

WEDNESDAY, July 9th, 1817.

THE House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Chaplain attended agreeable to Orders and said Prayers.

Mr. Goff, Chairman of the Committee appointed to draw an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, at the opening of this Session, reported a Draft of the same, which was ordered to be read.

On Motion, of Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Coffin, The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, (Mr. Murray, in the Chair,) to take the said Address into consideration, and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, that the Address was approved of by the Committee.

Ordered, on Motion of Mr. Bagnall, seconded by Mr. Hyde, that the Address be agreed to by the House, and that the same be engrossed which is as follows, viz.

“ To His Excellency CHARLES DOUGLASS SMITH, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

“ The Address of the Lower House of Assembly, in General Assembly convened,

“ May it please your Excellency,

“ WE His Majesty's most dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Representatives of Prince Edward Island, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to return your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech at the opening of this Session, “ The notice which your Excellency is pleased to take of the unparalleled public Events, which have occurred since we had an opportunity of regularly and collectively addressing your Excellency, and the glorious conclusion of the unexampled contest in which the British Empire has so long been engaged, fully accords with our feelings, and demand the most sincere and devout acknowledgements of gratitude to that power which has so signally protected and crowned its efforts.

“ The prompt and effectual chastisement of that piratical unprincipled State of Algiers, so long the terror of the Mediterranean Commerce, by the splendid bravery of his Majesty's Arms, in conjunction with that of his Allies, presents a further proof of the unabated spirit of our beloved Country, in the common cause of Mankind, which must be highly grateful to the feelings of every loyal heart, and an additional cause of thankfulness to the great disposer of human events.

“ The Marriages which have recently taken place in the Family of our August Sovereign, we in concurrence with all his Majesty's Loyal Subjects rejoice in, humbly trusting that the union of such distinguished Personages may insure to them individual happiness, and to the Nation a fixed and permanent Succession to the Crown.

“ We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be prepared and laid before us: they shall have our prompt attention, and we beg leave to congratulate your Excellency as well as our Constituents upon the happy circumstance of the Public Debt of this Government being discharged, and the consequent great advancement of its credit.

“ We return your Excellency our sincere thanks for the attention you have paid to the Exigencies of this Colony in the present time of scarcity, which has been felt here in some degree in common with our neighbours, and we rejoice in your Excellency's wise determination in avoiding to restrict the operation of Export, being convinced that contrary measures most materially tend to damp the exertions of the *industrious* Agriculturist.

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