

I shall therefore supply you with copies of correspondence on this head, which, with the documents already in your possession and your own local knowledge, will, I hope, enable you to frame an act suited in every particular to the exigencies of the colony.

I invite your early attention to this, because as the Bill will probably require a suspending clause, procrastination may occasion the loss of the fine season to applicants for Grants of Land.

The subject of a Road Bill will, I presume, occupy your deliberations.

The benefits arising from good Roads are so well known that observations respecting them would be trite and uninteresting, but it appears to me that while pursuing so useful an object, we should carefully avoid the evils which would inevitably result from any heavy accumulation of public debt.

I have heretofore recommended some points which I still believe to be worthy of your consideration. Upon them and others I shall always be happy to afford such information as I may possess; and to assist as far as my humble means permit, your efforts for the general good.

On motion of Mr. Kent, seconded by Mr. Brown,

*Resolved*,—That Robert Roberts Wakeham Esq. be appointed Clerk of this House, and that Mr. Speaker do communicate the same to him.

Clerk appointed

Mr. Speaker having forthwith made the necessary notification, Mr. Wakeham appeared before the House and took his seat at the Clerk's Table.

On motion of Mr. Nugent, seconded by Mr. Kent,

*Resolved*,—That this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on privilege.

House in committee on privilege

And the House resolved itself into the said committee accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Solicitor General took the Chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had come to certain resolutions thereon, which he was directed to report to the House; and he read the said resolutions in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again read as follow :—

Report

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee, that the nomination of a Member of the Assembly to an office of emolument under the Crown, is a legal avoidance of his seat; but that as the Law Officers of the Crown in England have expressed an opinion adverse to this view, and as it is the earnest desire of this Committee to avoid any proceeding that may be considered as dictated by a desire to oppose the just and reasonable wishes of her Majesty's Government, we consider it expedient to refrain from pressing the removal of Mr. Power, until a further representation is made by the House upon that subject.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a bill be passed declaring that Members of the Assembly upon accepting an office of emolument under the Crown, thereby vacate their seats.