

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the existence and usefulness of the Representative branch of the Legislature depend upon the due exercise of their undoubted privilege of promulgating, printing and publishing their proceedings.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the expenses incurred by Robert John Parsons in the suit instituted by B. G. Garrett, Esq., High Sheriff of this Island, against him for publishing a report of this House in compliance with an order of the House, should be provided for in the next money Bill that passes this branch of the Legislature.

And the said resolutions having been read throughout, were, upon the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Notice for Committee to prepare address to his Excellency.

Mr. Nugent gave notice that to-morrow, he should move an address to his Excellency the Governor, praying that his Excellency would be pleased to order that the opinions of her Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General be taken on the legality of lodging an attachment in the hands of the Treasurer of this Island on monies voted to individuals by the Legislature for the public service, and that the same be laid before the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at one of the clock.

TUESDAY, January 21, 1840.

Message from his Excellency.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor.

THE hon. Mr. Secretary Crowdy being admitted within the bar, presented to the House by command of his Excellency the Governor the following documents, viz.

Twenty printed copies of a report on the Geology of Newfoundland, with map and plan of sections, for the use of the Members.—See Appendix.

Copy of a letter from the Magistrates at Harbor Grace, representing the inadequacy of the sum voted by the Legislature for making certain alterations in the Court House, with presentment of the Grand Jury thereon.

A petition from the District Surgeons praying for remuneration for their services since July last.

A Petition of certain farmers and others relative to the building a wharf for the landing of fish manure, &c.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said letter and petitions were read by the Clerk, and

Ordered,—That the said letter be referred to the committee of supply, and the said petition of certain farmers and others, to the committee of roads and bridges, and the other documents do lie on the table, to be perused by the members of the House.