

When the public Accounts come before us we shall pay due attention in making provision for the public expences pointed out by your Excellency, as far as the situation and circumstances of the Colony will admit of.

The confidence which your Excellency is pleased to place in our Loyalty and attachment to our most gracious Sovereign, and His Royal and illustrious Family, as also of our zeal to promote the good of His Service, we beg leave gratefully to acknowledge a due sense of---assuring you, Sir, of our earnest desire at all times to afford our best efforts for the good of His Majesty's Service, in general, and the prosperity and happiness of His Subjects in this Island.

ROBERT HODGSON, Speaker.

" Assembly Room, 11th March, 1808.

The House having returned the Speaker reported, That His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer, viz.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

PERMIT me to return you my sincere acknowledgments for your Address, and particularly for the strong and obliging assurances of your attention and concurrence, in the various important Objects I have recommended to your consideration.

Your Deliberations will, no doubt, be chiefly directed to such measures as may be most conducive to your general, as well as domestic safety and tranquility.

Relying as I do on your Loyalty and attachment to our most gracious Sovereign and His illustrious Royal Family, I am confident that you will in the present occasion and on all future emergencies readily exert your best efforts for the support and welfare of His Majesty's service....the maintenance of His just and mild Government and the prosperity and happiness of His faithful subjects in this His Island, and Gentlemen, for the accomplishment of these desirable objects, I will gladly rest my hopes on the energy and perseverance of your laudable and uniform endeavors.

Adjourned until Ten o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, March 14, 1808.

THE House met according to Adjournment....PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the heads of a new high Road Law, reported a draft which was laid on the Table.