

The Lieutenant Governor has accordingly transmitted the draft Bill to the Governor General for such observations or suggestions as he may wish to make regarding it.

Government House, 30th September, 1854.

[For Reciprocity Treaty and other Documents referred to in said Message, see Appendix (A).]

The Hon. Mr. Lord, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Government, presented to the House the following papers, viz :

1. Despatch No. 1, Military, dated Downing Street, 18th August, 1854, from the Secretary of State, to Lieutenant Governor Daly, on the subject of the withdrawal of the Troops from Prince Edward Island, and their reduction in the other North American Provinces.

2. Despatch No. 17, dated Downing Street, 11th August, 1854, from the Secretary of State, to the Governor General, on the same subject.

[See Appendix (B).]

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to report on the contingent expenses of the House, for the present Session, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Lord, Mr. Macgill, Mr. H. Haviland, Hon. Mr. Longworth and Mr. Macdonald do compose the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Montgomery have leave to absent himself from this House until Thursday next.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Palmer have leave of absence until Thursday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at Ten o'clock.

## Monday, October 2, 1854.

THE names of the Members present were taken down as follows, viz :

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Mr. Lord, Hon. Mr. Wightman, Mr. Laird, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Muir-

head, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Dingwell, Mr. Macdonald.

And at five o'clock, p. m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for want of a quorum, until to-morrow at ten o'clock.

## Tuesday, October 3, 1854.

MR. Speaker called the attention of the House to the state of the Manuscript Journals, which had been brought by the Messenger, since the opening of the Session, from the residence of the late Clerk Assistant, James B. Cooper, Esquire, whereby it was discovered, that he had neglected the duty of transcribing or engrossing the same, since the 10th day of April, 1851, and for which he has been paid; it was thereupon

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do perform or employ a competent person to perform the work, and to be paid by the House; and that the Government be requested to proceed against James B. Cooper, Esquire, for the expense incurred.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Lord have leave to introduce a Bill to amend two Acts relating to Land Assessment.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Macgill, in his place, offered to the House a Petition of Dennis Reddin, John Trenaman, and others, Electors of Charlottetown and Royalty, praying that the Election and Return of the Hon. Francis Longworth and the Hon. Edward Palmer, as Members for the said Town and Royalty, in the present Assembly, be set aside, and a new Writ of Election for the said Town and Royalty issued, on the ground of the Presiding Officer not being legally qualified, for want of sufficient residence in the County, to take the Poll at the said Election; and he moved that the said Petition be received and read.