

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—

I shall rely upon your assiduous exertions to expedite the public business as much as possible, and I make no doubt but you will agree with me in the necessity of putting the Province into such a respectable state of defence as shall ensure its security against any attack which may be meditated against it.—This necessary duty performed, I shall have great pleasure in releasing you from further attendance for the present.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Haliburton, be a Committee to prepare an answer to His Excellency's Speech.

James Lent, Esq. Member for the County of Shelburne, took his Seat, having previously taken the usual oaths, and subscribed the usual declaration, at the table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Wednesday, 22d July, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Pyke, (Quarter-Master General of Militia) delivered to the House an Account of Arms and Accoutrements delivered to the Militia from the 22d April last, to the 17th instant, amounting to £3011 2 2½.

Ordered, That the Account do lie on the Table.

Mr. Robie reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to his Excellency's Speech, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it Please your Excellency,

WE, the Representatives of His Majesty's loyal People of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session, and for convening the General Assembly on the occasion of the War declared by the Government of the United States of America, against the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and her Dependencies: a War by which the safety and interest of this Province are likely to be materially affected.

We thank your Excellency for the assurances you have made us relative to the receipts and expenditure of the Public Money; and your Excellency may rely upon our making such Provision for the Services recommended in your Excellency's Speech, as the importance of those Services requires.

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