

jesty, for the increase of the Revenue in this Island,' will expire on the 7th day of May next.

Ordered, That the above Report be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Resolved, That a Committee of seven Members be appointed, to examine and report on the Public Accounts—with power to send for persons, papers and records

Ordered. That Mr. Thornton, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Pope, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Lord, Mr. Green and Mr. Binns do compose the said Committee.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Desbrisay, their acting Clerk.

Council Chamber,
January 25th 1837.

'Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to keep up a good correspondence between the two Houses of the Legislature, and to report their proceedings from time to time—with power to send for persons, papers and records.

'Ordered, That the Honorables Mr. Lane and Mr. Attorney General do compose the said Committee.

'Ordered. That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them therewith.'

And then he withdrew.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 26, 1837.

PRAYERS.

MR. Binns, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report the draught of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to both Houses, at the opening of the present Session, reported the draught of an Address as prepared by the Committee—and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

To His Excellency Colonel Sir JOHN HARVEY, K. C. H. & C. B., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and its Dependencies, Chancellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

We His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, beg to offer your Excellency our sincere congratulations on your appointment to this Government.

We thank your Excellency for the assurance of your earnest desire to aid us in the advancement of every well considered measure of public utility, and for the invitation you have been pleased to give us to use the most frank and unreserved communication with your Excellency for the promotion of such measures; and in return we would assure your Excellency that you may fully

rely on our warmest support in your administration—and from the energy and success which have so eminently distinguished your Excellency's public services in other parts of His Majesty's Dominions, we entertain sanguine hopes that your patriotic exertions will produce the most beneficial results to this Colony.

With your Excellency we sincerely lament the serious failure of the crops in the Island during the past year—at the same time it is a source of gratification to learn from your Excellency, that notwithstanding this unusual and distressing visitation, a material increase of the Revenue has taken place within the same period, which is to us an indication of the growing prosperity of the Colony.

We beg to assure your Excellency, that on receiving the Public Accounts, this House will cheerfully make every provision in its power to meet the exigencies of the public service.

We thank your Excellency for the copies of certain Despatches which have been so promptly laid before us.

We cannot but regard the liberal concessions so freely granted by His most gracious Majesty to the Inhabitants of our Sister Colony of New Brunswick, and referred to in these Despatches, as a further proof of the paternal solicitude of our beloved Sovereign to promote the welfare and best interests of his North American subjects; and that the extension of such a uniform principle of Colonial Government cannot fail to prove satisfactory and highly advantageous to this Colony, and thereby powerfully in-