

" The Accounts of the last year will be laid before you, from which you will perceive that every attention has been given to economy, where it could be promoted without injury to the Public Service.

" The ill effects which have arisen from fiscal restrictions on the Trade with the neighbouring Provinces is a subject which I hope will occupy your attention.

" *Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

" *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

" The favourable change which has occurred within the last year in the Commercial prospects of the Province, has had a beneficial influence upon other branches of Industry ; while it has shewn the close relations subsisting between the prosperity of the Colonies and of the Mother Country.

" Acknowledging with gratitude our dependance for these and other blessings on the bounties of a beneficent Providence, I fervently hope for their continuance, and that the measures of the present Session may conduce to the honor and advantage of the Province and be productive of lasting satisfaction to yourselves."

Which being ended,

The House of Assembly withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire.

His Honor the President reported His Excellency's Speech.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Speech at the opening of the Session.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messieurs Saunders and Kinnear be appointed a Committee for that purpose.

ORDERED, That the Journals of the House be printed daily, and that two hundred copies thereof be furnished.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 30th January, 1845.

PRESENT :

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Johnston.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Street,
Mr. Kinnear,*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented a Petition from Stephen Wiggins, Charles C. Stewart, John Duncan, and fourteen other persons, Merchants, Ship Owners, and Inhabitants of the City of Saint John, praying a Marine Assurance Company may be incorporated in the City of Saint John.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie-on the Table.

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