

## THURSDAY, January 5th, 1832.

### PRAYERS.

**A** Petition of William Cooper, of Township Number Fifty-six, Esquire, whose name is thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr. Dalrymple—and Mr. Speaker having signified that Recognizance had been taken, as required by the Standing Order of the House—the said Petition was received and read; setting forth—that in consequence of the death of *John Macdonald*, late of Prospect Hill, Esq. a seat in this House for the representation of King's County became vacant, and a Proclamation having been issued for the purpose of electing a Member to fill such vacancy, your Petitioner was induced to offer himself as a Candidate, and was proposed as such by Duncan Campbell, and seconded by George Aitken, at Georgetown, where a Poll was opened on the Thirteenth day of July last, and afterwards adjourned to St. Peter's, where the polling re-commenced on the Twentieth day of the same month, and continued that day, and until a late hour on the next. That during the last night, and while the polling was going on, certain evil disposed persons who had voted against the Petitioner, in conjunction with a great number of others, who were not voters, commenced a violent and outrageous riot, for the sole purpose, evidently, of preventing the Petitioner being returned duly elected—for it was clearly seen that the great majority of votes that the Petitioner had polled, was sufficient to have secured his Election, as, at the commencement of the riot, the Petitioner was seventy-four in advance of any other Candidate. That between the hours of eight and ten o'clock at night, the Returning Officer, with the Poll Clerks and the Petitioner, together with the Special Constables, were by violence forced from the Hustings, and the Returning Officer forced to close the Election without making a due Return—and praying the House to cause the facts to be inquired into, and that the Petitioner may be heard by himself, or his Counsel, at the Bar of the House, when he trusts to be enabled to shew that he is entitled to a seat in this Honorable House as a Representative of King's County.

Ordered, that the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections on the Return for King's County.

Ordered, that the Petitioner, William

Cooper, be heard by himself or his Counsel, before the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Address to the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his Excellency's Speech, as prepared by the Select Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Dalrymple took the chair of the Committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Dalrymple, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Address and agreed to the same, without any amendment—and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

*To His Excellency Lieut. Colonel ARETAS WILLIAM YOUNG, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.*

The humble Address of the House of Assembly.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We the Representatives of His Majesty's loyal people of Prince Edward Island, in Colonial Parliament convened, respectfully thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of this Session.

We fully appreciate the motives which have induced your Excellency to convoke the Legislature at an earlier period than usual—a time not only suited to our convenience, but adapted to facilitate public business.

Our gratitude is justly due to His Majesty for the paternal solicitude he has ever evinced for the happiness of his subjects, wherever situated; and particularly for the last instance of his regard in the appointment of your Excellency to the administration of this Government. And we feel grateful to your Excellency for the assurance of your desire to promote, in all its branches, the prosperity of this fertile Colony, and the individual happiness of its inhabitants.

We shall direct our attention to the Public Accounts of the past year, when it may please your Excellency to lay them before us. In the execution of the portion of public duty, which, according to the Constitution, devolves exclusively on the Representatives of the people, we shall at all times feel it incumbent on us, so far as the means at our command will permit, to make such provision as will maintain the good order and respectability of Government; and your Excellency may rely that our best endeavours shall be di-