

order of my notice, is far from being so in my estimation of its importance; after congratulating the Colony upon the possession of an Establishment created by its own liberality, where its youth can receive instruction in the higher branches, I would remark, that in the present day, a competent degree of Elementary Education is not only the gift which Parents, however humble their circumstances, would most wish to confer upon their Children, but may be regarded as almost a necessity, happily imposed upon us by the advanced condition of society in this respect, in the older countries of Europe. The obligation, therefore, appears to attach, with peculiar force, to the Legislature of every young and rising Colony, to grant such aid as may be necessary for placing this inestimable gift within the reach of all, upon terms such as their means may enable them to afford—and in inviting you to consider how far some practical improvement may not be introduced into the system upon which your District and Local Schools are at present conducted (whether by connecting them with the Central Academy as a 'Normal School,' for the instruction of the Teachers themselves; whether by raising both the stipends and the standard of qualification of the Teachers, even at the expense of a reduction of their numbers, or by any other well considered plan,) I venture to believe that the invitation will be met by a corresponding feeling on your part, of the great importance of the subject, upon which it only remains for me to assure you, that I will receive, with the sincere desire of being enabled to give effect to your wishes with His Majesty's Government, any suggestions which you may be pleased to make to me relative to the appropriation of the funds raised under a recent Provincial Statute for the general purposes of Education.

In conclusion, I deem it a duty, with equal earnestness and sincerity, to recommend to you—a recommendation which, I trust, may be received in the spirit in which it is offered—the unceasing cultivation of that harmony and unanimity by which your proceedings appear to have been governed during the last Session, and the absence of which, wherever it has unfortunately occurred, has invariably proved most detrimental to the public interests.

Resolved, That a Committee of three Members be appointed 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 Mr. Pope, Mr. Green and Mr. Thornton do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Pope do carry the said Message to the Council.

Resolved, That a Committee of five Members be appointed, to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, the draught of an Address in answer to the Speech of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered this day to both Houses of the Legislature.

Ordered, That Mr. Binns, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Pope, Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Palmer do compose the said Committee.

Mr. Pope moved, that the Reverend Louis C. Jenkins, Chaplain to this House, have notice to attend the House each morning during this Session, to read Prayers before the House proceeds to business.

The House divided on the question,

Yeas:

Mr. Pope,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Binns,	Mr. McCallum,
Mr. Green,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. James,	Mr. Palmer,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Thornton.

Nays:

Mr. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Le Lacheur.
Mr. Mackintosh,	

So it was carried in the affirmative—and
Ordered, accordingly.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The Honorable Thomas H. Haviland, by command of His Excellency, delivered the following Message:

J. HARVEY, Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor lays before the House of Assembly, copies of two Despatches, and an extract from a third Despatch, which he has received from the Right Honorable Lord Glenelg, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to which reference is made in his Speech delivered this day.

Government House, January 24th, 1837.