

FRIDAY, 5th February, 1819.

PRAYERS.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. *Agnew* moved for leave to bring in a Bill, "to Prevent the further Issuing and Circulation of Treasury Notes."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Speaker* reported, that the House had attended His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor* in the Council-Chamber, on Tuesday last, and that His Excellency made a Speech to both Houses---

Of which, Mr. *Speaker* said, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a Copy--- which he read to the House, and is as follows, to wit:---

"Gentlemen of the Council,

"and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

"The long continuance of the lamented indisposition of our beloved and venerable Sovereign, without any mitigation, must lead us to fear that the removal of His Majesty's malady is beyond the reach of all human means. The privation of the assiduous and devoted attention of his most faithful and affectionate Consort, will necessarily add much to His Majesty's afflictions.

"A period was put to the existence of our most gracious Queen on the 17th of last November, after a long life, in which Her Majesty, in the strict and steady performance of every duty, both of a public and private nature, exhibited one of the brightest examples for imitation. From the knowledge I have acquired of the sentiments of the inhabitants of this loyal Province, I feel quite confident, that all will sympathize with the Royal Family in their distress on this melancholy event.

"Turning our attention from these painful scenes, let me congratulate you upon the fair prospect afforded us of a durable Peace. As a proof of this, I may refer to the conduct of the great Potentates of Europe in their late Congress at Aix-la-Chapelle, which has led to the removal of the Army of Occupation from France and to a very great reduction of our own military force.

"We have good reason to hope that many, and indeed most of the points in difference with the United States of America, have been amicably adjusted by a Treaty lately negotiated in England.

"The present internal prosperity of the Province affords an ample subject for further congratulation. The abundant crops of the last harvest have revived the drooping spirits of the Farmer, and the great increase of the Revenue is one among many proofs of the flourishing state of the commerce of the Country.

"Our Roads are greatly improved, and the communications between several principal sections of the Province have been much facilitated, and rendered more commodious by the establishment of military and other Settlers on parts before in a wilderness state. The effects of the liberal Grants heretofore made for the support of Schools throughout the Province, must be very visible.

"For all these favors and blessings, I trust we shall feel highly grateful to the Supreme giver of all good.

"Gentlemen of the Assembly,

"By the Treasurer's accounts, which I have directed to be laid before you, you will perceive that the impost duties have been much more productive for the last than for the preceding year. This will afford additional means

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