

the Northern and Southern Districts, and to provide for the registration in the different Electoral Districts of all Deeds, Grants, Conveyances, and Documents of any description required to be registered.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the clock.

W E D N E S D A Y , JANUARY 30, 1850.

Notice of motion for Bill to provide for the vacation of seats of members.

MR. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on the 5th day of February next, he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the vacation of seats of members of this House.

Address of Thanks reported from Select Committee.

MR. O'BRIEN, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech at the opening of the Session, presented the draft thereof, and the same was read a first time, as follows:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland in General Assembly convened, beg leave to thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which Your Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

We sincerely unite with Your Excellency in an expression of heartfelt gratitude to the Almighty Disposer of events for our merciful preservation from the Cholera which has proved so fatal in many other countries, and for having a second time spared this Island, when some of the neighbouring colonies were so severely visited by its ravages.

We entirely concur with Your Excellency in deploring the decease of Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, a lady whose warm benevolence