

mitting to you by message, as affording the means of a more distinct explanation.

"It is particularly pleasing to me to be able to state to you, that, notwithstanding the great depression in a leading branch of the commerce of the Colony, and the embarrassments which have surrounded the mercantile World, a very considerable increase has taken place in the Revenue over that of the preceding year, which cannot fail to encourage you in the pursuit of such measures as may confirm and uphold so favourable a situation.

"These circumstances must also render you peculiarly anxious for the continuance of that harmony and unanimity which have marked your former proceedings, and which it is my most ardent desire to promote and maintain.

"J. READY,
Lt. Governor."

On motion of the *Attorney General*, it was ordered, that a Committee be appointed to draw up an address in answer to his Excellency's Speech. The *Attorney General*, Mr. *Cameron*, and Mr. *Cambridge*, were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, it was ordered, that the Rev. Lewis Charles Jenkins be appointed Chaplain to this House, in the room of the Rev. Thomas Adin, who has left the Island; and that the Clerk do notify Mr. Jenkins, and request his attendance to read prayers each morning before the House proceeds to business.

On motion of Mr. *Mabey*, it was ordered that a copy of the Journals be sent to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor each day as soon as possible after the adjournment, and that a copy be also sent to Mr. James D. Hazzard, Printer, and that he do furnish each member with a printed copy thereof as soon as possible.

On motion, it was ordered, that a Committee of four members be appointed to revise the Journals of the House each day after the adjournment. Mr. *Mabey*, Mr. *Cameron*, the *Attorney General*, and Mr. *Hodgson*, were accordingly appointed a Committee for that purpose.

A Communication was received from Mr. *Hodgson* stating his health to be such as to prevent him from attending to his duty as a member of this House.

Ordered, on motion, that a Committee be appointed to examine into and report upon such Laws as are about to expire. Mr. *Mabey*, Mr. *Cameron*, and Mr. *Campbell*,

were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of the *Attorney General*, it was ordered, that this House do, on Friday next, enter upon the consideration of the resolution of his Majesty's Council sent to this House on the 27th day of October 1825, the last day of the last Session.

The *Attorney General*, one of the Committee for purchasing Books, informed the House, that the Books purchased with the grant of money given for that purpose last Session were now on the table, and that in addition to the Books ordered to be purchased, the Committee has been enabled to purchase several other Books containing constitutional information, which are also now on the table.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, the following resolution was added to the Standing Rules of this House:

Resolved, That any member who absents himself for two Sessions successively, without leave of the House first obtained for that purpose, his seat may be declared vacant on the last day of the second Session.

Mr. *Cameron* stated that *William Pope*, Esq. the late High Sheriff of this Island, was prosecuted by Mr. *Nicholas Vass*, for the sum of £ for suffering the escape of Michael Burke, a late prisoner in execution, by having obeyed an order of the Speaker of this House to bring up the said Michael Burke to this House for examination, and moved, that the House do address his Excellency to instruct the *Attorney General* and *Robert Hodgson*, Esq. to defend the action: It was resolved, that this House do make good any expences attending the same, and stand pledged to hold the said Sheriff harmless from the consequences of said action. Ordered, and agreed to, accordingly.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.