

dress, and received any communication in answer thereto, we humbly request that the same be laid before this House for its information and guidance."

On motion, ordered, that the Honorable *William Place* and the Honorable *Ambrose Lane* be appointed a committee to wait upon his Excellency with the foregoing address.

On motion, the bill intituled "an act to revive and continue two certain acts therein mentioned,"—received the third reading, was passed, and ordered to be sent down to the House of Assembly.

On motion, the bill intituled "an act for continuing several Laws near expiring,"—received the second and third reading, and passed, and a message ordered to be sent down to the House of Assembly to acquaint them therewith.

The Honorable *Ambrose Lane* from the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the address of this House, reported, that they had waited on his Excellency accordingly, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he had forwarded the address of this House of the 7th May last, together with the several Resolutions of his Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly on the subject-matter in controversy between them, to his Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and that he had received a communication in answer thereto, a copy of which his Excellency was pleased to present to your committee, and is as follows:

No. 2.

"DOWNING-STREET, 30th October, 1827.

"SIR,

"With reference to your Despatch on the 15th of May, No. 9, addressed to Lord Bathurst, upon the subject of the unfortunate misunderstanding which has taken place between His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, I have to express my sincere regret that any subject should have occurred to disturb the harmony of the two branches of the Legislature, whose mutual good understanding is so essential to the best interests of the Colony. The subject-matter of the difference, too, is, unfortunately, one upon which the pertinacious adherence of both parties to what they respectively consider as matter of abstract right, must put an entire stop to the business of the administration, and plunge the Colony into irretrievable difficulties.

"You will, therefore, do well to express to His Majesty's Council the regret with which I learn that they have thought fit, now, for the first time, to act upon a claim of at least doubtful right, which has been more prudently suffered hitherto to lie dormant, and which in its nature it is not very easy to reconcile to the principles of the British Constitution.

"On the other hand, you will take an early opportunity of impressing upon the House of Assembly, the vital importance to the Colony of the most friendly and confidential intercourse between themselves and His Majesty's Council; and you will earnestly recommend to their adoption such a temperate and conciliatory course, as may preserve the Colony from those fatal consequences which a rupture between the two branches cannot fail to produce to those for whom they sit as Representatives, and whose interest it is their first duty to uphold.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir, Your most obedient  
humble servant,

(Signed) W. HUSKISSON."

Adjourned until one o'clock to-morrow.