

Mr. KENT gave notice, that on to-morrow, he will move the House into Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of submitting an Address to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of Sessional Allowance to Members of Council.

Notice of Address to Secretary of State, on Sessional Allowance to Legislative Councillors.

*(A Message from His Excellency the Governor.)*

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a written Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency, which he read in his place, all the Members being uncovered, as follows :—

Message from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting documents relating to suspension of R. Reader.

A. BANNERMAN,

*Governor.*

In accordance with the Address of the House of Assembly, the Governor is very happy to send the information which the Assembly is anxious obtain, relative to the Governor's suspension of Mr. Robert Reader, who was appointed a Stipendiary Magistrate at Old Perlican, on the recommendation of the late Executive Council.

Considerable delay in regard to a decision on Mr. Reader's case arose from a doubt at the Colonial Office, whether the Governor ought not to have decided Mr. Reader's case without any appeal to the Secretary of State, the appointment of Magistrates being vested in the Governor, and by the Royal Instructions holding these appointments during pleasure ; and more particularly as a salary was attached to Mr. Reader's appointment of Stipendiary Magistrate, his case might be considered, like that of Mr. Tobin, a Colonial appointment.

The Governor did not press the matter, thinking it was possible that Mr. Reader, on reflection, instead of defending his conduct, would have expressed some regret that the Governor had considered it necessary to suspend him ; but instead of which, it will be seen by the Governor's letter addressed to him on the 26th March, 1860, (paper No. 6) he persisted in saying that he had not been made aware of the charges brought against him as a Magistrate at Old Perlican.

The Governor considers that Mr. Reader's case was one that he could not possibly overlook, and he has only to state to the House of Assembly, that should any similar one occur whilst he continues to administer the Government of this Colony, he will adopt the very same course, and at all times will be most happy, on such occasions, to afford the House of As-