

not to be forgotten, and, by the aid of bounties from the public Treasury, judiciously bestowed, this important object may be materially promoted, and, by exciting among the people a spirit of emulation in those exertions of steady industry, and habits of economy, which are so essential to their own welfare and success, contribute most effectually to the real strength and importance of the Province.

*"Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

"The Treasurer's Accounts and such other papers as may be necessary for your information, shall be laid before you; by these you will perceive that, although the Revenue has been sufficiently productive, yet the delay of payment of the duties into the Treasury has been such as to preclude the issuing of many of the sums appropriated at the last Session, and thus to prevent the liberality of the Legislature from having its due effect; for this inconvenience your wisdom and experience will, I have no doubt, provide a proper remedy.

*"Gentlemen of the Council, and*

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"Having been an inhabitant of the Province of New-Brunswick from its first formation, I cannot but feel very solicitous for its welfare, and if, during the short period, as short it must be, of my administration. I shall be able, in any degree, to contribute to this desirable end, it will be the highest gratification to my ambition.

"In the mean time, interested as we all are in whatever concerns the Mother Country, I cannot forbear congratulating with you on the late splendid victory obtained, under the command of Lord Exmouth, at Algiers---a victory to be commemorated, not only as having added to the renown of the British Nation, by the gallantry and skill with which it was achieved, but, it is to be hoped, for the annihilation of a system of piratical warfare in which the whole Christian world may be considered as interested."

Read a first time "a Bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of Forgery."

On motion of Mr. Agnew, resolved that an address be presented to His Honor the PRESIDENT, in answer to his Speech, and ordered that Mr. Agnew, Mr. Pagan, and Mr. P. Fraser, be a Committee to prepare the same.

On motion of Mr. P. Fraser, resolved that the Rev. James Somerville be appointed Chaplain to this House.

The Clerk informed the Speaker that he had nominated *Gabriel De Veber*, Esquire, to be his Clerk assistant. The Speaker acquainted the House with the nomination, to which the House agreed. Mr. De Veber after taking the necessary oath took the seat assigned him at the Clerk's Table.

On motion ordered that Mr. Pagan, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Millidge, be a standing Committee to examine, liquidate, and report on all public and private accounts, and that Mr. Humbert, Mr. Peters and Mr. Simonds be a Committee to examine what laws have or are near expiring.

Mr. Campbell moves for leave to bring in a Bill, to alter and amend an Act, intituled "An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this Province.

Ordered that the Journal of this House be daily, or as soon as a copy of the same can be prepared by the Clerk, printed by the King's Printer, and that he furnish sixty copies thereof for the use of the Legislature.

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

THURSDAY the 6th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. P. Fraser presents a petition of *William Peters* complaining of an undue election for Queen's County.

Ordered