

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bruneau,

RESOLVED, that the said Ordinance be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, that this House will on Saturday, the second day of January next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Ordinance.

Mr. Speaker then reported, that when the House did attend His Excellency the GOVERNOR IN CHIEF, this day in the Legislative Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and is as followeth :

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

Since I last met you in Provincial Parliament, it has been my chief object to carry into full effect the precautionary measures your wisdom had adopted for the defence of this Province. In the execution of these measures for the preservation of the Country from menaced Invasion, I have been seconded by the voluntary exertions of all ranks of people in it, in a manner that strengthens their claims to the confidence and affection of their Sovereign. Such conduct effectually proves, that the contemptuous language and inconsiderate threats of an overweening Enemy, have only served to arouse their hereditary spirit, and that all other considerations are lost in their general disposition to make those efforts and sacrifices which the safety of their Country and its future prosperity and happiness demand, at this highly important and critical conjuncture.

The first fruits of such distinguished loyalty, and of such devotion to the rightful cause of a beloved Sovereign, have been apparent in the honourable termination of the Campaign, without effusion of blood, without loss of territory, and without interruption to the most important habits of Peace, by a recourse to Martial Law. The