

THURSDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1836.

The Union of King's and Dalhousie Colleges having formerly been brought to your notice during the Session of 1832, by the then Governor; and His Majesty's Government being desirous of bringing this protracted and important measure to a settlement, have instructed me to submit the subject again to your consideration; and they confidently trust that the House of Assembly will relinquish their claim, made last Session, upon Dalhousie College, that there may be sufficient funds for establishing and maintaining an United College upon liberal principles; so that the means of facilitating the diffusion of the higher Branches of Education may be attainable by all classes. I feel assured that, to facilitate this desirable object, you will be disposed to meet the wishes of His Majesty's Government. I expect that I shall have occasion to communicate with you further on this subject during the present Session—in which case I shall do so by Message.

The Act with regard to Common and Grammar Schools being about to expire, the important subject of public Education will demand your earliest attention.

I submitted a Message to you last Session, accompanied by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, regarding a general arrangement of the Post Office, and the internal Postage in the North American Colonies. As the Act in question was intended to come into operation on the 1st January, in the present year, I trust you will give the subject, also, your early attention.

I have the satisfaction to inform you that His Majesty's Government have intimated their readiness to apply to Parliament for the funds necessary for erecting Light Houses on the Islands of Scattarie and St. Paul, provided that the Colonies, whose trade is to be benefited by the measure, will engage to defray the expense of their future maintenance; the liberality and anxiety which have been evinced by His Majesty's Government to adopt any precautions for obviating the recurrence of the melancholy accidents by Shipwrecks upon these Islands, will be duly appreciated. The humanity and liberality which have heretofore been displayed by the Legislature of this Province, in succouring those who have been Shipwrecked upon her coasts, assure me that you will cordially co-operate with the Home Government, and with the neighbouring Colonies, in promoting a measure so important to the Commercial Interests of the whole of British North America.

I am happy to congratulate you, Gentlemen, upon the health and tranquility which the Province has enjoyed during the past year: and I earnestly hope that these blessings may be long experienced. I beg to assure you that you will ever find me ready to co-operate in such measures as may be found conducive to the welfare and prosperity of this Province, so distinguished for its loyalty and attachment to the Parent State.

C. CAMPBELL.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to consider the subject of the State Oaths, required of Members of the Legislature upon taking their Seats, and of other persons upon taking Office in this Province, and to prepare and bring in a Bill, thereupon,

Committee to consider of the State Oaths

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for the above purpose.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Young, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Shey and Mr. Dickson, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

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Committee to examine the Public Accounts

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Deblois, Mr. Young and Mr. B. DeWolf, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Doyle, be a Committee to examine and report on the expiring Laws.

Committee on Expiring Laws

On motion of Mr. Deblois, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the operation of the present Revenue Laws, as they affect the collection of the Duties, the convenience of the Trade, and the security of the Revenue, and whether the combination of the Imperial Duties with the Provincial has been attended with the advantages contemplated, and that the Committee have power to send for Persons and Papers.

Committee to examine and report on the Revenue Laws

*Ordered*, That Mr. Deblois, Mr. Stewart, Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Young, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Huntington and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for the above purpose.

*Ordered*, That the Committee meet on Thursday next, and report their proceedings on or before the following Thursday.

On motion of Mr. G. Smith, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Majesty on the subject of the Timber Trade, praying that the existing

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