

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

The limited period to which the Revenue Laws are continued being near at hand, that object will require your immediate attention. I have no doubt you will grant such Supplies as shall be necessary for the support of his Majesty's Government, and for increasing the prosperity and safety of the Province; for which purpose I have directed the proper Officers to lay before you the accounts of receipt and expenditure of the Revenue for the past year. If the means which the continuance of the present laws may provide for the exigencies of Government the ensuing year, should be inadequate, your experience will suggest such further aid as shall be necessary, and least inconvenient to the general interests of the Province.

*Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council, and House of Assembly:—*

In obedience to his Majesty's commands, I shall shortly proceed on a particular foreign service: it affords me satisfaction, that, during my temporary absence, the Civil Administration, in conformity to his Majesty's Instructions, will devolve to the Honorable ALEXANDER CROKE. The experience I have had of his knowledge, integrity and ability, leaves no doubt in my mind, but that his best exertions will be used to promote the honor of his Majesty's Government, and the true interest and welfare of the Province. To your confidence, therefore, I strongly recommend him; and I indulge every hope, that, on my return, I shall find the same unanimity prevailing in the several Departments, which, I have hitherto experienced.

GEORGE PREVOST.

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Robie and Mr. Tonge, be a committee to prepare an Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech.

*Resolved*, That no Petition, of a private nature, be received after Monday, the 5th day of December next.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM, Esq. returned duly elected as a Representative for the County of Sydney, took the usual oaths, and his seat.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Friday, 25th November, 1808.

PRAYERS.

The House met and adjourned until To-morrow, at One of the Clock.

Saturday, 26th November, 1808.

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Mr. Pyke presented to the House, an account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all monies received by him into, and payments by him made from, the Province Treasury, between the 31st October, 1807, and 31st October, 1808.

*Ordered*, That the account do lie on the table, to be perused by the members of the House.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Collins, Mr. Crane, and Mr. James, be a committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the public accounts, jointly with a committee of his Majesty's Council; and that the clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

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