

lonial vessels, to be employed not only in the protection of the Revenue and the Harbour Fisheries, but for the conveyance of the Judges and Officers of the Circuit Courts, and the occasional visits of the Governor to the different Outports of the Island—and I suggest this arrangement in the conviction that it will be found to be one both of advantage and of economy—As respects the fisheries it has been urged in the report of *every successive Naval Commander on this Station*.

His Excellency's
Speech.

With these observations, Mr. Speaker, Hon. Gentlemen and Gentlemen, and with the renewed tender to you of my cordial co-operation for the advancement of your Legislative labors, I now leave you to your deliberations, in the confident hope that not only will your proceedings be characterised by that sacrifice of individual feeling at the shrine of public duty, by which they were so honourably distinguished during the last Session, but that your best endeavours will be used to bring the business of that now about to commence to a conclusion with as much expedition as may be found compatible with the mature consideration of the various important matters which will necessarily engage your attention; and with a view to do what may depend upon me to assist this important object, it may be proper for me to state that I shall be found prepared to call a meeting of the General Assembly during the *Summer Season*, if it should be the opinion of the House that the Public Interests would be thereby promoted.

January 10. 1844.

On motion of Mr. SLADE, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

Resolved,—That an humble Address of Thanks be presented to His Excellency the Governor, in reply to the gracious Speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the Session, and that a Select Committee be appointed to prepare the same.

Address of Thanks in
reply to His Excellency's
Speech voted.

Ordered,—That Mr. SLADE, Mr. CARTER, the Hon. Mr. THOMAS, the Hon. Mr. HUNT, and Mr. SIMON MORRIS do form such Committee.

Committee to prepare
it.

Mr. NOBXT (pursuant to notice given last Session and leave granted) presented a Bill to regulate the mode of empannelling Grand, Special and Petit Juries in the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, and to ascertain the qualification of Jurors, in the said Courts; and the same was read a first time.

Bill to regulate the
empannelling of Juries
in the Supreme and
Central Circuit Courts
read first time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time this day fortnight.

Order for second read-
ing.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Printed.

Mr. BARNES (pursuant to notice given on the last day of the last Session), seconded by the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, moved that it be

Motion to discontinue
existing method of re-
porting Debates in the
House.

Resolved,—That as the method of Reporting the proceedings of this House adopted during the last Session of the Legislature has been found to be insufficient in giving a full and accurate account of its Debates, the same be discontinued, and that Mr. SPEAKER do notify the Reporter accordingly: which being put, and a debate ensuing thereon,

The Hon. Mr. THOMAS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, moved in Amend-
ment—

Amendment moved to
adjourn until Monday
next.