

I have directed the Public Accounts to be laid before you, and am persuaded that you will examine them with that attention which the nature of the subject requires.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council

and

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I forbear on this occasion to point out in particular the subjects which may now call for your investigation and care. The knowledge which you respectively possess of the situation and interest of the Inhabitants of this widely extended Province will enable you to discover where the aid of the Legislature may still be necessary. And it shall be my endeavour at all times to co-operate with you in the enacting of such laws as may best promote the true object of all Legislation—the Public Good.

Mr. Clench moved, seconded by Mr. Nellis, that Mr. Sherwood, Mr. McLean and Mr. Wilkinson be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

It was ordered accordingly.

Mr. Rogers then moved, seconded by Mr. Swazey, for leave to bring up two Petitions from the Inhabitants of the District of Newcastle.

Leave was accordingly granted.

Mr. Rogers then moved, seconded by Mr. Swazey, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter certain parts of an Act, passed in the forty second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to provide for the administration of Justice in the District of Newcastle" on Monday next.

Accordingly leave was given.

Mr. Sherwood moved, seconded by Capt. Cowan, that the Speaker do give notice at the Lieutenant Governor's Office as soon as possible that the seats of the Members of the House of Assembly for the Counties of Stormont and Russell, and of Durham, Simcoe, and the East Riding of York are vacated.

It was ordered accordingly.

Mr. Wilkinson then moved, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, for leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of Lancaster, on Monday next.

Leave was accordingly granted.

Then Mr. Sherwood moved, seconded by Mr. Clench, for leave to bring in a Bill on Monday next, to regulate the trial of controverted elections or returns of Members to serve in Parliament.

Accordingly leave was granted.

On motion of Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, the House adjourned until Monday next.

*Monday, 4th February, 1805.*

Prayers were read.

Mr. Speaker informed that in obedience to the commands of this House he had sent notice to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor that the seats of the Members of the House of Assembly for the Counties of Stormont and Russell, of Durham, Simcoe and the East Riding of York are vacated.

Mr. Wilkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Clench, for leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Cornwall on Wednesday next.

Leave was accordingly granted.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swazey, moved for leave to bring up the Petition