

this Island, containing a paper of observations on the Act.

In laying these Documents before the House, the Lieutenant Governor is instructed to invite it to furnish such statements as it may think necessary for the assistance of the Queen in Council, in deliberating on the question, which awaits Her Majesty's decision.

Government House,
January 29, 1838.

No. 13.

DOWNING STREET,
29th September, 1837.

SIR;

In my Despatch, No. 10, of the 25th August, I apprised you that the final decision of Her Majesty, with regard to the Act of the Legislature of Prince Edward Island, for levying an Assessment on all Lands in the Island, would be suspended for six months from the date of its passing, in order to give the Proprietors of land, resident in this country, a sufficient opportunity to urge any objections which they might entertain to its provisions.

I have now the honour to acquaint you, that on the afternoon of the 14th instant, a Memorial was delivered at my Office from "the Proprietors of land, and others interested in the prosperity of Prince Edward Island," protesting against the Royal Assent being given to that Act, and demanding an opportunity of stating and supporting their objections to it, by their Counsel, before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

I inclose a copy of that Memorial, and also of a letter which has been addressed to me by Mr. Waller, the Secretary to the Prince Edward Island Association, together with a letter from Mr. Hill, an extensive landholder, containing a paper of observations on the Act.

And I have to instruct you to lay before the Council and Assembly copies of these documents, and to invite them to furnish such statements as they may think necessary for the assistance of the Queen in Council, in deliberating on the question which awaits Her Majesty's decision.

Until the answer to this reference shall have been received, all further proceedings on this Act will be suspended.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

(Signed)

GLENELG.

Sir Charles A. Fitz Roy, K. H., &c. &c. &c.

[For the said Documents (with the exception of Mr. Waller's letter, relating solely to Lord James Townshend's property), see Appendix (A.), at the end of the Journals of this Session.]

Ordered, That the above Message, with the Documents accompanying the same, do lie on the Table.

Mr. Thornton, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for continuing the Act of 5 Will. 4, cap. 14, intituled "An Act to provide for the payment of Interest on Warrants, which are not paid at the Treasury on demand," presented to the House a Bill, as prepared by the Committee, and the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday the 1st February.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 30, 1838.

Prayers.

MR. THORNTON, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue and amend the Act of 2 Will. 4, cap. 24, for providing Salaries for Sub-Collectors of Customs, presented to the House a Bill, as prepared by the Committee, and the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Secretary Collins, by command of His Excellency, delivered the following

Message:

CHARLES A. FITZ ROY, Lieut. Governor.

It having come to the knowledge of the Lieutenant Governor, that a letter, purporting to be addressed by William Cooper, Esquire, a Member of the House of Assembly, to John W. Le Lacheur, Esquire, also a Member of the House of Assembly, had been extensively circulated throughout the Colony, in which it is asserted, that "a compromise with the Landlords is offered by the Governor, namely, a release from all back rents, a long lease, a reduction of half the rent, and the half of the present rent to be taken in produce;" and such statement being utterly unfounded in truth, and tending greatly to mislead the people, the Lieutenant Governor deemed it necessary, in the first place, to cause Mr. Cooper to be furnished with a copy of the said letter, for the purpose of