

in reference to this valuable acquisition to our Military Forces.

The past year will be long remembered, as that in which our Queen sent her eldest Son to visit Her North American subjects. In your reception of the Prince of Wales, you testified an attachment to Her Throne as gratifying to His Royal Highness, as it was characteristic of the deep-rooted loyalty and fidelity of those whose pride it is, that they form a portion of the Great British People.

May your counsels be guided by an All-Wise Providence, that the prosperity of this Colony may be advanced—and the happiness and contentment of its People secured.

Mr. *Speaker* laid before the House a letter from each of the contractors for printing the Journals of the House for the Sessions of 1859 and 1860, respectively, and which were read by the Clerk as follows:—

CHARLOTTETOWN,
February 21st, 1861.

Sir,

I beg to inform you for the information of the Hon. House of Assembly that the Journal which I contracted to print will be completed and handed in to you, in a few days. The printing is finished, with the exception of one or two days' work, and the binding is progressing rapidly. The volume will be an unusually large one, and the great quantity of matter it contains, has caused considerable delay, in completing it.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM MALONE,

Contractor for printing
the Journal.

John MacNeill, Esq.

Clerk of the House of Assembly.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Feb. 21st, 1861.

Sir,

I regret to have to state, for the information of the House of Assembly, that in consequence of the unexpected voluminousness of many of the documents contained in the Appendix to the Journals of last Session, and my inability to procure additional assistants either here or in the neighbouring Provinces, I have not yet been able to complete the work. I

have therefore to crave the indulgence of the House for a short time longer, when the whole, will, I trust, be completed to the satisfaction of the House.

I have the honor to be

Your most obedient Servant,

J. BARRETT COOPER.

The Honorable The Speaker of the
House of Assembly.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain what progress has been made towards completing the Journals of the last two Sessions of this House, and the probable period of their completion, and to report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Davies*, Mr. *John Yeo* and the Hon. Mr. *Haviland* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, that a Committee of seven Members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, the draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered this day to both Houses of the Legislature.

Ordered, That Mr *Macneill*, Mr *Beer*, Mr *Montgomery*, Mr *Davies*, Mr *John Yeo*, Mr *Howat* and Mr *Ramsay* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee of Seven Members be appointed to examine and report on the Public Accounts, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Mr *Davies*, Mr *Macneill*, Mr *John Yeo*, Mr *Beer*, the Hon. Mr *Thornton*, Mr *Sinclair* and the Hon. Mr *Kelly* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee of three Members be appointed to provide Stationery for the use of the House.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr *Gray*, Mr *John Yeo* and the Hon. Mr *Perry* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee of six Members be appointed to keep up a good correspondence between the two branches