

all relief granted or expended from the 1st day of January last, for the Poor in the District of Saint John's and the several Districts of this Island, setting forth the names of recipients, amount to each, and when granted, return of relief, &c., and how sold :

Also, to ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay before the House any petition from the Fishermens' Association, praying for a Grant of Land for the erection of a Building in connection with their Association, and if any action is taken thereon.

Notice of any Petition from Fishermens' Association.

It being the hour appointed by His Excellency the Governor to receive Mr. Acting Speaker and the House with the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER and the House went to Government House, and being returned,

Mr. Speaker and House attend His Excellency with Address of Thanks.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER informed the House that when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, he had presented the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, and that His Excellency had replied thereto as follows :—

Mr. Speaker reports His Excellency's reply to Address of Thanks.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

I have to thank you for this Address, and to express my satisfaction at your appreciation of an event which, you say, will "be long cherished with fond recollection in the hearts of the devoted and loyal people of the colony," and I shall not fail to communicate through the Secretary of State, your thankfulness to Her Majesty for sanctioning the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to this side of the Atlantic, and your hope that the happy results of that visit may be long felt, not only among Her Majesty's subjects, but by the people of the neighbouring Republic.

In regard to the distress which unfortunately prevails in the colony, I have no doubt you will receive such information as will enable you to make sufficient provision for the present crisis, and it will afford me much satisfaction when you adopt some efficient measure to provide for the future distribution of Poor Relief.

I have also to thank you for your assurance that ample means shall be provided to meet the various requirements of the public service, while at the same time you will "feel it your duty to uphold the principles of economy in the appropriations of the Public Revenue."

In regard to the Fishery question, I can only repeat what I stated at the opening of the Session, and have directed the short Despatch to