

**11th February, 1857.**

**HIS EXCELLENCY CHARLES HENRY DARLING, ESQUIRE, Governor.**

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The Minutes of yesterday were read.

At a quarter past eleven o'clock, the House proceeded to the Government House with its Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

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At noon the House having returned, the Honorable the PRESIDENT reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to return an answer thereto in the following words :—

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :*

I am glad to receive the testimony which your Address affords, to the successful result of the last year's Fishery ; and the favorable effects upon the condition of our people, of the high value which the staple exports have recently borne in Foreign Markets ; as so far confirming the opinions in respect to the economical position of the Colony, which I expressed at the opening of the Session.

Governor's reply thereto.

In offering to you the assurance of my earnest wish, that the course of Public Affairs in Newfoundland may be marked by augmented and uninterrupted prosperity, I avail myself of the occasion to inform you, that my personal connection with the administration of those affairs is about to terminate, Her Majesty having been pleased to nominate Sir Alexander Bannerman, now Governor of the Bahama Islands, to the Government of this Colony ; and it being at the same time Her Majesty's gracious intention to appoint me to the Government of the Island of Jamaica.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Friday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

House adjourns.