

Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency with their Address, pursuant to the Resolution of this day.

And being returned.

Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to give this Answer :

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

**I** THANK you for this Address, conveying to me the assurance of your continued support and co-operation in the great public trust committed to us.

The prosperity of the Province has been, and still will be, the great object of my endeavours ; and it is always gratifying to me to find my humble efforts so cordially assisted by the House of Assembly.

DALHOUSIE.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

*Monday, 14th February, 1820.*

#### PRAYERS.

A Petition of Jehu Mosher was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, setting forth that the Petitioner is one of the Securities for Nicholas Mosher and Jehu Mosher, junior, contractors for building a Bridge over Cornwallis River. That in consequence of the Contractors failing to perform their Contract, he is now confined in the Jail at Windsor, at the suit of the the Commissioners ; and praying that the House will be pleased to permit him to re-build the said Bridge, upon his giving ample security to the Commissioners for the performance of the work, or afford him such relief in the premises as to them may seem meet.

A Petition of A. Cunard & Son, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, encouraged by the vote of the House in the last Session, fitted out and employed a Vessel at a very heavy expense in the Northern Whale Fishery, which has returned unsuccessful. That the Petitioners, not discouraged by the failure of this first attempt, have again fitted out a vessel for the South Sea Fishery, and furnished her with Provisions and Stores requisite for a voyage of fifteen Months, and praying the further encouragement and aid of the House in such way as to the House may seem meet.

*Ordered,* That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to continue the several Acts for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province : and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the several Laws relating to the Revenue, and to report, if, in their opinion, any, and what, alteration shall be made, in order to obtain a more efficient mode of securing and collecting the Revenue.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Prescott, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Roach, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved,* That this House will, on Wednesday next, take into consideration His Excellency the Governor in Chief's Speech at the opening of the Session.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill in addition to the several Acts, now in force, relating to the Office of Sheriff.

Mr.