

On motion of Mr. L. A. Wilmot,

The House went into Committee of the whole, on the said draft Address.

Mr. Partelow in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Address referred to them, and agreed to the same without making any amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Report be accepted; and

On motion of Mr. Weldon,

*Resolved*, unanimously, That the Address be engrossed, signed by the Speaker, and presented to His Excellency by the whole House; and further

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, to know when he will be pleased to receive this House therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Weldon, Mr. M'Almon and Mr. Woodward, be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. Jordan moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to erect a part of the Parish of Portland into a separate and distinct Town or Parish.

Leave granted.

The House adjourned until Monday morning next at 10 o'clock.

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### Monday. 1st January. 1838.

*Prayers.*

Mr. Weldon, from the Committee appointed on Saturday last to take into consideration the subject of publishing the Debates of this House, having attended thereto, submitted their Report, and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

“ The Committee to whom was referred the duty of enquiring into the best mode in which the Debates of the House may be reported and printed, report, that they have attended to that duty, and upon enquiry from John Simpson, Esquire, the Queen's Printer, they find he is prepared to publish the Reports and Debates of the House daily, upon such Reports being furnished to him by a Reporter employed and paid by the House. That in addition thereto he would expect the House to take a certain number of the printed Reports and allow him a remuneration for the same. This mode would probably cost a sum not less than two hundred pounds.

“ Mr. Ward, the Editor and Proprietor of a paper published in Fredericton weekly, called *The Sentinel*, is desirous of being allowed a convenient seat in the Gallery, and with permission of the House to be a Reporter of the Debates, and publish them semi-weekly in his paper, and leave it to the House to make him such remuneration as his conduct may deserve.

“ Your Committee waive the expression of their opinion of the propriety of having the Debates published by a Printer under the immediate control of the Executive, but are decidedly of opinion that the method proposed by Mr. Ward would be the most economical, and obtain the object desired.

“ Your Committee are not without doubts as to the propriety of the House employing a Reporter; it is a total departure from the practice of the House of Commons.

“ All which is respectfully submitted.

“ J. W. WELDON,  
CHARLES FISHER,  
B. C. BEARDSLEY.

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*Ordered*, That the Report be accepted.

Mr. End, a Member for Gloucester, applied for leave of absence for a few days, business of great importance requiring his attendance in his County.

Which was granted.

Mr. Street, from the Committee appointed to revise the Rules and Regulations for the government of the House, reported a draft thereof, and having read the same, respectfully