

# JOURNAL

## Of the House of Assembly

### OF HIS MAJESTY'S

### ISLAND PRINCE EDWARD.

Third Session of the Twelfth General Assembly.

**TUESDAY, March 20, 1827.**

**A** GREEABLY to his Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor's Proclamation, the House met at their apartment in the Colonial Building.

A message was received from the Lieut. Governor, by George Richard Goodman, Esq. Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the attendance of the House of Assembly immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House accordingly attended in the

Council Chamber, and having heard his Excellency's Speech returned.

The members of the House having been counted, there appeared but eight and the Speaker, viz. *John Stewart, Esq. Speaker, The Attorney General, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Mabey, Doctor M'Aulay, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Coffin, Mr. Cambridge, and Mr. Jardine.*

Adjourned to 12 o'clock to-morrow.

**WEDNESDAY, March 21, 1827.**

**T**HE House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker reported, that when the House attended his Excellency yesterday, in the Council Chamber, his Excellency was pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses of the Assembly, which was read, and is as follows, viz. •

*“Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

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

“I meet you on the present occasion with the feelings which are naturally inspired by a strong impression of the improving state of this Island, and by a persuasion equally strong, that the labours of the Session, will, under the guidance of a spirit no less prudent than patriotic, result in measures conducive to the stability and prosperity of the Colony.

“It is with great grief and sorrow that I have to announce to you the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of York, Heir presumptive to the British Crown, and Commander in Chief of the Army, whose loss will be most severely felt, and long and deeply deplored.

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

“I shall direct the proper Officers to lay before you the Public Accounts, and I have the fullest reliance on your readiness to make due provision for the Public Service.

*“Mr. President, and Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council,*

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

“Much improvement has been made in our internal communications since I last met you: The Western Line of Road has been completed up to Prince Town. Surveys have been made for the purpose of carrying on this line to Cascumpeque and the North Cape, its final object.

“The Roads to George-Town, the Bay of Fortune, and other settlements, have undergone material improvement.

“The establishment of an Inland Post cannot fail to be of essential benefit, as affording the means of a speedy and safe communication with our more distant population, and of conveying to them a knowledge of the Laws and proceedings of the Government, which, while it contributes to the security of the people, serves also to guard them against the effects of misrepresentation and misconception.

“Being strongly impressed with the advantage the Colony would derive from the establishment of an Agricultural Society, I feel desirous of recommending it to your consideration; also the fitness of some encouragement for the commencement of George-Town and Prince-Town; the former appears particularly eligible for a Fishery, a trade for which the shores of this Island are peculiarly adapted.

“The state of the Gaol, Public Buildings, and other matters, I shall take an opportunity of sub-