

extensive intercourse with the interior of the Island, render necessary the adoption of additional regulations for insuring protection to person and property; and I am inclined to believe that this object will be best attained by the establishment of a limited and well organized Police force, in which may be combined other duties of a local or municipal character.

I regret that the general stagnation of trade and successive unfavorable harvests have caused a diminution in the Revenue of the past year. While, in this respect, we suffer in common with the Mother Country, and the other Provinces of British North America, let us acknowledge with unfeigned gratitude the mercy of that Divine Providence which has preserved the British Empire from those more severe trials with which so many nations have been visited. Signs of reviving trade and prosperity have already appeared in Great Britain, and I see no reason for distrust in the productive resources of this Colony; but I must be permitted to remind you that it will be necessary to exercise strict economy in the public expenditure.

The development of the Agricultural resources of the Island is so intimately connected with its prosperity, that I am confident you will cheerfully co-operate in giving effect to any measures calculated to stimulate the exertions of the farmer, and to encourage improvement in that important branch of productive industry.

The Statistical Returns furnished in pursuance of the Act passed in the last Session, have been carefully arranged, and will be laid before you.

I shall communicate with you, by Message, upon all other matters of public interest which it may be necessary to submit for your consideration during the progress of the Session.

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

The Public Accounts have been prepared and classified by the Auditors, and will be submitted to you without delay; and I rely upon your readiness to grant such Supplies for the support of the Government as may be deemed consistent with the exigencies of the Public Service.

The destitution which unfortunately prevailed among the poorer classes of Settlers, in the early part of the last Summer, rendered it necessary to apply a portion of the Public Funds to alleviate their most pressing wants. As the sum so advanced was confined to the lowest possible limit, I look with confidence to your approval of the measures adopted by the Government in that emergency.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;*

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

In now leaving you to the discharge of those im-

portant duties in which you are about to be engaged, permit me to offer you the assurance of my desire to co-operate with you in all matters which have for their object the prosperity of the Island, and the welfare of the People.

*James Yeo, Esquire, elected a Member for the First Electoral District of Prince County, in the room of James Warburton, Esquire, whose seat had been declared vacated, appeared at the Bar, and having been led into the body of the House, and introduced to the Speaker by Mr. N. Conroy and Mr. Montgomery, two of the Members, took the Oaths and his seat.*

The Hon. *Edward Palmer* having been re-elected a Member for the Town and Royalty of Charlottetown, appeared at the Bar, and being led into the body of the House and introduced to the Speaker, by Mr. *F. Longworth* and Mr. *Haviland*, two of the Members, took the Oaths and his seat.

*Resolved, That a Committee of five Members be appointed, to examine Bills to be engrossed, or that have been engrossed.*

*Ordered, That Mr. Haviland, Mr. Clark, Mr. D. Macdonald, Mr. Fraser and Mr. Jardine do compose the said Committee.*

*Resolved, That a Committee of three Members be appointed, to provide Stationery for the use of the House.*

*Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Thornton, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Haviland do compose the said Committee.*

*Resolved, That a Committee of three Members be appointed to revise the Journal of each day, after the adjournment.*

*Ordered, That Mr. D. Macdonald, Mr. Coles and Mr. Douse do compose the said Committee.*

*Resolved, That a Committee of seven Members be appointed, to examine and report on the Public Accounts, with power to send for persons, papers and records.*

*Ordered, That Mr. F. Longworth, the Hon. Mr. Thornton, Mr. D. Macdonald, Mr. J. Longworth, Mr. Clark, Mr. N. Conroy*