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Legislative Council Chamber.

WEDNESDAY, 24th March, 1841.

PRESENT.

THE HON.

Mr. Chief Justice Chipman, President.

Mr. Black.

Mr. Shore.

Mr. Baillie.

Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Saunders.

Mr. Botsford.

Mr. Lee.

Mr. Chandler.

Mr. Street.

Mr. Wyer.

Mr. Hatch.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Joint Address of both Houses, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to accept from the Legislature of this Province a Service of Plate, on his retirement from the Government, as commemorative of the estimation in which his valuable services are held by the people of New Brunswick, reports, that they had attended to that duty, and His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply to the said Address:—

“ Gentlemen,

“ Cheered and sustained by this Address, I shall be enabled to present myself with confidence to my Sovereign, and to render such an ‘account of my Stewardship’ as may satisfy Her Majesty’s maternal heart, that Her anxious wishes for the happiness and prosperity of Her loyal Subjects in New Brunswick, have not been lost sight of by me, nor Her Majesty’s delegated authority abused in my hands.

“ With regard to the munificent Testimonial of your kind feelings towards me, I can only say, that I am proud and happy in receiving it—subject nevertheless to Her Majesty’s approbation—as the memorial of a degree of Legislative harmony, which may have been equalled, but which can never have been exceeded.

*“ For myself I feel that it is unnecessary for me to say more;—I am known to you, as you are to me,—and our sentiments of mutual good will and esteem cannot change; but for my family—for my children—and my children’s children, I take upon myself to assure you, that my (and consequently *their*) connexion with this noble Province, which the splendid memorial now presented to me is intended to commemorate, will be affectionately cherished in their grateful recollections, when the actors in the present scenes shall have passed away.*

“ Government House, March 23, 1841.”

A Message was brought from the Assembly, by Mr. Wilson, with Resolutions of Appropriation dated the 23d day of March, instant, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

A Message was brought from the Assembly, by Mr. Street, with the following Resolution:—

House of Assembly, 24th March, 1841.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the proposed Joint Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and which was communicated to the House on the 19th instant, upon the subject of the Acts passed at the last and present Session of the Legislature, relating to Bastardy, requesting His Excellency to bring the same under the notice of Her Majesty’s Government, with a view of inducing Her Majesty to leave the said Acts to their operation.

CHAS. P. WETMORE, *Clerk.*

ORDERED, That the Honorable Mr. Chandler be a Committee on the part of this House to present the same.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and communicate the appointment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill for the prevention of Fraud in the importation of Foreign Wheat Flour.

The Honorable Mr. Baillie took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairmah reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the