

you and Miramichi—presented the draught of an Address, as prepared by the Committee, which said draught Address being again read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

To His Excellency Sir C. A. FITZ ROY, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;

The House of Assembly respectfully request, that your Excellency will be pleased, at your earliest convenience, to inform the House whether or not any Contract has been entered into by Government for the conveyance of the Mails, by means of a Steam Boat, between Charlottetown, Pictou and Miramichi, founded on a Resolution of the House of Assembly, of the 18th April, 1840; and if not, whether any and what proposals have been made for such service—with any other information on this subject in your Excellency's possession, which may be deemed of value to the House, in legislating on this important subject.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the Address be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency with the same.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to acquaint the House whether any answer or information has been received relative to the two Addresses of this House of last Session, to Her Majesty, namely, that of the 27th April, on the general State of the Colony; and the other on the subject of a Bill passed by this House for the regulation of the Fishery Reserves in this Island.

Ordered, That Mr. Le Lacheur, Mr. D. Macdonald and Mr. Montgomery be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency with the said Message.

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

MONDAY, February 1, 1841.

MR. RAE, pursuant to leave given, presented to the House a Bill to authorize the opening of Roads to such Farms as have no access to any public Road;

And the said Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to ascertain whether any, and, if any, what answer hath been received to the Address of last Session, to Her Majesty, on the subject of the claims of the American Loyalists and Disbanded Troops.

Ordered, That Mr. Rae and Mr. Le Lacheur do compose the said Committee.

Mr. Longworth, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address praying to be informed whether any Contract has been entered into by the Government, for the conveyance of the Mails by means of a Steamboat, reported to the House that their Address had been presented to His Excellency, and that he was pleased to say, he would send an answer by message.

Mr. Le Lacheur, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Message of

Saturday last, requesting to be informed whether any answers had been received to the Addresses of last Session, on the general State of the Colony, and on the subject of the Fishery Reserves, reported the delivery thereof, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, he would send an answer by Message.

Then the House adjourned for one hour.

And being met—

Two Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Secretary Haviland, by His Excellency's command, delivered the following Messages:

First Message:

C. A. FITZ ROY, Lieut. Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor lays before the House of Assembly, Copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Lord John Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to the Address of the House of Assembly to the Queen, with reference to the Bill to authorize the Crown to purchase the Lands, and to regulate the Settlement of the Inhabitants of this Island, and to repeal certain Sections of an Act intituled *An Act for levying an Assessment on all Lands in this Island*—rejected by the Legislative Council in the last Session of the Assembly; and further praying for a reconstruction of the Council.

Government House, February 1, 1841.

[For the Document referred to in the said Message, see Appendix (B.)]