

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*, ordered that the Clerk of the Crown or his Deputy, do attend this House forthwith, with the last Writ issued to the Sheriff of Queen's County, for the election of a Member for the said County, and the return thereto.

The Clerk of the Crown attended with the said Writ and Return pursuant to the above order, and it appearing thereby that *Richard Yeamans*, Esquire, is duly re-elected a Member of this House, for Queen's County.---

On motion, ordered, that Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Calverley*, be a Committee to attend the Commissioners to see him qualified;

And also, that they be a Committee to attend the Commissioners to see *Hugh Johnston*, Esq. a Member returned for the County of Saint John, who is now attending and praying to be admitted to his seat, qualified.

Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Calverley* attended accordingly, and being returned, reported that *Richard Yeamans* and *Hugh Johnston*, Esquires, had taken the Oaths prescribed by Law,---upon which they took their seats.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

THURSDAY, 22d January, 1818.

#### PRAYERS.

On motion, resolved, that the House do now go into Committee of the whole House, on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Peter Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fraser*, from the Committee, reported the following Resolution:---

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed "to examine what Laws have expired or are near expiring"---also, that a Committee should be appointed to revise the Law "to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province."---

And that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Thereupon, ordered, that the Report be received, and leave granted---and further, ordered, that Mr. *P. Fraser* and Mr. *Wetmore*, be a Committee "to examine what Laws have expired, or are near expiring"---

And that Mr. *Pagan*, Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee "to revise the Law to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province."

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, brought in a Bill "to prevent the destruction of the Cod and Herring Fisheries in the Bays and Rivers of this Province;"

Which Bill was read the first time.

Mr. *Millidge*, from the Select Committee, appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported a draught thereof, which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same was again read---and, on motion, committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Address; which was read, and is as follows:

"To His Excellency Major-General GEORGE TRACEY SMYTH, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

"The Humble Address of the House of Assembly.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

"The House will immediately take into their most serious consideration the objects recommended by your Excellency, and trust they shall be able to adopt such measures as to secure the public credit, and give due effect to their