

I have much satisfaction in informing you that the state of the Revenue, so far as it can be ascertained at this period, indicates the progressive prosperity of the Colony.

I rely with confidence upon your willingness to make the necessary appropriations for the maintenance of the public service.

*Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:*

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

In my recent excursions through this beautiful Island I have been much gratified by the evidences of enterprise, industry and contentment, which every where presented themselves, and still more by the spirit of loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Throne which pervades all classes of the people.

In alluding to the consideration that has been extended to myself personally, on these and all other occasions, since I assumed this Government, I desire to avail myself of this opportunity of expressing the deep sense of obligation I entertain for such repeated marks of the esteem and confidence of all classes of a community, in whose welfare I must always take the most lively interest.

I have observed with much satisfaction a general and growing appreciation of the advantages of education throughout the Island. I recommend to your consideration the benefits that would result from the establishment of a Normal School for Teachers.

We have been mercifully exempted from the fearful disease which has committed such ravages in neighbouring Countries; and the labours of the husbandman have been blessed with an abundant harvest. You will, I am sure, unite with me in gratefully acknowledging the goodness of Divine Providence in these respects, as well as in the many natural advantages that have been bestowed upon this Island.

I sincerely trust that your proceedings will be marked by wisdom and harmony; and I assure you I shall be at all times ready to communicate with you, and to unite my best exertions with yours for the general welfare.

The House then proceeded to the choice of officers, and thereupon—

*Resolved*, That John Macneill, Esq., be re-appointed to the office of Clerk of the House.

Mr. H. Haviland moved that the House do come to a resolution as followeth:

*Resolved*, That the Hon. George Coles, Hon. James Warburton, Hon. Robert Mooney, Hon. Edward Whelan and William E. Clark, Esquire, having severally accepted the offices of Colonial

Secretary, Colonial Treasurer, Registrar of Deeds and Keeper of Plans, Queen's Printer, and Collector of Excise for Charlottetown, their seats be now declared vacated, in conformity with the provisions of the Act 11 Vic., cap. 29, and that Mr. Speaker do notify His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the said vacancies, in order that such proceedings may be had thereon as the law directs.

Mr. Macgill moved as an amendment, that after the word "that," in the said proposed Resolution, all be struck out, and the following substituted, "Mr. John Ross be Clerk Assistant of this House."

Mr. Speaker declined receiving the motion of amendment; and thereupon (the Members above named having first retired behind the Bar), the question being put on the said proposed Resolution, it was agreed to by the House, and

*Resolved* accordingly.

Mr. Macgill then moved that Mr. John Ross be the Clerk Assistant;

The Hon. Mr. Palmer moved in amendment to the motion, to leave out the words "John Ross," and substitute "James Barret Cooper."

The House divided on the motion of amendment:—

YEAS:

Hon. Mr. Palmer,	Hon. Mr. Haviland,
Hon. Mr. Longworth,	Hon. Mr. Montgomery,
Hr. H. Haviland,	Mr. Yeo,
Mr. Douse.	

NAYS:

Mr. Macgill,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Dingwell,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Muirhead,	Mr. Laird,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Munro,
Hon. Mr. Wightman,	Mr. Macdonald,
Hon. Mr. Lord.	

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was carried in the affirmative;

And then Mr. Macneill and Mr. Ross took the usual oaths and their seats.

Mr. Munro moved that Mr. Robert Wade be the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The Hon. Mr. Montgomery moved, as an amendment to the motion, to leave out "Robert