

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 1827.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

The Hon. George Wright, President.

Honorables { William Pleace,
Ambrose Lane,
Thos. H. Haviland,
Charles Worrell.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable William Pleace reported from the committee, an Address drawn by them as follows:

To His Excellency Colonel JOHN READY, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and its Dependencies, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the members of His Majesty's Council in our Legislative capacity assembled, beg leave to return your Excellency our grateful acknowledgments for your Speech at the opening of the Session.

The evident progressive improvement of this naturally highly favoured Colony must prove a source of great gratification to all who are interested in its prosperity, and while it reflects the highest honor on your Excellency's administration, it will actuate us to persevere in the pursuit of such measures as shall evince our endeavours to realise your Excellency's anticipation of its continuance.

The decease of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, Heir presumptive to the British Crown, and Commander in Chief of the Army, is a severe national calamity, and which we, in common with all His Majesty's subjects, most deeply deplore.

The improvement which the several Public Roads have lately undergone, has been already greatly estimated by the settlements contiguous to them; and the Western Line of Road, when completed, will prove of the highest benefit to the population connected with that part of your Excellency's Government.

We concur with your Excellency in the advantages which would arise from affording facilities to our internal communication, and we will freely pro-

mote any measure which may have for its purpose so desirable an object.

The establishment of an Agricultural Society, on a limited scale, and under proper management, cannot fail to render the Colony the most essential service.

The zeal and liberality which have attended your Excellency's exertions in promoting the interests of this Island, cannot be too highly appreciated, and we avail ourselves of this opportunity to offer our most grateful thanks for the valuable Stock, which at a very considerable personal expence was imported by your Excellency during the last season, and which cannot fail to prove of permanent benefit to the Colony.

Due and respectful attention shall be given by His Majesty's Council to all matters which your Excellency may deem it necessary to communicate to them.

We participate with your Excellency in feelings of the highest satisfaction at the encrease of our Revenue, as it affords us the pleasing anticipation that the great depression which has attended one of our chief branches of commerce will prove but of a temporary nature, and that by activity, perseverance, and industry, we shall be enabled to overcome those difficulties which in common with the whole mercantile world, have, for a season, surrounded us.

We sincerely trust that in exercising our public duties no obstacle will occur to disturb that harmony and unanimity which have hitherto marked the proceedings of the Legislature; and we beg further to assure your Excellency that we will co-operate most heartily in every measure which may have for its tendency the public welfare.

Which Address being read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the said Address be presented to his Excellency by the whole House.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

THURSDAY, March 22, 1827.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

The Hon. George Wright, President.

Honorables { William Pleace,
Ambrose Lane,
Thos. H. Haviland,
Charles Worrell.

PRAYERS.

A message from the House of Assembly by the Attorney General, who stated, that the Books purchased under the vote of the Legislature had arrived, and were on the Table of the House, and any member of his Majesty's Council could have them for perusal.

Ordered, that the Honorables William

Pleace and Charles Worrell, be appointed a committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to know what time his Excellency would please to appoint, to be attended with the Address.

The Honorable William Pleace reported, that the committee had waited on his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, humbly to know what time his Excellency would please to appoint to be attended with their Address; and that his Excellency had appointed half past one to-morrow.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock to-morrow.