

fearful disease which has ravaged the neighboring countries and who, in His beneficence, has rewarded the labours of the husbandman with a bountiful harvest.

We thank your Excellency for your offer to communicate with us; and we shall most cheerfully unite our endeavours with those of your Excellency to promote the general welfare.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by the whole House.

Ordered, That the same Committee who prepared the Address be a Committee to wait on His Excellency to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House with the Address.

Then the House adjourned for one hour;

And being met—

Mr. Cooper from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House with their Address, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint to-morrow, at one o'clock, to receive the House in the Legislative Library.

Resolved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled "An Act to amend the Jury Law."

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Macdonald 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 gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto.

The said Bill was then read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. H. Haviland do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath passed the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Yeo have leave to absent himself from this House until Thursday next.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Twelve o'clock.

Saturday, September 30, 1854.

THE hour appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to receive the Address of the House, in answer to His Excellency's Speech, having arrived, Mr. Speaker and the House went up, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended upon His Excellency, and presented their Address, to which His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I thank you for your Address, which affords me much satisfaction, as it conveys the assurance of your co-operation and support in all measures calculated to promote the general welfare.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The Hon. Mr. Coles, Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency, delivered the following

MESSAGE.

D. DALY, Lieut. Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Copies of the following Despatches from Her Majesty's Government on the subject of the Reciprocity Treaty, for the information of the House of Assembly, viz:—

No. 4, 18th August, 1854, (signed by the Earl of Clarendon.)

No. 5, 31st August, 1854, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

On receipt of the first mentioned Despatch, the Lieutenant Governor summoned the Legislature at this early period, and caused a Bill to be prepared by the Attorney General for giving effect to the provisions of the Treaty, in so far as they could affect this Island, at the earliest possible period.

The subsequent receipt of the second Despatch, however, the House of Assembly will not fail to perceive, made it impossible for the Lieutenant Governor to permit the introduction of the measure that had been prepared, without previous communication with the Governor General.