

THE HOUSE then waited on His Honor the PRESIDENT with their Address in answer to His Speech, and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reported that, His Honor was pleased to reply as follows, to wit:

"Gentlemen,

"I thank you for this Address, and with pleasure anticipate the success of your endeavours to attain those public benefits which are now the subject of your deliberations."

Mr. *Robinson* moved for leave to bring in "A Bill for the more effectual punishment of such persons as shall seduce Soldiers to desert," which was read the first time. Ordered, that it be read a second time; and thereupon Ordered, that it be committed.

PETITION is received and read, and Ordered to lay on the table, from *Andrew Crookshank*, praying that a drawback be allowed on Brandy he had imported, as on other dutiable articles in this Province.

THE Committee appointed to enquire what laws have or are near expiring reported that, an act, intituled an act to continue sundry acts of the General Assembly that are near expiring made and passed in the 43d year of His Majesty's reign, will expire on the first day of April 1808. An Act to prevent the importation and sale of goods by persons not His Majesty's subjects, made and passed in the 45th year of His Majesty's reign will expire on the fifth day of March 1808. And that an act intituled an act to continue an act made and passed in the 43d year of His Majesty's reign, intituled an act for raising a revenue in this Province will expire on the first day of April of the present year.

THE HOUSE is adjourned until to-morrow at Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon.

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WEDNESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

PRAYERS.

READ the second time "A Bill for the more easy and effectual mode of foreclosing Mortgages." Ordered, that the said Bill be committed.

Mr. *W. Pagan* by leave brought in "A Bill for regulating and establishing the times and places for holding the terms, and sittings of the Supreme Court," which was read the first time.

THE HOUSE in committee, Mr. *M'Lean* in the chair, went into the consideration of "A Bill for the more effectual punishment of such persons as shall seduce Soldiers to desert." Mr. *Speaker* having resumed the chair, the chairman reported, that the committee had agreed to the same, which report is accepted. Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed.

THE HOUSE is adjourned until to-morrow at Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon.

THURSDAY,