

"We feel highly grateful for your Excellency's care and vigilance, in sending a confidential dispatch to Halifax, as well as for the kind and cordial assurances of His Excellency the Lieutenant General commanding there, and the Admiral, that this Island shall have such protection, as the conjunctures of affairs may require.

"We shall immediately turn our attention to that primary and most pressing object, of our duty, a revision and improvement of our Militia Laws, and Regulations; and we shall endeavor not only to evince our zeal and attachment to our most Excellent Sovereign, and our inestimable constitution, but also to foster the seeds of similar zeal and attachment, amongst all ranks of individuals comprising the Militia corps of this Island, whose spirit and activity, we are extremely gratified to find, has met your Excellency's approbation.

"The remaining objects pointed out by your Excellency for our consideration, we shall regard with due attention, and we shall particularly attend to the making necessary provision for any extraordinary expences, which may be requisite to be incurred, in the present critical circumstances; and to place as far as our limited means will permit, this his Majesty's Island, together with the landed and commercial concerns thereof, in a state of security against all manner of hostile depredations—willing, as we are; to shew ourselves worthy of the blessings hitherto enjoyed by us, under the gracious Reign of a pious and revered Monarch and the benign and happy Government of an active, dignified and August Regent.

RALPH BRECKEN, Speaker.

"Assembly Room, August 13, 1812."

*Ordered*, On Motion that a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of the House of Assembly; and that Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Hyde, and Mr. Curtis, do compose the said Committee.

*Ordered*, on Motion, That Mr. Birnie, be allowed to plead in defence, by himself, and Counsel, at the Bar of the House, on Friday next, and that orders be given for the attendance of John Frederick Holland, Captain George Shore, George Wright, Thomas A. Stayner, Caleb Sentiner, Thomas Alexander, Major Fitzmaurice, Samuel Hood, L. Shuttleworth, John Lewis, and William Knight, 104th Regiment, and Martin Heartz, as witnesses to give evidence, before the Committee on the subject of Mr. Roubel's Petition, on Friday next the 14th inst.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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FRIDAY, 14th AUGUST, 1812.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

Mr. Solicitor General from the Committee appointed to present an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respecting the Communications from the Colony Agent, and an Address respecting Militia allowances reported that the said Addresses had been presented, and His Excellency was pleased to say he would take the same into consideration, and afford to the House such information as was within his power on the subject.

Mr. Solicitor General, from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of the House, in answer to his Speech, reported that they had waited on his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, and he was pleased to say, he would be ready to receive the same, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.