

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

I shall direct the Public Accounts to be immediately laid before you ; and I hope you will be fully satisfied, upon an examination of them, that the Supplies granted to His Majesty in the last Session of the Legislature, have been faithfully applied ; and that due attention has been paid to economy in the expenditure of the Monies placed at my disposal.

I shall also direct the Estimate of the Civil Establishment for the present year to be submitted to you : fully relying upon your attention in providing for the Expenses necessary for the support of His Majesty's Government.

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council :*

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

While Agricultural knowledge and improvements are happily extending over the Province, I regret exceedingly, that our Commerce and Fisheries continue to experience considerable depression ; influenced, no doubt, by the embarrassments now so generally felt throughout the Commercial World.

The Provincial Revenue, being almost entirely raised from duties on Importations, has been very sensibly affected by the diminution of our Trade, and the Receipts of the last year are considerably less than those of the preceding.—It is satisfactory, however, to observe, that, though diminished, the Revenue is still amply sufficient, with the aid given by the Mother Country, to defray all the Expenses of the Colonial Government, as well as to discharge with punctuality the Interest of its Funded Paper—leaving a surplus applicable to such purposes as may best promote the public welfare. Our means, however, being limited, a prudent and judicious application of them becomes the more necessary ; but, in the wisdom of your united deliberations, I have every confidence ; and you may rely upon my cordial co-operation and continued exertions in promoting and carrying into effect, every measure that may appear to me conducive to the prosperity of the Province, and to the happiness of its People.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Lawson, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Albro, Mr. Robertson, Mr. W. A. Chipman, and Mr. Wells, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly, with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. Robert Dickson, be a Committee to examine into, and report on, the expiring Laws.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Wells, Mr. Flemming, Mr. Wier, and Mr. Ruggles, be a Committee of Privileges.

Mr. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in addition to an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova Scotia, to the Island of Cape Breton ; and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at three of the Clock.

*Friday, 15th February, 1822.*

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill, Deputy Clerk of the Council :

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council have appointed a Committee, to join the Committee of the House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr.