

mit to His Majesty an humble Address, praying that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to assent to the Repeal of two Acts of the General Assembly of this Island—one passed in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, and intituled "An Act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one Act, the several Laws made by the General Assembly of this Island relative to the Duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors; and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, exported from this Island"—and the other passed in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-five, and intituled "An Act for raising a Duty on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for imposing a Duty on Porter, Ale, and Strong Beer."

While the House of Assembly gratefully acknowledge your Excellency's ardent desire to promote the improvement of the Colony, in having permitted the Representatives of the people, during the whole period of your Administration, to exercise a constitutional voice in the appropriation of nearly all the revenue raised under and by virtue of the before-mentioned Acts—although, in former Administrations, a very different course was pursued—as well as the regard and solicitude which your Excellency has uniformly evinced for the general welfare—they feel assured that your Excellency will cheerfully exert your utmost influence to attain the object of the Address—and they are induced to propose, through your Excellency, to His Majesty's Government, that in the event of those Acts being repealed, this House is ready and willing, and pledges itself, to grant permanently to His Majesty the annual sum of One Thousand Pounds, for the purpose of defraying the necessary contingent or incidental Charges attendant on the Administration of this Government, which sum exceeds the annual Expenditure hitherto incurred for that purpose.

Ordered, that the said Address be referred to a committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Binns took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Binns, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the committee had gone into the consideration of the Address, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the said Address be engrossed—and that *Mr. Cameron, Mr. Binns, Mr. Dalrymple, Mr. Brecken, and Mr. Owen* be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the same; and that the said committee do at the same time deliver to his Excellency the Address to His Majesty, and request that he will be pleased to forward the same.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Pope*, that the following Message be sent to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor:

*May it please your Excellency:*

We are directed by the House of Assembly, respectfully to state to your Excellency, that it is the opinion of this House, that the Draw Bridge contemplated to be added to the Poplar Island Bridge, should be dispensed with, in consequence of the short distance of navigable water above Poplar Island, and the additional expence that would accrue by building a Bridge of that description.

Ordered, that *Mr. Pope* and *Mr. Owen* be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the above Message.

*Message from the Council, by Mr. Nantes:*

"Mr. Speaker,

"His Majesty's Council have passed the Bill intituled "*An Act to alter an Act made and passed in the Tenth year of the late King, for regulating the size of Barrels and the Inspection of Pickled Fish.*"

And also—

"Mr. Speaker,

"His Majesty's Council have appointed the Honorables *Ambrose Lane* and *Thomas Heath Haviland* a Committee on the part of that House to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of condolence to His Majesty upon the lamented death of his late Majesty, of blessed memory, and congratulating his Majesty upon his accession to the throne of his Ancestors—and to request that his Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same in such way and manner as his Excellency may deem proper."

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, that *Mr. Owen, Mr. Binns, Mr. Cody, Mr. Brecken* and *Mr. Pope* be a committee to join the committee of the Council to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address to His Majesty, upon the demise of the late King—and congratulating His Majesty upon his accession to the throne—and to request that his Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same.

*Message from the Council, by Mr. Nantes:*

"Ordered, that the Honorables *George Wright* and *Thomas Heath Haviland* be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the joint Address of the Council and Assembly relative to various Acts therein mentioned, transmitted for the Royal Allowance."

And also—

"Mr. Speaker,

"His Majesty's Council do agree to the Conference, as requested by the House of Assembly, on the propriety of preparing a suitable Inscription for the Plate to be presented to his Excellency Lieutenant Governor Ready, pursuant to a vote of the Legislature in its present Session; and have appointed the Honorables *T. H. Haviland* and *The Attorney General* a Committee to manage the same, to meet the Committee of the House of Assembly, in the Committee Room instantler."

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Whereupon the Managers went to the Conference;