

You will be glad to observe, with satisfaction, that the whole question of the Land tenures, together with that of the Fisheries, has engaged the anxious attention of the Secretary of State; and I would earnestly recommend to your consideration his suggestion for facilitating the equitable adjustment of those difficulties which have so long retarded the prosperity of the Colony.

Having some time since tendered my resignation of the post which I have had the honor of occupying in this Island for nearly five years, my services will be employed in another position of Her Majesty's Colonial possessions. My Successor in this Government is appointed, and the further proceedings for giving effect to the remaining arrangements, which have been delayed by the state of the navigation, may be expected to be completed at an early date.

I trust you feel assured of my unabated desire earnestly to co-operate with you in your endeavors to promote the general welfare.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1859.

### NOTICES COPIED FROM THE ORDER BOOK.

#### FORMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

"April 13th, 1859.—Mr. Swabey gives notice that he will, on Monday the 20th instant, call the attention of the House to the formation of the Government of the Colony, and propose an address to Her Majesty the Queen relating thereto."

#### VACCINATION—SMALL POX.

Mr. Johnson gives notice that he will, on Friday, ask permission to bring in a Bill to encourage and facilitate Vaccination in Prince Edward Island, in order to the amelioration and prevention of the dangers of Small Pox—and also move for the production of papers and correspondence relating thereto.

#### ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

HON. COL. SWABEY, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported the draft thereof.

#### TENDERS FOR PRINTING THE JOURNALS.

HON. Mr. ALDOUS, from the Committee appointed to receive Tenders for printing the Journals of this House of the present session, reported that the Committee had received five Tenders, which are as follows:

First—From Mr. James J. Rice—offering to perform the work for the sum of Nineteen shillings and ten pence per sheet of four pages, and to bind the same for the sum of 3s. 9d. each copy.

Second—From Mr. James Barrett Cooper—offering to perform the work for 19s. 6d. per sheet of four pages, and to bind each copy for the sum of 3s. 6d.

Third—From Mr. William Malone—offering to perform the work for the sum of 17s. per sheet, and to bind each copy for the sum of 3s. 6d.

Fourth—From Messrs. Walsh & Grant—offering to perform the work for the sum of Twenty shillings per sheet, and the sum of 3s. 6d. for binding and stitching each copy.

Fifth—From Mr. John S. Bremner—offering to perform the work for the sum of Seventeen shillings per sheet, and three shillings for binding each copy.

Mr. Bremner's Tender, being the lowest, was accepted by the House.

THURSDAY, 14th April, 1859.

#### ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

The Address of the House to His Excellency, as below given, was agreed to in Committee of the whole, reported, and ordered to be engrossed.

To His Excellency, Sir Dominick Daly, Knight, Lieut. Governor, &c., &c., &c.

The humble Address of Her Majesty's Legislative Council in General Assembly convened—

May it please Your Excellency, we her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council in General Assembly convened, beg to offer our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present session.

We beg to assure Your Excellency of our readiness under the circumstances of the country, to devote our time cheerfully and diligently to the adoption of such measures as may be necessary to sustain public credit.

We rejoice to find that, notwithstanding the great difficulties which have oppressed and limited the movements of the commercial world; the deficiencies in the revenue of the Island are far less than at such a crisis might have been reasonably apprehended; and we trust the embarrassment which we have shared in common with the rest of the world will soon disappear.

We hope that those difficulties to which Your Excellency has alluded will in some measure receive alleviation from the happy circumstance that the labours of the agricultural population have, through divine favour, been blessed with a plentiful harvest.

The progressive increase of the Fisheries, though by no means commensurate with the capabilities of the Colony, affords satisfactory hope that this source of prosperity may be at length rendered available.

The question of a Federal Union of Her Majesty's North American Provinces is one beset with difficulties; but should any proposition, suited to the isolated position of this Island, be moved on this subject it will receive our anxious consideration.

When we shall obtain official knowledge of the Despatches of Her Majesty's Colonial Minister, to which Your Excellency makes allusion, they shall receive our careful attention.

We learn with regret of Your Excellency's intended departure from our shores. Wherever Providence may guide your steps we trust that health and happiness may attend Your Excellency; and we cannot seize this opportunity to pass without conveying to Your Excellency the expression of our highest sense of the strict impartiality with which, under circumstances of much difficulty, you have exercised Her Majesty's authority in this Island, not only with credit to yourself, but also to the satisfaction of a large majority of the inhabitants of this loyal Colony.

It was ordered that the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1859.

### ADDRESS IN ANSWER TO THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Mr. DOUSE moved the order of the day, that the House go into Committee on the draft Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

The draft having been read, Mr. Conroy was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

The first five paragraphs passed without opposition or comment.