

While I rejoice in the pleasing scene of comfort and prosperity which this Province exhibits ; and while I press upon your attention such matters as occur to me to be worthy of your consideration, I look to your more intimate knowledge of local wants and circumstances ; and I depend upon that unanimity which has so happily existed between the several branches of the Legislature, to enable me to bestow an unbiassed and equal attention to all points of Public interest. It is no less my duty and desire to give this, than it is your right to expect it ; and by thus joining my powers with yours, the important objects for which you are assembled will be most effectually accomplished.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Prescott, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cogswell, Mr. J. I. Chipman, and Mr. Haliburton, be a Committee to examine into, and report on, the expiring Laws.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Roach be added to the Grand Committee of Justice, in the room of Edward Mortimer, Esq. late Member for the County of Halifax, deceased.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Crane, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Ritchie, of Annapolis Royal, be a Committee of Privileges.

George Smith, Esq. returned duly elected as a Member for the County of Halifax, in the room of Edward Mortimer, Esq. deceased, took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, and the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, two of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor.

William Henry Roach, Esq. returned duly elected as Member for the Township of Digby, took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, and the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, two of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Albro, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Smith and Mr. W. Dickson, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts jointly with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That no Petition of a private nature be received after Wednesday, the first day of March next.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at two of the clock.

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*Friday, 11th February, 1820.*

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PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a Committee to join the Committee of the House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address 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 thereupon,