

"tive Government, promptly and effectually, to call into action the force of the Country, whenever its defence or safety may require. And here I am happy to inform you, that, from my own observation of the progress made by the Militia, under the regulations appointed at the last Session of the General Assembly, I can have no doubt of their future zeal and alacrity, on every service to which they may be called, in discharge of the duties that bind them to their King and Country.

"In the course of last Summer, a detachment of the Troops has been employed on a part of the Road between Fredericton and St. John, which, upon careful examination, appeared most to require assistance. This service I trust will be found to have been faithfully and beneficially performed. Much, however, yet remains to be done on this, and on the other public Roads; to which I doubt not you will give all due attention.

"Gentlemen of the Assembly,

"I have directed the Treasurer's Accounts, with such other documents as may be requisite for your information, to be laid before you. Among these will be found an Account of the expences lately incurred (part of which are yet unpaid) and an Estimate of what appears further to be wanted on the Road to Saint John, for which I rely on your making adequate Provision.

"Gentlemen of the Council,

"and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

"Such further objects as I may have to propose, shall, in the course of the Session, be communicated by Message. In the mean time, I rely, with confidence, on your proceeding with zeal and mutual harmony in the dispatch of Public Business."

The House then returned to their Chamber. Read the first time a Bill to facilitate the communication of the different Roads in this Province.

On Motion of Mr. *Wetmore*, Resolved, that an Address be presented to His HONOR the PRESIDENT, in answer to his Speech.

Ordered, that Mr. *Wetmore*, Mr. *R. Pagan*, Mr. *Allen*, and Mr. *Campbell* be a Committee to prepare said Address.

The House in Committee, Mr. *W. Pagan* in the Chair, went into consideration of His HONOR the PRESIDENT's Speech. The *Speaker* resumed the Chair, the Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of His HONOR the PRESIDENT's Speech, and that it was their opinion, that a Committee should be appointed to revise the Militia Law; and also to examine what Laws are near expiring. Ordered, that Mr. *Peters*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *M'Donald*, and Mr. *Humbert* be a Committee for revising the Militia Law. Also, that General *Coffin*, Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Fraser* be a Committee to examine what Laws are near expiring.

On Motion of Mr. *Wetmore*, Resolved, that the Reverend Mr. *Bisset* be appointed Chaplain to this House.

The *Speaker* stated to the House, that during recess and since the dissolution of the last House, he had received several letters from *E. G. Lutwyche*, Esquire, Agent for the Province, which were handed to the Clerk, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, that the further consideration of His HONOR the PRESIDENT's Speech be postponed till to-morrow.

The House Adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

TUESDAY,