

Electors of Hesse, and of her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth with the hereditary Prince of Hesse Hombourg.

"We are particularly thankful to your Excellency, for the expression of your readiness to co-operate with us in measures for the advancement of the welfare of this Island, and we assure your Excellency, that nothing shall be wanting on our parts, to effect such measures as may conduce to that end, without suffering our deliberations to be retarded, either by party spirit, or personal animosity, of which your Excellency appears to be apprehensive. The gracious bounty of his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and his determination to reduce the Quit Rents exigible in this Island, has been received with such sentiments by all ranks of Proprietors here, that while it has enhanced their gratitude has more firmly cemented their attachment to the Person and Government of our beloved and most gracious Sovereign; at the same time we regret that it becomes our duty to state to your Excellency that the measures which were adopted here during the last winter to enforce payment of his Majesty's Quit Rents upon the original or old Scale, have produced the most distressing effects, particularly upon the lower classes of the community, arising chiefly from the ruinous costs and expences thereby incurred, while it appeared to the Inhabitants of this Colony by your Excellency's Proclamation dated 1st October 1816, that there was to be "a fixed Scale" and a new rate of Quit Rent to commence.

"We thank your Excellency for ordering the Public Accounts to be prepared and laid before us, to which we shall pay all due attention, and hope that this Branch of the Legislature will at no distant period in common with our neighbouring Colonies, have a Constitutional controlling power over at least part of the Public Monies of this Island.

"We are so truly sensible of the want of good Roads that we shall heartily do all in our power for their improvement, and deeply lament that the efforts of two branches of the Legislature, during the last Session of the General Assembly held in this Island, failed in meeting with your Excellency's concurrence, when they presented a Bill grounded as we understand on an Act now and for many years in force in the Province of Nova-Scotia, which has rendered the Roads excellent throughout that Province, and which Bill besides affording us Gaols in two of our Counties would have highly improved the Roads in the third.

"The Inhabitants of this Island, are infinitely indebted to Providence for conferring upon them the blessing of an abundant crop this season, and we hope, that with honesty, frugality, and industry, it will be acknowledged by them with gratitude to that Supreme Being from whom all blessings flow.

"We are happy to learn from your Excellency that the very important object of Printing the Laws of this Island, has been accomplished, and we are confident that the benefits resulting therefrom will be generally felt.

"We also return your Excellency our sincere thanks for your determination to meet such Bills as may be laid before you during this Session with very calm consideration, pure constitutional principles, and an earnest desire to do good and hinder evil, as we are convinced such disposition in your Excellency, will best accord with the genuine principles of our incomparable Constitution.

"ANGUS M^cAULAY,
Speaker.

"Assembly Room, Nov. 5, 1818."

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to draw up the Address, do wait upon his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to receive the same.

On Motion of Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Coffin*, That a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council to know at what time and place their Committee will be pleased to meet the Committee of this House on the subject of the Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.—Ordered accordingly.

Ordered, On Motion of Mr. *McLaren*, seconded by Mr. *Kelly*, That the Secretary or his Deputy, be ordered to attend this House with the late Writ of Election and Returns for King's County, forthwith.

On Motion of Mr. *McLaren*, seconded by Mr. *Coffin*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House as a Committee on Privileges and Elections to take into consideration the Petition of Fane Goff, Esq. complaining of an undue Return of Charles Worrell, Esq. as a Member for King's County,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Solicitor General, took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On Motion, Ordered, that the said Petition be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Adjourned till 6 o'clock this Evening.