

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.

Ordered, That the said draught Address be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. D. Macdonald took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again; which the House agreed to.

Mr. J. Longworth, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House the Report of the Commissioners appointed under the provisions of the Act 11th Vic. cap 32, intituled "An Act for reprinting the Laws of this Island."

Ordered, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

[For said Report, see Appendix (A.)]

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

THURSDAY, February 22, 1849.

RESOLVED, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into further consideration 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.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. D. Macdonald took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. D. Macdonald reported that the Committee had gone into the consideration of the draught Address, paragraph by paragraph, had amended and then adopted the same, and the said draught Address, so amended, was again read at the Clerk's Table, and is as followeth:—

To His Excellency SIR DONALD CAMPBELL, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency;

We the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, in Colonial Parliament convened, respectfully thank your Excellency for your Speech delivered at the opening of the present Session.

We beg to assure your Excellency, that upon all questions which shall engage our attention, the desire of promoting the Public good shall be the constant object of our deliberations.

It is gratifying to learn that Her Majesty has graciously assented to all the important Bills which were passed last Session.

We fully trust that the advantages already derived from the Bill to provide for the better Administration of Justice may prove to be permanent in their endurance.

We will be ready to receive and devote our attention to the Despatch communicating the views of Her Majesty's Government respecting the payment of the Civil Establishment of the Island, as well as to such other Despatches as your Excellency has received connected with the present and future interests of the Colony.

The state of the Public Roads and Bridges, which, as respects many parts of the Island, your Excellency is enabled to speak of from personal observation, shall receive our consideration; and, being fully aware how conducive good Roads are to the prosperity of a new country, we shall proceed to review the Laws on this subject thereby to ascertain whether the present system by which they are managed may not be susceptible of much improvement.

The want of additional regulations for insuring protection to person and property in Charlottetown, owing to its increased population and extensive intercourse with the interior of the Island, would, doubtless, be best supplied by some provision in the nature