

Saturday, April 14, 1866.

PRAYERS.

ON motion of Mr. Brecken, seconded by Mr. Haslam,

Resolved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into further consideration the draft Address reported from the Special Committee, in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to both Houses, at the opening of the present Session.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. John Yeo took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And the Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again; which the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned for one hour;

And being met—

On motion of Mr. Haslam, seconded by the Hon. J. H. Gray,

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Mr. John Yeo took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. John Yeo reported that the Committee had gone through the draft Address reported from the Special Committee, paragraph by paragraph, and had adopted the same without making any amendment thereto; and the said Address was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

To His Excellency George Dundas, Esquire, 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:—

1. We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, respectfully offer to your Excellency our thanks for the Speech delivered at the opening of the present Session.

2. In consequence of the abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty between the United States and Great Britain, we shall adopt such measures as may be required to advance and protect the commercial interests thereby affected.

3. We shall be glad to receive the report of the proceedings of the Council summoned by the Governor General for the purpose of furnishing an opinion to the Imperial Government on the negotiation of Commercial Treaties. In a matter of such importance, we are pleased to hear that the interests of this Island were represented by a Delegate sent for that purpose.

4. We trust that the Mission to the West Indies, Brazil and Mexico, in which this Island is represented, will result in the extension of the Trade of the British North American Provinces with those countries.

5. It is with deep regret that we learn that the general prosperity of the past year has been marred by the civil disturbances which have taken place in this Colony, and we cannot too strongly deprecate the conduct of the parties by whom the Tenantry were misled, and by whom they were induced to form themselves into an association so illegal, and so subversive of the rights of property as that to which your Excellency has adverted; and when the law was so openly set at defiance, we conceive that the course taken by the Government of the Colony, in calling in the aid of Her Majesty's troops, was the