

Monday, 22d July, 1844.

PRAYERS.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, informed the House that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint this day, at half-past twelve o'clock, at Government House, to receive the House with their Address in answer to the Speech at the opening of the Session.

Time for House to wait on Lt. Gov. with Address

At half-past twelve of the clock, Mr. Speaker and the House, pursuant to order, attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at Government House, with their Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency, at the opening of the Session.

House attend Gov. with Address

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency was pleased to give this answer to the Address of the House,

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

Answer of Gov. to Address

I beg to render you my acknowledgments for your Address.

A Bill relating to certain proceedings had and pending in the Supreme Court at Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton, was read a second time.

Sydney Court Bill read 2d time and committed

*Ordered,* That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Hon. the Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House copies of Despatches and other papers, relative to the annexation of the Island of Cape Breton to this Province, and the measures in progress to procure a repeal thereof; and the same were read, and are designated as followeth, viz:—

Despatches and papers relative to annexation of Cape Breton to Nova Scotia, laid before House

Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 3d June, 1844, No. 168, enclosing copies of Correspondence relating to a Petition for separating Cape Breton from the Province of Nova Scotia, viz:

Lord Wharncliffe to Lord Stanley, 3rd July, 1843.

Lord Stanley to Lord Wharncliffe, 11th July, 1843.

Lord Wharncliffe to Lord Stanley, 17th May, 1844.

Lord Stanley to Lord Wharncliffe, 27th May, 1844.

Lord Wharncliffe to Lord Stanley, 31st May, 1844.

The Hon. W. L. Bathurst to Mr. Hardingham, 14th July, 1843.

Mr. Hardingham to Mr. Bathurst, 18th July, 1843.

Lord Stanley to Lord Wharncliffe, 1st June, 1844. With the following, referred to in Lord Stanley's Despatch, No. 168, viz:

Lord Falkland to Lord John Russell, No. 60, dated 16th April, 1841.

(See Appendix No. 1.)

Also copies of the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Cape Breton to Her Majesty, praying the repeal of the said Annexation, and of the case thereupon laid before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, on the part of the Petitioners.

*Ordered,* That the copies of Despatches and other papers do lie on the Table.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved,* that this House will to-morrow proceed to the consideration of the subject referred to in the foregoing Despatches, and other papers.

Consideration of Cape Breton papers made Order of Day

On motion of Mr. Benjamin, the Petition of Isaac Coaldwell and others, Freeholders of Horton, was read, and considered by the House; and thereupon,

Horton Freeholders Petition considered

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved,* that the further consideration of said Petition be deferred until the next Session.

Consideration deferred until next Session

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