

FRIDAY, April 10th, 1829.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

The Hon. *The Chief Justice*, President;

Honorables { *George Wright,*
Ambrose Lane,
T. H. Haviland,
Charles Worrell.

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Owen:

“Mr. President—The House of Assembly have agreed to the bill intituled “An act to amend an act made and passed in the 9th year of his present Majesty’s reign, intituled an act for establishing the Standard Weight of Grain and Pulse, and for appointing proper Officers for measuring and weighing the same:”—also, to the bill intituled “An act to regulate the laying out and altering of Highways, and to provide a mode of obtaining compensation for those who may thereby be injured, and to cause those who are benefited thereby to contribute towards their formation,”—as amended by his Majesty’s Council.”

“*In the House of Assembly, Friday, April 10th, 1829.*

“Resolved, That John Stewart, Esquire, Speaker, the Attorney General, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Dalrymple and Mr. Mabey, or any three of them, be a committee of correspondence, on behalf of this House, with the Colony Agent, John Bainbridge, Esquire, and that his Majesty’s Council be invited by Message to nominate a committee of their House to co-operate with the above named committee.

“*WILLIAM CULLEN, Clerk, H. A.*”

The Messenger then withdrew.

The Honorable T. H. Haviland, from the committee appointed to meet the committee of the House of Assembly in order to prepare a joint address to his Majesty, praying a remission of the arrears of Quit Rent due by this Island, and for permission to appropriate in future the proceeds of said Quit Rent as it may accrue due to purposes of internal improvement: and further to prepare a joint address to the Lieutenant Governor, requesting his Excellency to transmit the former to his Majesty’s Ministers; submitted draughts of the said addresses as agreed to by the joint committee, which being read by the Clerk, were approved of, and are as follows:

“TO THE KING’S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

“*May it please your Majesty:*

“We your Majesty’s most loyal and dutiful subjects the Members of your Majesty’s Council and House of Representatives of Prince Edward Island, in our Legislative capacity assembled, ardently attached to your Royal Person, and to the Constitution under which we have the happiness to live, are encouraged to make known the present distress of this Colony, relying on your Majesty’s parental kindness and sympathy for relief.

“We have learned with dismay that your Majesty has been advised to order the collection of the arrears of Quit Rent due by this Island, from the first day of January, One thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.

“While we acknowledge the justice of your Majesty’s claim, which we would most cheerfully discharge did our ability correspond with our inclination, we are constrained to declare (humiliating as the confession is) that the whole circulating medium of the Colony would be inadequate to meet one fourth part of this large and accumulated sum. Under those circumstances, were your Majesty’s present order enforced, the distress which must inevitably ensue would prove most calamitous to the Colony, and involve in utter ruin a large portion of its deserving and industrious population.