

which I have recommended to your notice. It will, at all times, be no less a pleasure than my duty to seek your counsel ; to strive to win your confidence, and so obtain your co-operation, that when our official connection shall terminate, we may look with mutual satisfaction at our common labours for a great end—permanently to advance the public welfare of the people among whom we live. I desire to remember that the various classes of society are interwoven by a web of such subtle character that they never can be wholly separated, and it cannot be the true interest of the community to promote the views of any one section at the expense of injury to others. I am well aware that it is only by careful investigation of the bearing of questions of social importance upon the general good, keeping in mind those disturbing influences which in small societies will vary the operation of the great laws of Political Economy, that the true principles which should govern legislative action can be ascertained. And I beg you to be assured that it is in this spirit of impartial enquiry that I have entered upon the new field of duty confided to my discretion.

Mr. WHITEWAY presented a Petition from D. Adams, of St. John's, which was received and read, praying for compensation for loss incurred by him in preparing a Photographic view of the landing of the Prince of Wales and suite at St. John's, in the year 1860.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

Mr. WHITEWAY gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the Petition of D. Adams, and to report thereon.

Mr. RORKE presented a Petition from Peter McKay and others, Constables, of Carbonear, which was received and read, praying for an increase of salary.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

Mr. RENOUF presented a Petition from James King and others, of Goat Cove, which was received and read, praying for a grant to complete the Road from thence to the Broad Cove Main Line.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

*(Documents from His Excellency the Governor.)*

THE HON. ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following Documents :—

Circular Despatch from Secretary of State, relative to the operation of Colonial Acts for the Incorporation of Banking Companies.

Report of Captain Hamilton, of H. M. S. *Vesuvius*, on the Fisheries, for the year 1864.

Report of the General Superintendent of the Fisheries, for the year 1864.

Report of the Officer in charge of Protecting the Fisheries at Cape John, for the year 1864.