

Copies of several despatches from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies will be laid before you, including one conveying the Queen's gracious consent to the request preferred by you, by address to Her Majesty, during the last Session, "that no other oath than that of allegiance" should be required to be taken by the members of the Legislature of this Colony.

Speech.

Also, several orders by Her Majesty in Council, confirming the Acts passed during the last Session.

On motion of Mr. GLEN, seconded by the Hon. Mr. STUART,

*Resolved*—That an humble Address of thanks be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the gracious Speech from the Throne with which he has been pleased to open the present Session, and that a Select Committee be appointed to prepare the same.

Address of thanks in reply to the Speech voted.

*Ordered*—That Mr. GLEN, the Hon. Mr. STUART, Mr. BARNES, the Hon. Mr. KENT, and Mr. PARSONS, do form such Committee.

Committee to prepare.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT,

*Ordered*—That Fifty Copies of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

His Excellency's Speech to be printed.

The Hon. Mr. KENT gave notice that on the Tenth day of February next, he would move the adoption of the following Resolutions, viz:—

WHEREAS H. M. Government being about to submit, for the consideration of the Imperial Parliament, a form of Constitution for this Colony, it is therefore highly expedient that this House should make a declaration of opinion upon the principles of Administration that in future are to be considered applicable to the Government of Newfoundland. And Whereas the most effectual way to prevent misrepresentation or mistakes, and the safest guide upon so important a subject, is strictly to follow the proceedings of the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, which proceedings, as appears by the Journal of said House, dated 5th March, 1844, embody the principles sanctioned by the Parliament of Canada, on the 3d September 1841; and also contain the views of the late Governor-General, Lord Metcalfe, on Colonial Government—and further, which proceedings, as appears by the division recorded in said Journal, dated 5th March, 1844, page 69, received the sanction of all the members of Lord Falkland's Executive Government, then having seats in the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia. And Whereas such proceedings are as follows:—

Notice of motion of Resolutions on the subject of Responsible government.

Whereas the principles of Administration applicable to the Government of the North American Colonies, having been formally sanctioned by the highest authority on several occasions, and ought, to prevent misrepresentation, or mistake, to be recorded on the journals of this Assembly, with its deliberate sanction.

And Whereas the following Resolutions, moved by Mr. Secretary Harrison, were adopted by the Parliament of Canada on the 3d Sept., 1841.