

His Excellency's speech.

out any progress being made towards the accomplishment of that project, the lease of the property which had been surrendered on a precise stipulation that it was to be so employed is now reclaimed, and unless you combine this measure with that of a suitable structure for the accommodation of the Legislature in Session, the opportunity of so convenient a situation will be lost.

An accurate census of our population is a *desideratum*. Provision should be made for its correct and periodical repetition, to facilitate which I would recommend its not being mixed up with other points of statistics.

In my address at the commencement of the past year I alluded to our difficulties and the financial crisis at which we had then arrived. We are now in a very different position—our debt is discharged—our coffers are well supplied. The impost by which this change has been effected has not operated injuriously in any particular. There has been no diminution of Imports, no enhancement of prices beyond the ordinary fluctuations of trade.

Should the Revenue be allowed to remain upon its present footing with modifications resulting from further experience, the prudent application of such a surplus fund to internal objects will produce improvements which a few years since could not have been contemplated. Industry will be excited by the constant demand for labour,—artisans and mechanics will resort to us in greater numbers—and agriculture, the beneficial effects of which are already felt in the increased abundance and reduced cost of produce, will advance with accelerated rapidity.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

The observations and propositions which I have addressed generally, being necessarily connected with, and dependant on, matters of financial detail, I shall in the event of their adoption by the Legislature, confidently rely on your liberality for such supplies as may be requisite to give effect to any measures founded upon them.

On motion of Mr. CARSON, seconded by Mr. Row,

*Resolved*, that an humble address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, in reply to his Excellency's speech at the opening of this Session.

*Ordered*, that Mr. CARSON, Mr. ROW, Mr. KENT, Mr. CARTER and Mr. KOUGH, be a committee to prepare the said address.

Mr. CARSON gave notice that, on this day week, he would move for leave to bring in a bill for the establishment of an Academy.

Also, that at an early day, he would move that an address be presented to his Excellency, praying that his Excellency will cause to be laid before the House a copy of the "Blue Book."

Mr. KOUGH gave notice that he would, at an early day, move for the appointment of a committee to prepare and bring in a bill to regulate the Fisheries.

Mr. KENT gave notice that he would, on an early day, move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal such parts of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 5 George 4, cap. 67, as relate to the preferable claims of Current Suppliers.

Mr. CARTER gave notice that he would, on an early day, move for the appointment of a committee to consider and report by bill, or otherwise, on such parts of the Act 5 George 4, cap. 67, as authorize the Judges of the Supreme Court to impose fees.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at twelve of the clock.

Address of thanks moved.

Committee to prepare address.

Notice of Bill to establish an Academy.

Notice of address for the "Blue Book."

Notice of motion for committee to prepare Fishery Bill.

Notice of Bill to repeal part of the Act Geo. 4, cap. 67.

Notice of motion for committee to report upon the authority of the Judges to impose fees under 5th Geo. 4th, cap. 67.