

Blue Books for the years 1838 to 1844, in so far as may be practicable. He wishes it to be understood, that he cannot, as a general rule, undertake to furnish copies of documents extending over a series of years prior to his assumption of the Government, and which the Assemblies of the day should have procured at the proper time. A Copy of the Annual Blue Book will, as a matter of course, be regularly presented to the House. The same observations apply to Accounts of Fees received by Private Secretaries, which shall be furnished.

The Lieutenant Governor knows nothing of Commissions from his predecessors to their Private Secretaries. In his own case, he begs to decline compliance with the request of the Assembly.

Mr. *Davies*, from the Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address praying for a copy of the Contract relating to the Charlottetown Ferry, and the plying of a Steamboat thereon,

with any other documents relating to the same, reported the delivery thereof, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, he would comply with the desire of the House.

Then the House adjourned for one hour ;

And being met —

Mr. *Coles*, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the several Acts therein mentioned, presented to the House a Bill, as prepared by the Committee ; and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Ten o'clock.

## THURSDAY, March 14, 1850.

**T**HE Hon. Mr. *Thornton*, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House the following Documents, viz :

The Blue Book for the year 1848.

Copies of Imperial Acts, intituled as follows :

*An Act to amend the Laws in force for the encouragement of British Shipping and Navigation.*

*An Act for regulating the carriage of Passengers in Merchant Vessels.*

*An Act for enabling Colonial Legislatures to establish Inland Posts.*

Also, an Act passed by the Legislature of the Province of Canada, intituled *An Act to make provision for the management of the Post Office Department, whenever it shall be transferred to the Provincial Government.*

*Ordered*, That the said Documents do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Mr. *Thornton*, by like command, acquainted the House, that His Excellency had received, by last night's Mail, an important Despatch from the Colonial Minister, on the subject of Responsible Government ; and that His Excellency is desirous the House should suspend any proceedings contemplated by

them in consequence of His Excellency's Reply to their Address in answer to His Speech, until such time as the Despatch in question should be communicated to them, and which should be with as little delay as possible.

Mr. Speaker presented to the House the Impost Accounts for Charlottetown, for the past year.

Also, The Impost Accounts for the District of Crapaud.

Mr. *Jardine*, in his place, presented to the House the Impost Accounts for the District of Saint Peter's, for the past year.

*Ordered*, That the said Accounts be referred to the Committee appointed to examine and report on the Public Accounts.

*Francis Longworth*, Esquire, returned at the last General Election a Member for the Town and Royalty of Charlottetown, took the Oaths required by Law, and his Seat.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Thornton* have leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the laying out and altering of Highways.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was read the first