

Writs to be issued for the new Elections, at that season which I conceived would be most convenient to the constituency: and I have now called you together for the dispatch of public business, when, I believe, you can best be spared from your private avocations.

I have great pleasure in congratulating you on the abundance which prevails throughout the Colony, in consequence of the late plentiful harvest, and on the effect it has had in so materially increasing the exports of agricultural produce.

I have also much satisfaction in announcing to you that, notwithstanding the reduction of duty on certain articles of Import, which the House of Assembly deemed it expedient to make in the last Session, the Revenue still exhibits an increase over that of the preceding year.

I have received several Despatches from Her Majesty's Government, on various subjects of general and local importance, the substance of which I shall take an early opportunity of laying before you. Among them is one containing the decision of the Crown on the subject of the Fishery Reserves.

Upon all other matters which I may, from time to time, deem essential to the public interests, I shall communicate with you by message.

The recent establishment of Georgetown as a Free Port, is a measure which, I trust, will add to the commercial prosperity of the Eastern Districts.

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

I shall cause the Public Accounts for the past year to be laid before you, at the earliest possible period: and, in submitting the Estimates for the current year, I entertain no doubt that you will make such provision to meet them as the public service may require.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Council.

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

As it is obvious that the interest of the Colony can only be advanced when a spirit of cordiality is preserved between the different branches of the Legislature, I rely with confidence on the continuance of that harmony which has hitherto marked their proceedings. For myself, I beg to assure you of my ready co-operation in every measure calculated to promote the improvement and welfare of the Colony.

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

WEDNESDAY, January 23, 1839.

RESOLVED, That a Committee of five Members be appointed, to prepare and report Standing Rules and Orders for the governance of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomson, Mr. Clark, Mr. J. S. Macdonald, Mr. Pope and Mr. Longworth do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee of three Members be appointed, to receive Tenders for the printing of the Journals of this House for the present Session, and to report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Clark, Mr. Hudson and Mr. J. S. Macdonald do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee of five Members be appointed, to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, the draught of an Address in answer to the Speech of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered yesterday to both Houses of the Legislature.

Ordered, That Mr. Palmer, Mr. Pope, Mr. J. S. Macdonald, Mr. Longworth and Mr. Clark do compose the said Committee.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Le Lacheur and Mr. Arbuckle do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, to revise the Journal of each day after the adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. Palmer, Mr. Longworth and Mr. Montgomery do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, to keep up a good correspondence between the two branches of the Legislature, and to report their proceedings from time to time, with power to send for persons, papers and records.