

an average one. On the other hand, I have to congratulate you on the very great diminution of the potato disease compared with its ravages in past years.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

I will transmit to you a statement of the Revenue up to the present period of the year. I will also direct to be laid before you the Estimates for the present year, and rely on your making the necessary provision for the public service, and for the additional expenditure incurred in carrying out measures to protect the public health.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, seconded by Mr. MARCH,

That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address of Thanks in reply to the gracious Speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

*Ordered,*—That Mr. Warren, Mr. March, Mr. Hoyles, Mr. Hanrahan, and Mr. Emerson, do form such Committee. Select Committee to prepare Address of Thanks.

Mr. SPEAKER presented to the House a letter from Joseph Hume, Esq., M.P., in reply to the Address of the Assembly of last session, soliciting his aid in procuring Responsible Government for this colony, which he read to the House as follows :—

*Bryanstone Square, 19th August, 1854.*

To the Hon. JOHN KENT,

*Speaker of the Assembly of Newfoundland.*

SIR,—This will be delivered by Mr. Little, who, with Mr. Emerson, have been active to carry out the wishes of the Assembly and of the people of Newfoundland; and they will show, by the copies of the correspondence what has been done and why they return without having the Petition from the Assembly presented to the House of Commons. Letter from Joseph Hume, Esq., M.P.

I found in His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, and in Sir George Grey, great regret that the Governor and Council had not met the House of Assembly to settle, as in the other Provinces, Responsible Government. They regretted, as I do, the necessity of having recourse to the strong means of stopping the Supplies; and assured me that the Despatch by the first packet should enjoin the carrying out of the Duke's intention.

With that knowledge, and the assurance that measures would be taken to place Newfoundland in the same situation as the other Provinces of British America, I determined not to present the Petition to the House of Commons.