

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

Mr. J. I. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal part of an Act, passed in the last Session, intitled, "An Act to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or Public Roads of the Province," and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know his pleasure when he would be pleased to receive the Address of the House, that the Committee had, pursuant to order, waited on His Excellency, and that His Excellency was pleased to appoint this day, a little after three of the clock, at the Government House.

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province, and for regulating and supporting the same: and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with their Address, pursuant to the Resolution of this day.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to give this Answer:

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

The sentiments conveyed in your Address are particularly acceptable to me.

While confidence and unanimity happily exist between the different branches of the Legislature, the interests of the Province can never be lost sight of; and you may rely on my continued exertions in the same course of public duty which I have hitherto pursued, and which I am exceedingly gratified to find meets with your approbation.

JAMES KEMPT.

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to direct in what cases Writs of Attachment shall hereafter issue, and to secure to Creditors a just and equal dividend and payment out of the Estate and Effects of their Debtors: and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of William Thompson was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is an Insolvent Debtor, has a wife and nine children, and is now confined in the County Jail of Halifax, at the suit of Christian Miller, and praying relief.

*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

*Resolved*, That no Petition of a private nature be received after Monday, the 3d day of March next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at Eleven of the Clock.

*Monday, 17th February, 1823.*

PRAYERS.

On motion, *resolved*, That the several Bills now before the House be read a second time on Wednesday next, the 19th instant.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the present Session.

Mr.