

unfavorable to working on the Public Roads ; yet, I think, it will be acknowledged, that they are very considerably improved ; and that travelling has been rendered much more expeditious and commodious since the present system has been adopted. It having been represented to me, that some improvements might be made in our Light-Houses, likely to be beneficial to Mariners approaching this Coast, I feel it my duty to submit a matter of this importance to your consideration : and I will order the communications which have been made to me on this subject, to be laid before you.

Allow me to recommend, that the Public Business be entered upon, and expedited as much as possible, at the commencement of the Session : to avoid hurry when the usual period of prorogation approaches ; and rest assured, of my cordial co-operation and assistance in any beneficial measure that may be suggested in the course of your deliberations.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Solicitor General Robie, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Lawson, be a committee, to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Pyke, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Crane and Mr. Wells, be a committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a committee of His Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Marshall, be a committee to examine into and report on the expiring laws.

*Ordered*, That no Petition, of a private nature, be received after Tuesday, the 20th instant.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received, during the recess of the House, a Note from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, addressed to him, which he read to the House, and is as follows :

*Government-House, 16th June, 1815.*

SIR,

Herewith I transmit the copy of a Letter I have received from Earl Bathurst, by which you will perceive, that the Prince REGENT has been pleased to approve of my receiving the present of Plate, voted me by the House of Assembly at the close of the last Session : and I have the honor to signify to you, that I shall, in consequence, now accept, with great pleasure, the very handsome testimony offered by the Legislature, of the favorable opinion they were pleased to entertain of my conduct since I have had the honor of administering the Government of this Province. This token, of the sentiments of the House towards me, I shall appreciate the more highly from the conviction, that it would

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