

favorable state of the Revenue appears, I must press upon you the necessity of exercising the strictest economy in its disposition, by a systematic perseverance in which we may hope to relieve the Colony from its existing liabilities.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;*

I shall order the Public Accounts to be submitted to you without delay ; the classification which has been made by the Auditors, as suggested by the House of Assembly in the last Session, will prove a saving of time and labor, by affording facilities for their examination.

The Estimates for the Supplies for the current year will also be laid before you, and I have every confidence that you will grant the necessary provision for the Public Service

As the Act for levying an Assessment on all Lands in the Island, will shortly expire, it will be for you to consider, whether, in the present circumstances of the Island, it will not be advisable to continue this Act, or even to raise a larger proportion of the Colonial Revenue from this source, so as to enable you to reduce other Duties, with a view to the encouragement of the trade of the Colony.

I would however suggest for your consideration, whether it will be expedient to continue the distinction between improved and unimproved Lands.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;*

Being sensibly impressed with the conviction that our co-operation is essential to the advancement of the Public interests, I invite you to an unreserved communication upon all occasions, and you may rely upon my ready concurrence, in such measures as are calculated to develop the resources of the Colony, and to promote the peace, good order and welfare of the people.

The Speech being ended, and the House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Prayers were then read.

The *President* reported His Excellency's Speech, which being read by the Clerk—*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to return the thanks of this House, for his Speech delivered this day.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Solicitor General*, Mr. *Young* and Mr. *Hensley* be a Committee pursuant to the above Resolution.

On motion, *Ordered*, That Mr. *Young*, Mr. *Swabey* and Mr. *Birnie* be a Committee to revise the Journals of this House each day, and that it be an instruction to the Committee to require that a Printed copy be laid on the table daily.

On motion, *Ordered*, that Mr. *Solicitor General* and Mr. *Holl* be a Committee to examine into and report upon such Laws as are near expiring.