

MESSAGE :

GEORGE DUNDAS, Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieut. Governor transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, copies of the following Despatches :

No. 51.—January 23, 1861.—On subject of an Act for better apprehension of certain offenders.

No. 53.—February 23.—Transmitting an order in Council specially confirming an Act of the Local Legislature.

No. 54.—February 23.—Transmitting an order in Council, leaving 35 Acts of the Legislature to their operation.

No. 55.—February 23.—Transmitting an order in Council disallowing an Act of the Legislature for the better apprehension of certain offenders.

Circular.—5th February.—Enclosing copy of letter from Lord Elcho on subject of National Rifle Associations.

Circular.—31st January.—Announcing Peace with China.

Ordered, That the said documents do lie on the Table.

[See Appendix, No. 5.]

According to order, the House was called over :

PRESENT :

The Hon. Mr. *President*,
 Mr. *Swabey*,
 Mr. *Walker*,
 Mr. *Bagnall*,
 Mr. *Forgan*,
 Mr. *Hutchinson*,
 Mr. *Johnson*,
 Mr. *Palmer*,
 Mr. *Simpson*,
 Mr. *Anderson*,
 Mr. *Ramsay*,
 Mr. *Gardiner*,
 Mr. *Goff*.

ABSENT :

The Hon. Mr. *Dingwell*,
 (absent from indisposition,)
 Mr. *M'Laren*,
 (absent with leave.)

The following Petitions were, by leave, presented to the House by Mr. *Palmer*, and the same were severally received and read, viz :

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Nos. 4 and 5, praying for the establishment of Light Houses on the East Point and North Cape of this Island.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.