

It was also deemed expedient that this Island should be represented on the mission which has been sent to the West Indies, Brazil and Mexico. The object of this mission is to ascertain in what manner the trade of the British North American Provinces with these countries can be extended. I have not yet learned the result of this mission.

The general prosperity of the past year has been marred by the civil disturbances which took place in several parts of this Colony. Misled by ignorant or designing men, tenants were induced to form themselves into an association with the avowed intention of withholding payment of their rents, unless their landlords consented to sell their lands on such terms as this association chose to dictate.

The law was openly and systematically set at defiance, and it became necessary to use extraordinary measures to enforce it. A requisition was, therefore, made for a detachment of Her Majesty's troops, to aid the civil power, and the authority of the law has been firmly and impartially maintained.

Papers on these subjects will be laid before you.

In the Preamble of the Act under which the Barracks in this City were sold, you pledged the Colony to provide suitable accommodation for any troops that might be stationed here. New Barracks have, therefore, been erected, and you will be asked to concur in a measure for appropriating the money arising from the sale of the old barracks towards the expenditure incurred in building those at present occupied by the troops.

I have recently concluded the purchase of another Estate from one of the proprietors. It is my intention to continue to buy out the rights of the landowners, whenever I am enabled to do so on reasonable terms.

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

I have given directions that the Public Accounts for the past year be laid before you.

The Revenue is the largest which has ever been collected in this Island, and would have been more than sufficient to meet the expenditure, had it not been for the extraordinary outlay which was caused by the measures necessary for the suppression of the disturbances occasioned by the lawless association to which I have alluded.

The Estimates for the present year will also be laid before you. They have been framed with due regard to economy.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;*

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

You will, I am sure, have observed, with just pride, the loyalty and the spirit which your fellow subjects in the neigh-

bouring Provinces have displayed, when threatened by piratical attacks at the hands of lawless men. I know that, should an emergency ever unfortunately occur in this Island, I could rely with confidence on a like spirit in its inhabitants of every creed and station. But I must seriously urge upon you the necessity of doing all in your power towards making due preparation for such an emergency by giving your earnest consideration to the laws which at present regulate the Militia and the Volunteer force.

I am glad to inform you that the Stock, purchased in England for the Model Farm, arrived in a very satisfactory condition. I am confident that you will cheerfully give your concurrence to such a grant as may be deemed necessary for the support of an institution so well calculated to advance the agricultural interests of the Colony.

I now commit to you the business of the Session, with the fervent prayer that your deliberations may, under the Divine blessing, conduce to the welfare and prosperity of this Island.

The Hon. J. C. Pope, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid on the table the Sheriff's Return to the Writ of Election issued for the election of a Member for the First Electoral District of King's County, in room of the Hon. Donald Beaton, deceased; and thereupon,

The Hon. Emanuel Maceachen, returned a Member for the said First Electoral District of King's County, in room of the Hon. Donald Beaton, deceased, appeared at the Bar, and having been led into the body of the House, and introduced to Mr. Speaker by the Hon. J. Hensley and F. Brecken, Esquire, two of the Members, took the oaths and his seat.

On motion of Mr. Brecken, seconded by Mr. John Yeo,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of seven Members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed the draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered this day to both Houses of the Legislature.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Brecken, Mr. John Yeo, Mr. Haslam, Hon. E. Maceachen, Mr. Duncan, Mr. MacLennan and Mr. Howat do compose the said Committee.

On motion of the Hon. J. C. Pope, seconded by Mr. Haslam,