

## FRIDAY, February 4th, 1831.

## PRAYERS.

**M**R. *W. Macneill*, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech, reported the same, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where being again read—

Ordered, that the said Address be committed to a Committee of the whole House, immediately.

Then the House resolved itself into said committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. John S. Macdonald took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. John S. Macdonald, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Address, without making any amendment thereto.

Ordered, that the said Address be agreed to.

Read the Address as agreed to, which is as follows:

To His Excellency Colonel JOHN READY, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The humble Address of the Assembly.

May it please your Excellency:

WE the Representatives of His Majesty's loyal Subjects of Prince Edward Island, thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of this Session.

We cordially sympathise with the nation at large on the demise of our late beloved and much lamented Sovereign King George the Fourth. Turning from this afflicting subject, it is with the utmost pleasure and satisfaction we learn that the Crown has devolved on His Most Gracious Majesty King William the Fourth, a Monarch who must, from personal knowledge of his North American Colonies, take a peculiar interest in their welfare and prosperity.

We consider your Excellency's calling the Colonial Parliament together at this early period, a further proof, if such were wanting, of your Excellency's undiminished zeal for the prosperity of this Colony.

We heartily unite with your Excellency in congratulating the country on the abundance of the late harvest, which demands its gratitude to divine providence; and we are happy to perceive that, under your Excellency's administration, and excited by your example, a spirit of great improvement is evidently abroad in the Island, with regard to its Agriculture—a branch of industry the most essential of any to the true interests and permanent happiness of its inhabitants.

We are happy to learn from your Excellency that there is a material increase in the Revenue over the receipts of the preceding year.

We thank your Excellency for promising to lay before us the Public Accounts, to which we shall give all proper attention—and shall most willingly grant to His Majesty the supplies which the exigencies of the Colony may require, so far as may be in our power, in the prudent discharge of our duty, and with due regard to the limited resources at our command.

Your Excellency may rest assured that we shall endeavour to emulate the cordiality which prevailed between the different branches of the Legislature during their last Session, to

which your Excellency has been pleased to advert; and we sincerely hope that the result of our deliberations will prove beneficial to the country.

Ordered, that *Mr. Brecken* and *Mr. Brennan* be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House with the Address.

*Mr. Brecken* gave notice that he would, on a future day, move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise Justices of the Peace to enforce the attendance of Witnesses.

*Mr. Owen* reported from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws have lately expired, or are near expiring—and he read the Report in his place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

An Act passed in the ninth year of His late Majesty, intituled "An Act to continue and amend an Act of the Sixth year of the present King, intituled an Act to regulate the performance of Statute Labour on the Highways, and to suspend an Act made and passed in the Thirty-fifth year of the late King; intituled an Act to alter and amend the High Road Laws"—will expire on the 5th day of May next.

An Act passed in the ninth year of His late Majesty, intituled "an Act to continue and amend an Act made and passed in the Sixth year of His present Majesty's reign, intituled an Act to limit and ascertain the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in matters of Small Debt,"—will expire on the 12th day of April next.

"An Act for keeping clean the Streets of Charlotte-Town, and for removing obstructions therefrom,"—will soon expire.

"An Act for the appointment of Limits and Rules for the Jail of Charlotte-Town,"—will soon expire.

"An Act for encouraging the Fisheries by granting Bounties,"—will expire on the 1st day of July next.

"An Act to regulate the size of Barrels, and enforce the Inspection of such Pickled Fish as may be exported from Prince Edward Island,"—will soon expire.

An Act passed in the tenth year of His late Majesty, intituled "An Act in further amendment of an Act made and passed in the sixth year of the present King, intituled an Act to regulate the performance of Statute Labour on the Highways, and to suspend an Act made and passed in the Thirty-