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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, February 5th, 1834.

THE House having, by several Prorogations, been prorogued until this day, then to meet for the despatch of business.

And being met—

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by George Richard Goodman Esq. Usher of the Black Rod.

“Mr. Speaker,

“I am ordered to acquaint this Honorable House, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands their immediate attendance in the Legislative Council Chamber.”

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House went up:

And being returned—

Mr. Speaker reported, that when the House attended the Lieutenant Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to deliver a Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, of which he had procured a copy, which he read to the House as follows:—

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council;

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

I have assembled you in your Legislative capacity at as early a period of the year as circumstances would admit of—and I rely with confidence that, in the execution of the important duties which devolve upon you, the furtherance of the Public Good and the advancement of the Colony, will be assiduously sought by you.

Since I last met you in General Assembly, I have received a Despatch transmitting two Orders in Council, signifying His Majesty's assent to several Acts passed in the year 1829, and I shall avail myself of an early moment to lay Copies of them before you.

Under the Act of the Legislature of the last Session, I caused a Census of the Island to be taken, a copy of which I have directed to be laid before you; and it will be satisfactory to you to observe the steady increase of population that has taken place of nearly one third since the year 1827.

In my visit during the summer of such parts of the Country as I could conveniently do, I was gratified in noticing the progressive improvement and comfort that appeared to prevail—and I anticipate with pleasure at a future day, to see the good that will result to our Pea-

santry from a sober, steady, and persevering industry.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

The Accounts of the past year shall be laid before you with little delay.

I regret to observe that the Revenue has not been so productive the last year as the preceding one;—its fluctuation must necessarily be looked for, and that circumstance will no doubt have its influence with you, in making your Appropriations for the service of the present year.

I think it necessary to inform you that, owing to some unavoidable and unforeseen cause, a larger amount of work has been performed on the new Wharf in Charlotte-Town, than was contemplated in the Estimates of last year.

I shall desire the Papers to be laid before you, and recommend you to vote such further sum as, under the circumstances, you may think the Contractors entitled to.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council;

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

Resume your official duties, and, guided by an impartial and honorable desire to the fulfilment of them, uphold the character of the Country, and your own credit.

On motion of Mr Pope—

Resolved, That a Committee of Five Members be appointed, to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, the draught of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor delivered this day to both Houses of the Legislature.

Ordered, that Mr. Pope, Mr. Binns, Mr. Dalrymple, Mr. Green, and Mr. Brennan do compose the said Committee.

On Motion of Mr. Brennan—*Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to examine what Laws have lately expired, or are near expiring, and to report thereon to the House.

Ordered, that Mr. Brennan, Mr. Nelson and Mr. McNeil do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Hyndman—*Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to revise the