

“ my Opinion. It is therefore especially incumbent on us, to exert every Endeavor to bring these Advantages forward into general Utility.

“ To this end let me recommend to your Consideration the best Means of improving the Agriculture, Commerce, Fisheries, and Revenues of the Province. These must reciprocally aid each other; and to be availed of their Benefits, the Public Credit should be established, Morality and Literature promoted, Industry and Economy encouraged, Trade and the Fisheries cherished.

“ Your Zeal and Wisdom, I doubt not, will meet my warmest Wishes in these great Objects, and that the requisite Supplies will be cheerfully granted, as well for the current Services of the Year as for the necessary Support of the Public Credit. On my part, Gentlemen, you may be assured of the faithful Application of them, and of my best Care to carry into Effect the Result of Your Deliberations for the Public Welfare.

“ The noblest Motives combine to animate us :—The exemplary Loyalty of the Inhabitants of the Province, exerted on the most trying Occasions ;—the Protection and Support so liberally afforded to us by the Parent State ;—our Duty to the best of Sovereigns, who delights in the Happiness of his Subjects ;—a steady Love for our Country, and an honest Zeal for its Honor, cannot fail, with the Blessing of Providence, to render our Cares permanently useful to the Province, and highly honorable to the Government.

“ The necessary Papers and Information will be laid before you, by the proper Officers.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Putnam*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Hill*, and Major *Millidge* be a Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to His Excellency's Speech.

*Resolved*, That no Petition of a private Nature be received after Saturday the 16th Instant.

A Petition of *John Meany* and *James Meany*, presented.

A Petition of *John Meany* and *James Meany*, was presented by Mr. *Pyke*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners are Inhabitants of this Province, and have been dispossessed of nearly the whole of their Property by the Seizure and Condemnation of a Vessel and Cargo under very hard and singular Circumstances at *Sydney*, in the Island of *Cape-Breton*, and praying the House will interfere in their Behalf, that they may procure a Restitution for the same.

*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

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