

3rd & 6th January, 1840.

HENRY PRESCOTT, ESQUIRE, C. B., Governor.

Ordered, that a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to the Governor with reference to the foregoing Extract; and

Select Committee appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency with reference to the foregoing.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Simms, Spearman, and Thomas, do compose the same.

On motion, made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday next, at one o'clock, p. m.

House adjourns.

MONDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1840.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

Present,

The Honorable WILLIAM SALL, Commandant.

Members present.

" " JAMES SIMMS, Attorney General.

" " JAMES CROWDY, Colonial Secretary.

" " JAMES M. SPEARMAN, Collector of the Customs.

" " WILLIAM THOMAS.

" " JOHN SINCLAIR.

The Minutes of Friday last were read.

The Honorable the Attorney-General, from the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor, in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Session of the Legislature, reported a draft thereof.

Attorney-General reports draft of Address in reply to the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, that the same be received.

Ordered, that the House go into Committee of the whole thereon presently.

Whereupon the House went into Committee accordingly.

Draft committed.

The Honorable Mr. Crowdy in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Address without amendment.

Reported.

Ordered, that the same be read.

The Address is as follows:—

To His Excellency HENRY PRESCOTT, Esquire, Companion of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

The Address.

May it please Your Excellency;

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of Newfoundland, beg leave to approach Your Excellency to express our humble thanks for your gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature.

We have heard from your Excellency, with much satisfaction, that the Geological Surveyor has laid before Your Excellency an interesting report of the progress he has made in his important labors, which we shall feel gratified in receiving whenever Your Excellency may be enabled to transmit the same to us in fulfilment of Your Excellency's expressed intentions.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that the subject of the Alienation of Crown Lands shall receive our most careful attention and serious consideration as soon as the documents to which Your Excellency has made reference shall be laid before us.

The subject of Roads, in common with all other matters incident to the welfare of the Colony, will, we beg to assure Your Excellency, on all occasions, claim our earnest consideration.

Ordered, that the Address be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion, made and seconded, the House adjourned until Wednesday next.