

this Island as well as for the neighbouring Colonies, "reciprocal and equivalent concessions in Trade" from the Government of the United States; and we would deeply regret if any circumstances should arise—either out of a more vigorous assertion of Colonial rights to the fisheries in question, or the assumption of a less friendly attitude than has hitherto been manifested towards the Citizens of the neighbouring Republic—that might be likely to impede or embarrass the proceedings which will be necessary to bring this negotiation to an amicable conclusion.

We readily admit that were the Government of Prince Edward Island the only party concerned in such a treaty with the Senate of the United States, the fishery question could soon be settled to the satisfaction of both; and whilst the inhabitants of the Colony would then reap the advantages of reciprocal Trade, the subjects of that friendly power would be at liberty to co-operate with them in turning to account the very important facilities which this Island possesses for prosecuting the fisheries and in occupying the numerous reserves, abutting on its sea shores, bays, harbours and creeks, where the tides ebb and flow, expressly granted and secured for fishery purposes by His late Majesty King George the third. We are happy to learn that your Excellency's Govern-

ment has caused a delineation to be made of the localities of those reserves, for the inspection of Her Majesty's Ministers; and we shall cheerfully give the subject our most deliberate and impartial consideration at an early period of the Session.

We are fully sensible of the advantages which must inevitably result to this Colony from the experiment which has been so far successfully tried, and which, we trust, will be more extensively carried out in the ensuing Summer, of connecting this Island by a Submarine Cable with the Island of Newfoundland and the vast Continent of America; and we sincerely hope that the Gentlemen who have so liberally embarked their capital in this great and spirited undertaking will receive from a generous and discerning public an ample return for their enterprise, expenditure, and skill.

In conclusion, we beg to thank your Excellency for your offer to communicate with us upon all subjects, and at all times, in order that we may expedite the Public Business, and promote the welfare of the people.

Ordered, That the said draft Address be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Saturday, February 12, 1853.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House the following papers, viz:—

Impost and Light Duty Accounts for the District of Colville Bay, for the past year.

An Account of the application of Moneys expended under the superintendence of the Commissioners for Prison Discipline for Queen's County, during the past year.

[For said Account, see Appendix (B).]

Ordered, That the said Impost and Light Duty Accounts be referred to the Committee appointed to examine and report on the Public Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Account of the Commissioners for Prison Discipline do lie on the Table.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee to take into consideration the draft Address reported from the special Committee, in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to both Houses, at the opening of the present Session, being read—

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Yeo took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair;

And Mr. Yeo reported that the Committee had gone through the Address reported from the special Committee, paragraph by paragraph, and had adopted the same without making any amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the whole House.

Ordered, That the same Committee who prepared the Address be a Committee to wait on His Excellency to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House with the Address.

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer, from the Committee appointed to receive Tenders for the printing of the Journals of the House, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which Report being again read at the Clerk's Table, was agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

The Committee appointed to receive Tenders for printing the Journals of the House during the present Session, have to report, that they have received three Tenders as follow:—

First—From Mr. John Ings, offering to perform the work at the rate of Twenty-two Shillings and Nine-pence per Sheet;