

MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1828.

4, Cap. 114, to the payment of the Custom-House Establishment, under the authority of the Lords of the Treasury;—But His Excellency regrets that he has not yet received an answer to the same.

Satisfied, however, that His Majesty's Government have at all times a desire to pay a due and prompt attention to the representations of the House of Assembly, His Excellency is disposed to attribute the delay that has occurred, in the present instance, to the late frequent changes in the Colonial Department; and also, probably, to the difficulty experienced in adopting some general arrangement for the support of the Custom-House Establishments in all His Majesty's Colonial Possessions.

But, anxious to do all in his power to promote a speedy and satisfactory settlement of a question, to which he is aware the House of Assembly attach much importance, His Excellency did some time ago, address a Letter to Mr. Huskisson, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, calling that Right Honourable Gentleman's attention to His Excellency's Dispatch to Earl Bathurst, and the Address of the House of Assembly, which accompanied it; and His Excellency entertains a sanguine hope, that he will be enabled to make a satisfactory communication to the House, in answer thereto, from His Majesty's Government, in the course of the Session.

Respecting
Address of the
House relative
to the Declara-
tion against
Popery and
Transubstan-
tiation

His Excellency further informs the House of Assembly, that he transmitted, in like manner to His Majesty's Government, the Address, presented to him in the last Session, praying that His Majesty would be graciously pleased to dispense with the Declaration against Popery and Transubstantiation, and His Excellency attributes to the same cause, the circumstance of his not having received an answer to his Dispatch upon this subject.

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Messages lie on
the Table

Ordered, That the said Messages do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Report of Com-
mittee on Hants
Election

Mr. Poole, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the merits of the Petition of William O'Brien, against the election and return of Mr. R. Smith, sitting member for the County of Hants, reported from the Committee, that the Committee had met in the Committee Room, (commonly called the Grand Jury Room), this day at twelve of the Clock at noon, pursuant to the adjournment of the last Session, when finding that Mr. Barss, Mr. Heckman, and Mr. Rudolf, three of the Members, were absent from the Committee, and Mr. J. E. Morton, another Member, stating, that, from indisposition, his attendance on the Committee would be very uncertain. And the Committee entertaining doubts of their right to proceed in the business at present, had agreed, that the Chairman should state their difficulty to the House, and request further instruction as to their proceeding; thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, that the said Report be referred to the Committee of Privileges, to examine into Precedents, and report upon the subject.

Mr. Archibald
and Mr. G.
Smith, appoint-
ed Members of
the Committee

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Archibald be one of the Committee of Privileges, in the place of Mr. Starr, (deceased); and that Mr. G. Smith be one of the same Committee, in the place of Mr. Roach, who has not attended the House this Session.

Fisheries

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, that on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of February, instant, the House will proceed to the consideration of that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to the Fisheries.

Information re-
quested from

On motion of Mr. Hartshorne, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request His Excellency will be pleased to direct