

22nd June, 1838.

HENRY PRESCOTT, Esquire, Governor.

FRIDAY, 22nd JUNE, 1838.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

Present,

The Honorable **ARCHIBALD WALKER, Commandant.**

“ “ **JAMES SIMMS, Attorney General.**

Members present.

“ “ **JOHN DUNSCOMB.**

“ “ **WILLIAM THOMAS.**

“ “ **JOHN B. BLAND.**

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read.

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

Attorney General reports draft of Address to the Governor in reply to his Speech—

Ordered, that the same be received.

The Address was then read a first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the 38th Standing Rule of the House, so far as it respects the Address, be dispensed with—

Whereupon the Address was read a second time, and—

Read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the House go into Committee on the same presently.

The House accordingly went into a Committee of the whole.

Committed.

The Honorable Mr. Bland in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Address.

Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The Address was then read a third time and passed, and is in the following words:—

Read 3rd time and passed.

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.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Council of Newfoundland in General Assembly convened, beg leave to offer our respectful thanks for Your Excellency's Gracious Speech on opening the present Session of the General Assembly.

The Address.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that we sensibly feel and desire gratefully to acknowledge the gracious condescension of Her Majesty the Queen in offering her Royal Mediation for the Settlement of those differences between the Council and the House of Assembly which last year unfortunately prevented the passing of any Appropriation Act; and Your Excellency may rely that when you shall have laid before us the Copy of the Despatch from Lord Glenelg referred to by Your Excellency, we shall carefully address ourselves to the consideration of all the suggestions which it may propose to us with all the calmness that a subject of such deep importance demands; and with a sincere and anxious desire to adopt any measures suggested by Her Majesty in order to obviate similar misunderstandings in future, and to secure a satisfactory application of the Public Revenues.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that we feel earnestly solicitous that the several Acts for the Relief of Disabled Seamen, Fishermen and other Persons, and for the encouragement of Education, should be carried into efficient operation, and that if any emendations of those Acts be required, in order to render them more efficient in the accomplishment of their purposes, we shall gladly co-operate in the means to make them the more perfect.

We are also sensibly alive to the benefits which the public at large have already derived from the Hospital at River-Head, and we feel earnestly desirous to render that institution as efficient as possible.

The subject relative to Crown Lands, to which Your Excellency has invited our attention, shall, when the despatch from Lord Glenelg shall be laid before us, receive our serious and careful consideration.