

“ We forbear to enlarge upon the effects which a change of the existing policy with regard to the Colonial Wood Trade would have upon the general interests of the Empire, in its bearing upon the shipping interests, and as a nursery for British Seamen; these are topics upon which Your Majesty’s Ministers must have far more extended means of information, than are within our reach. But there is one most important consideration connected with this trade, which we cannot refrain from distinctly bringing to notice, and that is, the facility which it affords for the emigration to these Colonies of the surplus population of the United Kingdom, and the means of employment which it lays open to the emigrant after his arrival in the Colony ; circumstances which we do not hesitate to declare are both of them absolutely essential to the continuance of that tide of emigration, which now so fortunately both for the Mother Country and the Colonies, is directing its course to these British American shores. If the Colonial Wood Trade cease, there will be neither ships to bring out the Emigrants, nor business in the Colonies to give them wages for their labour, until they can clear and cultivate their lands, nor a market for the produce of the soil, after their cultivation of it has rendered it productive.

“ The Council and Assembly, therefore, most humbly implore Your Majesty to take the foregoing circumstances into Your most gracious consideration, and earnestly pray, that Your Majesty’s Government may not be induced to alter the present system of protection to the Colonial Wood Trade, which is so vitally important to the interests of these North American Provinces, as constituent parts of the British Empire.

“ And as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.”

Mr. Shore, by command of His Honor the President, laid before the Council a Report of Benjamin L. Peters, Esquire, Commissioner for expending the sum of three hundred pounds, in opening a new road through the Great Marsh at Saint John, together with sundry documents connected therewith; also,

Report of the Commissioners of Campo Bello Light House, accompanied with their accounts and vouchers.

ORDERED, That the said Documents lie on the Table.

Message from the Assembly, by Mr. Partelow, that they have agreed to the Joint Address to be presented to His Majesty’s Government, upon the subject of duties on Foreign Wood.

Mr. Partelow also communicated the following Resolution and Order :—

“ *House of Assembly, Saturday, 19th February, 1831.*

“ Whereas a Resolution passed this House on the 12th instant, that an humble and dutiful Address of condolence be presented to His Majesty on the death of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, and of congratulation on His Majesty’s accession to the throne : And whereas it is desirable that such should be a Joint Address of the Council and Assembly :

“ Therefore Resolved, that His Majesty’s Council be requested to join the House of Assembly in the Address.

“ ORDERED, that Mr. Partelow communicate this Resolution to the Council, and request