

Whatever the amount of expenditure for this and other purposes, which you may see fit to sanction, I venture strongly to urge upon you the adoption of the sound principle of at once equalizing your annual income with that expenditure.

I commend the question of Public Education to your continued support; and I trust that you may find it compatible with other claims upon the Public Funds, to extend an increased measure of encouragement to Improvements in Agriculture and the introduction of superior Breeds of Stock.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

In reviewing the state of the Colonial Law, certain alterations intended to adapt it more perfectly to the requirements of the various classes of society appear desirable.

The measures which will be submitted to you for this purpose, relate to the Administration of Justice, to the Amendment of the Law of Evidence, and to the Legalization of the principle of Limited Liability in Co-partnerships, whether for special objects or ordinary purposes of Trade. Their importance to the community affords ample assurance that they will receive patient and attentive consideration at your hands.

The want of some effective local Organization for the better management and improvement of Towns and Communities, and the establishment of such sanitary and other regulations as usually exist in wealthy and populous Cities, is very generally acknowledged; and as it seems but just to the inhabitants of the Colony at large, that these and similar objects of a purely local character, should be provided for from local Resources,* I trust that your present Session will not terminate without the completion of a measure by which these principles may be carried into operation.

The Constitution of the Government now happily admits of the freest interchange of opinion between the Crown and the other Branches of the Legislature, and I earnestly hope, that in the exercise of this advantage, our united efforts may, with the Blessing of Providence, result in the increased prosperity of all classes of the People.

On motion of Mr. E. D. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HAYWARD,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address of Thanks in reply to the gracious Speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session.

Select Committee to prepare an Address of Thanks in reply to Governor's Speech.