

MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER, 1854.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to order, the house proceeded to the consideration of the address, proposed and moved on Saturday, in answer to the speech of his excellency the lieutenant governor. Address considered.

And the address having been read, and Mr. Doyle having renewed his motion that the same do pass, such was seconded and propounded from the chair.

*Ordered*, That the same be again read and considered clause by clause.

And accordingly, the respective clauses thereof being read, were severally agreed to by the house ; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the address do pass. Passed.

*Ordered*, That the address be engrossed. To be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the address be presented to his excellency the lieutenant governor by the whole house.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, informed the house that his excellency had been pleased to appoint this day at half-past four of the clock, at the council chamber, to receive the house with their address in answer to the speech at the opening of the session. Time appointed for receiving address.

On motion of Mr. Archibald,

*Ordered*, That the hon. the attorney general be substituted, on the committee of privileges, in place of the hon. James B. Uniacke, whose seat has been vacated ; that Mr. Wilkins be substituted, on the same committee, in the place of Mr. Hall, deceased ; and that the hon. the solicitor general be re-appointed on such committee. Members changed on com of privileges.

On motion, *resolved*, that a select committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the subject of reporting the debates of this house during the present session. Committee on reporting.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Annand, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Holmes, be a committee for that purpose.

At half-past four of the clock, Mr. Speaker and the house went up to the council chamber to attend his excellency with the address of the house, in answer to the speech of his excellency at the opening of the session. House wait upon governor with address

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented the address to his excellency, and that his excellency had been pleased to give this reply thereto :

*Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly :*

Reply.

I receive with much gratification your address, with the assurance it conveys that your best attention will be given to the several subjects brought under your consideration.

It will be my pleasing duty to lay at the foot of the throne the expression of your loyal feelings towards her majesty, and of your deep sympathies with the sufferings of those whose afflictions are the sad but inevitable result of the righteous war in which the empire is engaged.

The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill for giving effect, on the part of the province of Nova Scotia, to a certain treaty between her majesty and the United States of America—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Reciprocity treaty bill.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, copies of various despatches and correspondence, and other papers relating to the fisheries and the reciprocity treaty between the governments of Great Britain and the United States, with the reports of the officers employed in the protection of the fisheries, Papers relating to reciprocity treaty and fisheries, laid on table.