

Message from Governor.

A messenger from his Excellency the Administrator of the Government by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government commands the immediate attendance of this honorable House in the Council Chamber.

House attend.

Accordingly,

Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber,

And being returned,

Bills assented to.

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, when his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to ten bills, passed in the present session, entitled as follows :

An act to vest in the Board of Works certain public property ;

An act to incorporate the house joiners' union society of Halifax ;

An act to amend the act to provide for the erection of a court house in Halifax ;

An act to amend the act to incorporate the Nova Scotia marine insurance company ;

An act to incorporate the people's bank of Halifax ;

An act to amend the act for establishing a public cemetery in the town of Yarmouth, and for other purposes ;

An act to authorize the sale of the academy lot and building in the town of Yarmouth ;

An act to continue and amend the law imposing customs duties ;

An act to continue the act for imposing an excise duty on certain articles manufactured within this province ;

An act to continue and amend the law imposing light house duties.

Papers rel. to Chesapeake presented.

The hon. the Attorney General, by command of his Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the house, copy of a despatch from the British Minister at Washington to Major-General Doyle, dated 29th February last, transmitting copy of despatch from the Secretary of State of the United States to the United States Consul at Halifax, approving of the conduct of Major General Doyle in relation to the steamer Chesapeake ; and the same was read by the Clerk ;

(See Appendix—Chesapeake.)

Ordered, That the despatch do lie on the table.

And thereupon,

On motion of the honorable the Attorney General,

Address moved to General Doyle.

Resolved unanimously, That the following address be adopted by this House, to be presented to his Excellency Major-General Charles Hastings Doyle, Administrator of the Government.

*To His Excellency Major-General CHARLES HASTINGS DOYLE,
Administrator of the Government and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia,
and its dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY IN SESSION CONVENED.

May it please your Excellency,—

The House of Assembly, in General Assembly convened, have learned with the highest satisfaction that the action of your Excellency in relation to the trying and important questions connected with the American Steamship *Chesapeake*, has obtained the warm approval of the Imperial Government, as manifested in the despatch of his Grace the Colonial Secretary yesterday laid on the table of this House.

We desire to express our gratification that at a crisis so important, the duty of representing her Gracious Majesty should have devolved upon an officer who, while maintaining the dignity of the Crown and the rights of her Majesty's subjects, has not lost sight of the just claims of a friendly Government, and whose conduct has secured the expression of the favorable consideration not only of the Imperial Government, but of that of the United States; and to whose prudence and firmness so much has been due in preserving friendly relations with a neighbouring State, which could not be disturbed without the most disastrous consequences.