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some understanding should take place that a suitable marine police, or protective force, should be supplied for the fishermen of both nations, under such rules and regulations as may be considered necessary and determined on, in order that the stipulations in existing Treaties may be faithfully carried into effect; and this course, as far as I know, has been adopted wherever extensive fisheries are carried on, and their limits defined by treaty, usage, or legislative enactment.

The aspect of political affairs in Europe has been such as must have occupied the attention and time of the Foreign Affairs Departments in both nations, and diverted their attention from many other matters,—among others the Newfoundland Fisheries.

I am sure you must all deeply deplore the lamentable events which have taken place in the neighboring Great Republic, and which forebode the horrors of civil war and loss of human life. The people in this Colony ought to be grateful to the Almighty for the blessings hitherto bestowed upon them,—and I can only hope that peace and harmony may prevail among them.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

A copy of His Excellency's Speech having been left with the President, it was read by the Clerk, and, on motion of the Honorable Mr. McLEA,

Ordered—That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor in answer thereto; and

Ordered—That the Honorable Messrs. McLea, Clift, Morris, Stabb and Kough, be a Committee for that purpose:

On motion of the Honorable Mr. PINSENT,

Ordered—That the Speech be printed.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. STABB, the House went into Committee of Privilege—

Hon. Mr. MORRIS in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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House resumes.