

" *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

" I have directed the Treasurer's accounts and such other documents as may be required for your further information, to be laid before you. From the state of the Treasury I am happy to find the Revenue has, in the last, been more productive than any former year.

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" While we lament the infatuation by which the Government of the United States has been led to take a course directly the reverse of that which every free people, in a similar situation, ought to have pursued, we have reason to hope this frenzy will not be of long duration. It broke out, in a declaration of War against His MAJESTY, at a time when the sanguinary usurper of France had become more than ever formidable in Europe, and his lust of universal dominion appeared to be no longer considered as a hopeless and romantic passion. In that moment the unnatural ambition of his American Partizans was fired with a hope of sharing in his expected triumph over that Country which alone continued with effect to resist his destructive career, the Country from which they were themselves descended. But a merciful providence has since opened a prospect which may well animate the courage and the hopes of suffering nations. The glorious successes which have crowned the Arms of His MAJESTY and of his reviving Allies in Europe, and the disappointed efforts of unprovoked hostility in America, may with reason be considered as pledges of a 'Consummation devoutly to be wished' in which the wise and good of every Country will rejoice to see a general restoration of peace and independence to those nations which have so long suffered the horrors of revolution, oppression and desolation.

" In the mean time whatever may be the course of approaching events, it will be most sincerely my ambition to contribute, by every means in my power, to the security and prosperity of the Province committed to my administration."

On motion of Mr. P. Fraser, resolved that an address be presented to His HONOR the PRESIDENT in answer to his Speech. Ordered, that Mr. W. Pagan, Mr. Leonard, and Mr. P. Fraser, be a committee to prepare the same.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of JANUARY, 1814.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Capt. Agnew, ordered, that the Speaker do issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in General Assembly for the County of York, in the room of Duncan M'Leod, Esquire, deceased.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Crown or his Deputy do attend this House forthwith, with the last Writ issued to the Sheriff of the County of Westmorland, for the election of a Member, for the said County, and the return thereto.

The House in committee Mr. Leonard in the chair, went into consideration of His HONOR the PRESIDENT's Speech. The Speaker resumed the chair, and the chairman reported progress, and that the committee were of opinion, that a committee should be appointed to examine what Laws are near expiring, and report thereon further, and a committee to revise the Militia Law, whereupon ordered, that the consideration of His HONOR the PRESIDENT'S