

SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1853.

## PRAYERS.

House wait upon governor with address.

At half-past twelve of the clock, Mr. Speaker and the house went up to government house, to attend his excellency with the address of the house in answer to the speech of his excellency at the opening of the session.

Reply.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented the address to his excellency, and that his excellency had been pleased to give this reply thereto :

*Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly :*

I thank you for your address ; and I have further to express my satisfaction in your assurance of seconding my efforts for the promotion of the prosperity of all classes of her majesty's subjects throughout the province of Nova Scotia.

Railway papers.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house, copies of several papers on the subject of the construction of railways in this province, viz :

Minute in council of the executive government of Nova Scotia, dated 25th August, 1852.

Three several propositions from William Jackson, esquire, on behalf of himself and Messrs. Peto, Betts, and others, for the construction of the trunk railway from the harbor of Halifax to the frontiers of New Brunswick.

Three several propositions from Messrs. James Sykes, John Brookfield, and George William King, for the construction of the trunk line separately, or in connection therewith branch lines east and west.

Report of Messrs. James Sykes and company of survey for a line of railway from Windsor to Victoria Beach.

Correspondence between the hon. the provincial secretary and Messrs. Baring, Brothers, of London, in relation to the disposal of Nova Scotia bonds in the market, and the best means generally of raising the necessary funds for the construction of the contemplated rail road.

Circular letter from the hon. the provincial secretary addressed to the mayor of Sheffield and others, and requesting their opinions as to the skill and resources of Messrs. Sykes and Company, in carrying out railway contracts, with replies thereto ; and other papers on the same subject.

Correspondence between the hon. the provincial secretary and James R. Forman, esquire, civil engineer, Glasgow, on the subject of the probable expense of the construction of the proposed railways, together with estimates and tenders supplied by Mr. Forman.

Letter from Mr. Jackson to the hon. the provincial secretary relative to his second proposal.

Correspondence between the executive government of the province and Edward W. Serrell, on behalf of Burnett, Serrell & Co., accompanied by propositions from Mr. Serrell for surveying and constructing certain lines.

General memorandum, shewing to whom minute of council, relative to construction of railways, were sent, together with the replies of such parties respectively.

And such papers were severally read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 1.)

Ordered, That the papers do lie on the table.

Then the house adjourned until Monday next, at two of the clock.

Monday,