

The paragraph under discussion was then passed without a division, and the whole address reported agreed to without amendment.

The several amendments submitted in Committee were then put in their proper order to the vote, and negatived on the same divisions as when previously put in Committee.

After which the address was carried, ordered to be engrossed, and a Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency to know when he would be pleased to receive the same.

The House then adjourned till Monday next, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

MONDAY, April 16.

The House this morning waited on His Excellency with the Address, to which the following is His Excellency's reply:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

"I thank you for your Address, and I trust that your endeavors to promote the welfare and prosperity of this island will be blessed with success."

The Annual Reports of the School Visitors, for the year, were submitted, received and read.

Hon. Mr. Cole remarked that the latter Report, namely, that of the Visitor for the western section of the island, appeared to be incomplete. It was very desirable at the present late session of the House that all the papers and statistics connected with that branch of the public service, be placed on the table with as little delay as possible.

Hon. Mr. Longworth, in reply, stated that the Statute allowed the School Visitors fourteen days after the meeting of the Legislature to complete their work. He had no doubt that the papers alluded to would be completed within the limited time. He also expressed a hope that the Board of Education would furnish their remarks on both Visitors' Reports, for the information of the hon. House.

Hon. Mr. Hensley said that the Board of Education would see that the law on that point would be complied with. He said he would take the liberty to state that the Board always found the Visitor from the Western Section of the Island (Mr. Buckerfield) attentive and faithful in the discharge of his duties.

The Board, he said, did not deem it advisable to submit any special extract from the Reports of the School Visitors, as they considered that it would be more satisfactory to the hon. House to have the whole of the Reports in their extended form laid on the table.

Ordered, that said Reports be laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. Hensley presented a petition from W. S. McGowan, John Knight, Edward Kiekham, Esquires, and other inhabitants of Souris, praying for an Act to incorporate a Bank at that place.

Said petition was then referred to the following Committee to report thereon, viz: Hons. Messrs. Hensley, McEachen, and Col. General.

Hon. Mr. Hensley, from said Committee, then reported a Bill, to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Souris Bank. Said Bill was received and read.

Hon. J. C. Pope, Leader of the Government, submitted to the House the Blue Book for the year 1864; Returns of the different Banks; Returns of Small Debt Courts throughout the Island; the Classified Accounts; Impost and Excise Returns; Returns of the Road Correspondent and Road Commissioners, and the Colonial Treasurer's Accounts for the past year.

Hon. Mr. Longworth, Chairman of the Committee on expiring Laws submitted a Report.

Ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. Hensley presented a petition from divers Mechanics, Merchants and others, praying for an Act to incorporate the Mechanics' Fishing Company of Charlottetown.

Said petition, together with the Draft Bill annexed thereto, were referred to the Committee on Private Bills to report thereon.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Davies, a supply was granted to Her Majesty.

Hon. Leader of the Government announced a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, transmitting copies of Despatches and Correspondence relating to different subjects; among them a Despatch informing the House that the Address, which was passed by both branches of the Legislature of this Colony last session, on the subject of Colonial Confederation, had been laid before Her Majesty; also a Correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Governor General of Canada, on the affairs of British North America, expressing the strong and deliberate opinion of Her Majesty's Government to the effect that all the British North American Colonies should agree to unite in one Government.

Papers relating to the civil disturbances which took place in the Colony during the past year, and the Requisition for a Detachment of Her Majesty's Troops.

Papers touching Commercial Treaties, &c.

The Clerk proceeded to read the said documents to the House; after some time spent thereon, it was moved that the House adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, April 17.

Mr. Montgomery presented a petition from divers inhabitants of Granville, Lot 21, praying for the establishment of a Post Office at Granville—received and read. After which it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to whom should be referred all petitions praying for the establishment of new Post Offices, and all matters relating to the Inland Mail Service.

Ordered that Messrs Montgomery, Green, and the Hon. Mr. McEachen do compose said Committee.

Petition just read was then referred to the above Committee, to report thereon. The Clerk having finished the reading of Despatches and Correspondence, transmitted yesterday by message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the reading of which occupied at least four hours, it was resolved that on Friday next, the House in Committee take into consideration the said Despatches and Correspondence.

Hon. Col. Gray presented a petition from the Minister and Trustees of a Presbyterian Church at Cascompec, praying for an Act of Incorporation. Petition received and read and referred to Committee to report thereon.

Hon. Col. Gray, Chairman of said Committee, reported a bill agreed to in compliance with prayer of petitioners. Said bill referred to Committee on private bills.

Hon. Mr. Hensley presented a petition from certain Inhabitants of Lot 47, praying for a grant towards a road in that locality, a copy of which he had already submitted to the Executive Council.

Objection was taken to the reception of the petition, on the ground that it was contrary to the standing rule of the House, relative to the initiation of money votes. It was therefore withdrawn.

Mr. McLennan presented two petitions from certain inhabitants of Prince County, praying for a Bill for the purpose of confirming the title to certain lands sold throughout the island generally, but more especially in that County, at Sheriff's Sales, under the provisions of the Land Assessment Act.

Hon. Mr. Pope, in supporting the prayer of the petitioners, said that doubts were in existence as to the validity of the Titles acquired under the Act, authorising the sale of lands for nonpayment of Land Assessment. The practice has been to advertise for sale the quantity of land against which judgment has been obtained in each Township, and at the time of the Sheriff's Sale, to describe the funds to be sold by metes and bounds. That practice had, until now, been considered in compliance with the law, and so recognized by the Courts;