

"We fully coincide in the sentiments your Excellency is pleased to express relative to the importance of good Roads and Bridges throughout the Colony; that subject shall claim our early attention, and we trust some improvements may be made to the present existing Laws on that subject.

"The confidence your Excellency reposes in our judgment regarding the General wants of the Colony, demands our warmest thanks, and we shall accordingly consider and propose the most salutary and efficacious measures which the state of the Country can admit of to promote its general welfare.

"JAMES CURTIS, Speaker.

"Assembly Room, July 9th, 1817."

Ordered, on Motion of Mr. *Goff*, seconded by Mr. *Murray*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, in answer to his Excellency's Speech at the opening of this Session; Mr. *Goff*, Mr. *Murray*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Nelson*, and Dr. *M'Aulay*, were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. *Goff* Chairman of the above Committee, having returned, reported, that they had waited on his Excellency, and that he was pleased to say, he would be ready to receive the Address, to-morrow, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Serjeant at Arms appeared at the Bar, and reported that he had called at the Store of Messrs. *Cambridges* agreeable to the Order of this House; and that the Clerk in the Store informed him, Mr. *Lemuel Cambridge* had left Town for *Murray Harbour*, and as far as he knew, was to go to *Antigonishe*, to see about the Ship *Mary*.

Ordered, on Motion of Dr. *M'Aulay*, seconded by Mr. *Murray*, That the High Sheriff be called to the Bar of this House, to give information whether Mr. *Cambridge* had been duly notified to attend the House:

The Sheriff accordingly appeared at the Bar, and informed the House, that Mr. *Cambridge* had been duly notified, but had signified to him, that he could not or would not attend.

Mr. *Gardiner*, informed the House that being in conversation with Mr. *Cambridge* some time ago, he told him, he never would attend this House.

Mr. *Murray* likewise declared, that he heard Mr. *Cambridge* express himself to that effect, which was also corroborated by the testimony of Messrs. *Montgomery*, *Townshend*, and *Coffin*, to all of whom, he had expressed the same sentiments.

Moved by Mr. *M'Neill*, seconded by Mr. *Hyde*, that *Lemuel Cambridge, Esq.* be expelled this House for contemptuous conduct in continually absenting himself without leave from this House, and depriving his Constituents of a Representation.

Moved by Mr. *Goff*, seconded by Dr. *M'Aulay*, that the decision of the House upon the Motion of Mr. *M'Neill* be postponed to a later period of the Session, to give Mr. *Cambridge* an opportunity of explaining his conduct to the House, The Question being put, the House divided, and there appeared,

For the amendment,

Against it,

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| Mr. Goff, | Dr. M'Aulay, | Mr. Bagnall, | Mr. Hyde, |
| Mr. Nelson, | Mr. Montgomery, | Mr. M'Neill, | Mr. M'Larren, |
| Mr. Coffin, | Mr. Murray, | Mr. Clark, | |
| Mr. Townshend, | Mr. Gardiner, | Mr. Dockendorff, | |

So it passed in the affirmative.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.