

Mr. *McCallum*, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to repeal the Act 31 Geo. 3, intituled 'An Act for providing Pounds in the several Royalties in this Province,' and to make other provisions in lieu thereof, presented to the House a Bill as prepared by the Committee, and the same was read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Thornton* in his place presented to the House the Impost Accounts for the District

of Colville Bay for the Quarters ending 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December, 1836.

Also the Light Duty Accounts for the same District, for the Year ending 31st December, 1836.

Ordered That the said Accounts be referred to the Committee appointed to examine and report on the Public Accounts.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at Ten o'clock.

MONDAY, January 30, 1837.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid before the House the copy of a Letter addressed by him to the Right Honorable Henry Labouchere, Vice President of the Board of Trade, transmitting the copy of an Address to His Majesty, adopted by the House last Session, on the expediency of establishing a Court of Escheats in this Island, together with sundry documents therein referred to—and also a Letter from Mr. Labouchere in reply.

And the said Letters were read, and are as follow :

[copy.]

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island,
May 7th, 1836.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a Resolution of the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, by which I am directed to forward to you a copy of an Address to His Majesty, on the expediency of establishing a Court of Escheats in this Colony, which was agreed to last Session, together with copies of two former Addresses, and the Report of a Committee of the Assembly on the same subject, with the request that you will be pleased to lay the same before the King in Parliament—all which documents are herewith also transmitted.

By a reference to the Report referred to, you will be enabled to form a more distinct idea of the nature of the request herewith contained, which is intended to provide a remedy for an evil under which the Inhabitants of this Colony have long labored, than by any elaborate statement of the circumstances which I might now lay before you.

I have to add, that from the high idea the House en-

ertain of the disinterested zeal you have repeatedly manifested for the advancement of Colonial interests and for the amelioration of the condition of the Inhabitants of the North American Provinces, they are encouraged to hope that no exertions on your part will be wanting to give effect to the object of the Address thus respectfully submitted to your notice.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE DALRYMPLE,
Speaker, H. A.

Right Hon. Henry Labouchere,
&c., &c., &c.

BOARD OF TRADE, June 20th, 1836.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 7th of May, together with an Address to His Majesty from the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, on the expediency of Establishing a Court of Escheats, in that Colony. The Address has been presented to the King, who was pleased to receive it very graciously.

I have also been in communication with the Colonial Office upon this subject, and I am assured that it shall receive the early and serious consideration of the Secretary of State of that Department, who is fully aware of its importance; and that the result, when arrived at, will be officially communicated, without delay, to the Governor, and by him to the Legislature.

I beg to add, that it will at all times afford me the most sincere pleasure to receive from the Assembly of Prince Edward Island any communication which they may think proper to make to me in any matter affecting the interests of the Colony.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Hon. G. Dalrymple,
Speaker of the House of Assembly,
Prince Edward Island.