

Then the House adjourned for one hour.

And being met—

Mr. Yeo, in his place, presented to the House, the Impost and Light Duty Accounts for Cascumpec, for the past year.

*Ordered*, That the said Accounts do lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the Report of the Trustees of the Lunatic Asylum and House of Industry, together with the names of the Inmates, and of those admitted and discharged therefrom, as also an account of expenditure in that Institution, from 1st March, 1850, to 28th February, 1851.

[See Appendix (B.)]

*Ordered*, That the said Papers do lie on the Table.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the draught Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to both Houses, at the opening of the Session.

Mr. Jardine took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. Jardine reported, that the Committee had gone into the consideration of the Address reported from the Special Committee, had amended and then adopted the same; and the Address, so amended, was again read at the Clerk's Table, and is as followeth:—

To His Excellency SIR ALEXANDER BANNERMAN, Knight, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice-Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency;

We, the Representatives of the loyal Inhabitants of Prince Edward Island, in Colonial Parliament convened, thank your Excellency for the Speech with which you were pleased to open the present Session, and likewise for having called us together at the earliest period after your arrival in the Colony.

Your Excellency may be assured, that so soon as the causes shall be removed which compelled the

House of Assembly, in their two last Sessions, to decline proceeding with the local business of the Colony, as well as with the consideration of those important subjects affecting the interests of the North American Provinces, alluded to in the Speech with which the late Lieutenant Governor closed the Session on the first of May last, they will take the earliest opportunity to remedy the unavoidable omissions of that Session.

The Revenue Bill of the last Session, to which, under ordinary circumstances, the late Lieutenant Governor would have refused his assent, might not, although strictly parliamentary and constitutional, be considered free from objection; but the unprecedented conduct of the late Lieutenant Governor towards the Assembly, necessitated their recourse to a measure, which, under circumstances that would secure the harmonious co-operation of the Executive and Assembly, would not have been resorted to, as will appear from a Resolution adopted by the House, on the 29th of April last.

We will duly proceed with an examination of the Public Accounts for the past year, and we will cheerfully provide the necessary Supplies for the Public Service, so soon as your Excellency's Executive Council shall be so constructed as to ensure the harmonious co-operation of this House.

We are glad to learn, that previously to your Excellency leaving England, your attention was directed to the question as to whether Responsible Government would prove beneficial or otherwise to this Colony; and it is gratifying to know, that Her Majesty's Ministers are not desirous of having the Government of this Island administered in opposition to the wishes of its inhabitants.

The various Resolutions and Addresses of the Assembly of this Colony, having reference to the establishment of Responsible Government in a modified form, in consequence of an alleged want of materials, have not emanated from those constituting the majority of the present House; nor have they ever received the concurrence of that majority.

We hail with the liveliest sentiments of gratitude, the declaration of your Excellency, that the Executive powers are placed in the hands of the Lieutenant Governor, who knows that he should conduct his Government in such manner as to meet, as far as possible, the wishes of the community; and we rejoice in the absence of any motive on the part of the Imperial Government to render the administration of their affairs otherwise than acceptable to themselves.

We regret that the Civil List Bill, passed last Session, cannot receive Her Majesty's confirmation, in consequence of a clause contained in that Bill, providing for the establishment of a system of Responsible