

I have it in command to acquaint you that His Majesty has been graciously pleased, on account of the late much encreased, and still encreasing Judicial Duties of the Province, to relieve, at their own request, the Puisne Judges from their Seats in the Executive and Legislative Councils, and at the same time to express to those Honorable and distinguished Individuals His Majesty's thanks and approbation, for the uniform and highly important services hitherto rendered by them, as Members of those bodies. And it is His Majesty's further pleasure to direct, that the present Judges do retain the rank and privileges appertaining to Members of Council.

In compliance with an Address of the House of Assembly, made last Session, I caused the appointment of a Commission to be issued, for investigating the Forms and Proceedings of the Common and Civil Law Courts, and other Judicial Institutions of the Province—its Report I shall direct to be laid before you.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency in answer to His Speech at the opening of this Session.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Partelow, Mr. Kinnear and Mr. Chandler, be a Committee to prepare the Address.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to whom may be referred all matters which may hereafter arise that may in any way be supposed to affect the Privileges of this House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Chandler, Mr. Simonds, Mr. Kinnear, Mr. Weldon and Mr. Cunard, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Weldon,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine what Laws have lately expired or are near expiring, and report thereon to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Weldon, Mr. Slason, and Mr. Ward, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Simonds,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of Trade be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all matters which may in any way affect the Trade of the Province, and to report thereon from time to time to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Simonds, Mr. Cunard, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Wyer, and Mr. Slason, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Hayward,

*Ordered*, That *One hundred and fifty Copies* of His Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

*Resolved*, That a standing Committee be appointed to examine and report on Public and Private Accounts.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Partelow, Mr. Cunard, Mr. Ward, Mr. End, and Mr. Smith, be the Committee therefor.

On motion of Mr. J. Humbert,

*Ordered*, That the Journals of this House be daily printed, or as soon as a Copy thereof can be prepared by the Clerk, and that the Printer do furnish *One hundred and fifty Copies* thereof for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

*Resolved*, That no Petition be received or Bill brought in after the *twentieth* day of February next, except by special leave of the House.

On motion of Mr. Weldon,

*Ordered*, That the House do on Thursday next, go into Committee of the whole, in consideration of His Excellency's Speech.

Mr.