

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.—After some time the House was resumed and Mr. *Rice* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Address, and that they had agreed to the same without any amendment.

The said Address was then read, and is as followeth :

*To His Excellency Sir DONALD CAMPBELL, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY ;

We, the Members of Her Majesty's Legislative Council, in General Assembly convened, offer to your Excellency our respectful thanks for the Speech with which your Excellency opened the present Session of the Legislature.

We assure your Excellency, that we entertain an earnest purpose to deliberate upon such questions as may come under our consideration with a view to the public welfare.

We lament with your Excellency the death of the Queen Dowager of England, who, by her great and eminent virtues, so truly adorned the high and illustrious station she occupied.

We join with your Excellency in the expression of thankfulness to Almighty God, for His merciful goodness in preserving this Colony from the fearful disease which has been so fatal in many other Countries, and in blessing, with abundant returns, the labors of the industrious Husbandman.

We trust that the Act passed by the Imperial Government, to enable the Colonial Legislatures to regulate their internal Postage, will result in the establishment of moderate and uniform Rates of Postage throughout Her Majesty's Possessions in British North America.

The alteration which has been made in the Navigation Laws of Great Britain, must have an extensive influence upon the Commercial affairs of this Colony, and we hope that the benefits anticipated by your Excellency will be fully realized.

We consider the removal of restrictions upon our commercial intercourse with the United States, as matter deserving the earnest and favorable consideration of the Legislatures of these Provinces, and we trust, that under the wise and fostering superintendence of the Imperial Government, such measures will be taken as shall secure to this Island its fair share of the advantages which may justly be expected to ensue from a judicious arrangement of so important a negotiation.

We are happy to learn that Acts to authorize the reciprocal interchange of their staple productions, have been passed by the other Provinces. We hope to enter upon