

The residue of the said Resolutions being again severally read, were, upon the question being separately put thereon, agreed to by the House.

The Chairman then acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—which the House agreed to.

*Ordered,* That Mr. D. Macdonald and Mr. Le Lacheur be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the Acts referred to in the above reported Resolutions.

The Hon. Mr. Pope, from the Committee appointed to receive proposals relative to the printing required by the House, reported, that only one Tender had been sent in, wherein Messrs. J. B. Cooper & Co. offer to print the Journals for this Session, at the rate of Two pounds fifteen shillings per sheet, of four pages—binding as usual—or were the printing made permanent during the continuance of the present House, offering to perform the work at the rate of Two pounds ten shillings per sheet.

A motion being made, that Messrs. J. B. Cooper & Co. be appointed Printers to this House, during the continuance of the present House, on the terms specified in the latter part of the proposal contained in the foregoing Tender;

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Then the House adjourned for one hour.

And being met—

A Message from the Legislative Council, by Mr. Desbrisay, their Acting Clerk:

‘COUNCIL CHAMBER,

‘Wednesday, 29th January, 1840.

‘RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed, to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to keep up a good correspondence between the two Houses of the Legislature, and to report their proceedings from time to time, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

‘Ordered, That the Honorables Mr. Brecken, Mr. Goodman and Mr. MacNutt do compose the said Committee.

‘Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the House of Assembly.’

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Rae, from the Special Committee, appointed to prepare and report the draught of an

Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to both Houses at the opening of the present Session, reported the draught of an Address, as prepared by the Committee—and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk’s Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

*To His Excellency SIR CHARLES AUGUSTUS FITZ ROY, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty’s Island Prince Edward, and its Dependencies, Chancellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.*

May it please your Excellency;

We the Representatives of the people of Prince Edward Island, in General Assembly convened, respectfully offer your Excellency our thanks for your Speech, delivered at the commencement of the present Session, and for calling us together, in our public capacity, at that season when the relinquishment of our private avocations will be productive of less inconvenience than at any other period.

We share with your Excellency in the feeling of gratitude to the Giver of all good, for having rewarded the labours of the husbandmen with such a harvest as is amply sufficient for the maintenance of the inhabitants; and being well aware that the industry of those who clear away the forest and cultivate the ground has produced almost the whole of whatever property is to be found in the country, and that the due encouragement of these is necessary for developing its natural resources, we trust that the emigrants who have in the past year reached our shores will ultimately find their industry recompensed by the attainment of a comfortable and secure settlement as farmers.

We feel satisfaction at the increase of the Revenue, arising from the Customs, as it may enable the Legislature to dispense with any new tax, and even to lighten some of those at present in operation.

In regard to the grant of £1500, for the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum, we feel pleasure that some provision can now be made for alleviating the distress in which families have been plunged by any of their members being visited by such a calamity; and trust that the measures to be taken by your Excellency in this matter will result in the erection of a building properly located, suitable to the purpose, and not soon requiring alteration or repair.

As your Excellency has given us to understand that the Public Accounts will be laid before us at the earliest period, we trust that the investigation of them will soon be completed. In regard to any necessary expenditure on Roads and Bridges, over and above the sum appropriated for that purpose, we will cheerfully take such steps as are in our power for its being made good, as well as in providing for the expenditure of the current year.

Whatever communications from the Imperial Government your Excellency may cause to be laid before us,