

Monday, unanimously to pass an Address to Her Majesty, praying a suspension of the negociation until the people of Nova Scotia shall have time to prepare and transmit to Her Majesty their reasons on which they found their opposition against the contemplated measure. And we pray your Excellency will be pleased immediately to forward their Address to the foot of the Throne, with your Excellency's favorable recommendation; which we are encouraged to anticipate from the manner in which your Excellency has already advocated the interests of the Province on this subject, in your Correspondence with Her Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

And thereupon

Passed.

Resolved, That the said Address do pass.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed.

Same Com. to present the Addresses to Lt. Gov.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Select Committee who prepared and reported said Addresses, be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Libel Bill presented.

Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given presented a Bill to amend the Law respecting defamatory words and libel; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at twelve of the clock.

Monday, 3rd February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Report from Com. to present Addresses to Lt. Gov.

The Hon. The Attorney General reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Addresses passed by this House on Saturday last, that the Committee had performed that duty; and that His Excellency had been pleased to say in reply to the Address to him, that he would be exceedingly happy to comply with the wishes of the House, and would forward the Address to Her Majesty, with his favorable recommendation.

Com. on Coal Mines to make further investigation & report.

Ordered, That the same Committee to whom were referred the Despatches and other papers relative to the Coal Mines of the Province, and the negotiations pending thereon, do make further investigation and report thereon; and have power to send for persons and papers.

Arbitration Bill presented.

Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual; and the same was read a first time.

Referred to Sel. Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Hall, and the Hon. Solicitor General, to examine and report thereon to this House.

Bill presented to regulate issuing of Commissions, &c. Referred to Sel. Com.

Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the issuing of Commissions, and the taking of Depositions, and the same was read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Hall, and the Hon. Solicitor General, to examine and report thereon to this House.

Petition from River John, Pictou, for Act to sell an Old Meeting House.

A Petition of Andrew Lauder, Chairman of a meeting of the Presbyterian Congregation at River John, in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. Smith, and read, praying that an Act may be passed to authorise the Sale of an Old Meeting House at that place, the funds arising therefrom to be applied towards the expense of a new one erected by them.

Leave for Bill given.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. G. Smith have leave to bring in a Bill in accordance with the prayer thereof:—And thereupon,

Mr.