clark and Mr. Yeo do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That the Hon. J. S. Macdonald do carry the said Message to the Council.

Resolved, That a Committee of five Members, of whom three shall be a Quorum, be appointed, to whom shall be referred every Private Bill, to report thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. Rae, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Clark and Mr. Thomson do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That a copy of the Journal of this House be sent to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, each day, as soon as may be after the adjournment.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 27, 1841.

MR. LE LACHEUR, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws have lately expired, or are near expiring, presented to the House the Report of the Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's Table, and is as followeth:

The Act, 5 Will. 4, cap. 2, intituled 'An Act for the more effectual punishment of offenders, by enabling the Supreme Court to add hard labour to the sentence of imprisonment,' will expire on the last day of the present Session.