

WEDNESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1839.

Wednesday, 27th February, 1839.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Joseph Allison,
 Norman F. Uniacke,
 James W. Johnston,
 William Lawson,
 Alexander Stewart,

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The Honorable William Rudolf,
 Lewis M. Wilkins, Jr.
 Alexander Campbell,
 James Ratchford,
 William B. Almon,

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read,

This day Mr. Rudolf took the Oaths, and also took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, pursuant to the Statutes, and thereupon took his seat. Mr. Rudolf takes Oaths

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return a Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the Administration of Criminal Justice, and to acquaint them that this House do not adhere to the first, second, third, and fourth amendments proposed by them to the said Bill, but do adhere to the fifth and sixth amendments proposed by them to the said Bill. Message rel. to amendments to Criminal Justice Bill

Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare and report such Resolutions and other measures as it may be proper to adopt, in consequence of the invasion of the Province of New-Brunswick by an armed force from the State of Maine, reported the draft of such Resolutions, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk who read the same as follows: Resolution rel. to Invasion of New Brunswick report-

Whereas, it appears to this House that under the pretence of removing Trespassers, a forcible inroad has been made by the authority of the State of Maine upon that part of the Province of New-Brunswick which is claimed by the United States, but of which the exclusive possession and jurisdiction have ever been in Great-Britain; and that the Government of the said State has adopted measures to levy an armed force, and to raise a large sum of Money, with the avowed object of committing further outrages upon the Sovereignty and Dominion of Her Majesty; *And whereas*, by agreement between the Imperial Government and that of the United States, Great-Britain is to remain in such exclusive possession and jurisdiction, until the right thereto shall be determined, and negotiations are now pending for the amicable adjustment and determination of the said claim.

Resolutions

Resolved unanimously, That this House regards with the deepest indignation, the sudden and unprovoked attempt to wrest, by violence, the said possession and jurisdiction from an Empire, distinguished as much by its justice, as by its power and greatness, and this House contemns as utterly unworthy and frivolous the pretence by which the said State attempts to vindicate its extraordinary and most unjustifiable proceedings.

Resolved unanimously, That these measures, if persisted in, may bring on a destructive and unnatural War and its attendant horrors upon the people of two Nations, whose common origin, language and interest, render every well-disposed inhabitant of both Countries anxious to preserve uninterrupted the peace and friendly intercourse which have for a long period so happily existed.

Resolved unanimously, With humble reliance upon Divine Providence, and looking for protection and assistance to the Parent State, this Colony will use its utmost endeavours to vindicate the sovereignty and defend the rights of Great-Britain, whenever they may be assailed.—And our fellow subjects in the Sister Colony may confidently rely that the People of Nova-Scotia will, to the utmost of their power and ability, aid them in resisting every attempt to take forcible possession of a Territory, the custody and safe keeping whereof have been entrusted to them by their Sovereign, until She shall have commanded them to surrender it.

Resolved unanimously, That this House will cordially unite with the other branches of the Legislature,