

" Her Majesty's Government having consented to the passing of an Act for the Consolidation of the Departments of Revenue, I recommend to you the adoption of such arrangements as will increase the efficiency and diminish the expenses of the local Establishments.

" The Act of the last Session relating to the collection of a reduced Duty on Timber and other Lumber, will, I hope, admit of such alterations as will obviate the objection which has been found to apply to it.

*" Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

" I am gratified in being able to inform you that, the Revenue in the last year has materially improved, and from the revival of the Public Credit I anticipate an early relief from the financial difficulties of the Province.

" When the Accounts and Estimates are laid before you, I hope it will appear to you that attention has been given to Public Retrenchment and Economy, and that it will be found practicable, without increasing the public burthens, to afford that support to public undertakings, and especially to the opening of Communications, which are so essential to the settlement of the Country.

" An important Instruction from Her Majesty's Government, on the subject of Differential Duties in the Colonies, will be laid before you.

*" Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*" Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

" The settlement of the Boundary between the British Provinces and the United States, by the Treaty of Washington, having renewed the question of the limits of New Brunswick and Canada, a correspondence has ensued with Her Majesty's Government and with the Government of Canada, which, it is hoped, will lead to an early and satisfactory adjustment of the claims of the two Provinces.

" In the correspondence of Her Majesty's Government, which will be laid before you, in reference to the measures of the last Session, you will recognize the desire of the Queen to uphold the principles of the Constitution, and I rely with confidence on your just appreciation of the blessings, which, under Providence, it has been the means of conferring on the people, for that support which will enable me to give effect to Her Majesty's Gracious intentions for their welfare."

On motion of Mr. End,

*Resolved,* That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to His Speech at the opening of this Session.

*Ordered,* That Mr. End, Mr. Allen and Mr. Brown be a Committee to prepare the Address.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

*Resolved,* That a Standing Committee be appointed, to whom may be referred all matters which may hereafter arise, that may in any way be supposed to affect the Privileges of the House.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Allen, Mr. Hill, Mr. End, Mr. Fisher and Mr. W. H. Street do compose the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Barberie,

*Ordered,* That Two hundred copies of His Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Fisher,

*Resolved,* That a Committee be appointed, consisting of a Member from each County, to take into consideration the state of all the Roads of Communication in the Province, and to report to the House what sums it may be necessary to grant for repairing and improving as well the Great as Bye Roads.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Connell, Mr. Scoullar, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. S. Earle, Mr. Partelow, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Wark, Mr. Rankin, Mr. End and Mr. Barberie do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Botsford,

*Resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to whom may be referred all Petitions for allowances to Teachers of Schools who may not have received any part of the Provincial Grants, to report thereon.

*Ordered,*