When the papers and correspondence relating to the fisheries have been laid before us, we hope to discover evidence of the zeal and energy displayed in the protection of our national rights, and your excellency may rely on our determination in future to enable the provincial government to the full extent of its means to co-operate with his excellency the naval commander in chief in rendering this branch of the public service more efficient.

Should the negotiations which are pending result in the opening of more extended markets for the productions of British America, we shall rejoice sincerely, though we should deprecate any concession of territorial advantages to the citizens of the United States,

without these are purchased by the most full and ample equivalents.

The public accounts shall receive careful investigation, and your excellency may rely upon our making suitable provision for the expenses of her majesty's government.

Your excellency has not over estimated the importance we attach to the construction of railways in Nova Scotia. While we keep steadily in view the honor and good faith of the province, we shall promptly examine the propositions which your excellency has promised to submit, and decide upon the policy by which, at the least expense and in the shortest time, our great thoroughfares may be enlivened by more scientific modes of transportation.

6°. The measures which may be submitted for the improvement of the great roads, the revision of the common school act, and the protection of the fisheries, shall be carefully considered, and we will rejoice if the anxious deliberations of this house, in disposing of questions so important, shall realize the hopes which your excellency has expressed.

The large proportion of the population of this country who are engaged in the cultivation of the soil, will learn with extreme satisfaction, that, in rational efforts to elevate their condition and increase their productive power, they are to have the countenance and cordial co-operation of their sovereign's representative; and we should inadequately reflect their sentiments, if we did not assure your excellency of our readiness to aid in maturing any measures, by which objects of such vital importance can be obtained.

The blessings of Divine Providence are indeed spread around us on every hand. We shall labor to acknowledge them, by seconding your excellency's effort to soothe the asperities incidental to public life and promote the prosperity of all classes throughout this

fine country.

Consideration postponed.

Which motion being seconded, Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be deferred until to-morrow.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at two of the clock.

FRIDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1853.

PRAYERS.

Com. on contingencies of house.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the incidental expenses of the house.

Ordered, That Mr. B. Smith, the hon. Mr. Henry, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Fulton, and Mr. S. Campbell, be a committee for that purpose.

Address in answer to speech considered.

Pursuant to order, the house proceeded to the consideration of the address, proposed and moved yesterday, in answer to the speech of his excellency the lieutenant-governor.

And the said address having been read, and Mr. S. Campbell having renewed his motion that the same do pass—such was seconded and propounded from the chair.

Read clause by clause

Ordered, That the same be again read and considered clause by clause.

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