

and while we shall always be found ready to co-operate in the endeavour to reform any acknowledged abuse, we shall feel it to be as much at variance with our duty to our Sovereign, and to her Majesty's loyal subjects of this colony, to acquiesce in any measure which may appear to us to be inconsistent with any acknowledged constitutional principle, as it would be to sanction any infraction of the known laws of the land. I would finally record my conviction that by no other course of proceeding than that which has been the object of the preceding observations and suggestions to urge upon your consideration, can the loyal inhabitants of this ancient possession of the British Crown be so effectually rescued from the imputation which it has been sought to affix upon them, of being less fitted than their fellow subjects of the neighbouring Provinces for the due exercise of those privileges, which are conferred by the usual Representative form of Constitution.

If any material point to which I may have omitted to advert, should arise or suggest itself in the course of the session, it shall be made the subject of a communication with you by message,—& I feel that I cannot close this lengthened address in a manner more in accordance with my own feelings, as well as with my sense of public duty, than by inviting on your part the most free and unreserved communication with me whenever you may be of opinion that the advancement of any question connected with the public interests can be thereby promoted or facilitated.

On motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Munn,

Resolved,—That an address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, thanking his Excellency for his gracious speech at the opening of the session, and that a committee be appointed to prepare the same.

Address of thanks voted

Ordered,—That Mr. Barnes, Mr. Munn, the Hon. Mr. Row, the Hon. Mr. Tobin, and Mr. Nugent, do form such committee.

Committee to prepare.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Carter, moved,

That Edward Mortimer Archibald, Esq., be elected and take his place as Clerk of this House ;—which being put, the Hon. Mr. Carson, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Kent, moved,

E. M. Archibald proposed as Clerk.

That Robert Roberts Wakelam, Esq. be re-appointed Clerk of this House.

R. R. Wakeham proposed as Clerk.

A lengthened debate having ensued—

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Noad, seconded by Mr. Nugent,

Ordered,—That the debate be adjourned.

Moved by Mr. Nugent, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Kent,

That this House do adjourn until Saturday next.

Mr. Barnes, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Carter, moved,

That the words “ Saturday next ” be struck out, and “ To-morrow ” be substituted in lieu thereof.

Which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment ten, against it nine.