

force and actively operating at length to public good.

"The requisite steps are now taking for carrying into effect the establishing a Meridian Line, under the Statute so long since passed for that purpose, the intended salutary consequences of which measure cannot fail to produce advantage to landed property, by identifying it and thereby rendering it secure to the possessor.

"A commencement is about to take place without delay of a system of necessary Education on the National plan, highly conducive to the interests of the rising generation, and which will be supported on my part in every reasonable degree that the pecuniary means at my disposal may be considered equal to.

"Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

"I have directed that every information you can desire may be furnished you relative to the Public Accounts. The economy with which the slender Revenue of the Colony has been administered, enables me to state that a considerable sum is now under actual appropriation for the use of the Public Roads. That expenditure has actually commenced and will be liberally continued this year as far as can be spared from the other branches of the public service.

"Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,

"Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

"I am not aware that the Legislative matters of moment press for immediate attention, and as a long attendance at this season may be productive of inconvenience, should that be the case, a representation to that effect, would assuredly meet with due regard, but in so saying, I am desirous to be understood, that the long or short duration of the present Session may be very much regulated by your own wish.

C. D. SMITH,
Lt. Govr."

July 25th, 1820.

On Motion of Samuel Nelson, Esq. seconded by Theophilus Chappell, Esq. Mr. James Bagnall, was chosen Clerk to the House, and took the usual Oaths and his seat.

Ewen Cameron, Esq. moved that the Revd. Theophilus Desbrisay, be appointed Chaplain to this House, and that the Clerk do wait upon him and request his attendance to read Prayers each morning before the House proceed to business

which motion being seconded by Mr. Montgomery, was ordered accordingly.

On Motion of Alexr. Campbell, Esq. seconded by David Murray, Esq. Mr. John Robinson, was appointed Sergeant at Arms.

On Motion of David Murray, Esq. seconded by Alexr. Campbell, Esq. Mr. George Mabey, was appointed Messenger to the House.

On Motion of Mr. Mabey, seconded by Mr. Worrell, Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, Mr. Mabey, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Worrell, and Mr. Cambridge, were appointed for that purpose.

On Motion of Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Worrell, Ordered, That the Standing Rules of the late House of Assembly be read, which was accordingly done by the Clerk.

On Motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Murray, That ten Members and the Speaker, do form a House for the Dispatch of Business, the House divided,

For the Motion,

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Murray,
Mr. Mabey, Mr. Cambridge,
Mr. Montgomery,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Hyde, Mr. Worrell,
Mr. Cameron, Mr. Nelson,
Mr. M'Ewen, Mr. Chappell,
Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Coffin,

So it was carried in the negative.

The following Rules were then read and adopted :

FIRST.—That Eight Members and the Speaker shall constitute and form a full House for the Dispatch of Business.

SECOND.—When the Speaker assumes the Chair, every Member to take his place, privileged to keep his head covered when seated only.

THIRD.—No Member upon coming into the House, or in removing from his place, is to pass between the Speaker and any other Member then speaking.

FOURTH.—When any Member intends to speak, he is to stand up with his head uncovered, and address himself to the Speaker.