

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council;  
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*

On subjects connected with the Public Service, which may appear to me to require your deliberation, I shall take fitting opportunities of laying before you such documents or elucidation as may enable you to form a right determination.

I cannot, however, refrain from expressing to you, that amongst the various considerations to which my recent observation of the Island has given rise, there is not one that at present more demands your attention, than the absence of any Mart in which the country people might interchange their surplus produce of every kind for other articles, and in which the out-port shipper might complete his purchases, without being obliged to travel, perhaps fruitlessly, to Charlotte-Town, or to other equally distant parts of the country.

The local experience of both Honorable Houses can best determine how far the evils or inconveniences attendant on Fairs in some parts of the Mother Country may be obviated here, by the agency of an efficient police, among a thinly scattered population, and how far their advantages would tend to supply for the present the insufficiency of one Town for the whole Island.

But whether this, or any other measure which may be suggested as a means of developing the public resources, be conducive or not to its purpose, I pray you to be assured, that the desire at least, to accomplish every object of benefit to the Colony, is ever alive in my heart.

The Speech being ended, His Excellency was pleased to retire:  
And the House of Assembly having withdrawn:

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, which, being read by the Clerk,

**RESOLVED**, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to return His Excellency the thanks of this House, for his Speech delivered this day.

Ordered, that the Honorables *Thomas Heath Haviland* and *The Attorney General* be a Committee to prepare a draught pursuant to the above resolution.

On motion, ordered, that the Honorables *A. Lane* and *Charles Worrell* be a Committee to revise the Journal of this House each day.

On motion, ordered, that the Honorables *George Wright* and *The Attorney General* be a Committee to examine into, and report upon such Laws as are near expiring.

On motion, ordered, that the Reverend *L. C. Jenkins* be appointed Chaplain, and that he be requested to attend His Majesty's Council to-morrow at One o'clock, and each succeeding day during the Session, for the purpose of reading Prayers.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor requiring the personal attendance of *J. P. Collins, Esquire*, the Clerk of the Council,

*Mr. John Ogle Nantes* was appointed to act as Clerk, during the present Session, and having taken the Oath of Allegiance and also the Oath of Office, took his seat accordingly.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock to-morrow.