

at the hands of lawless men. I know that, should an emergency ever unfortunately occur in this Island, I could rely with confidence on a like spirit in its inhabitants of every creed and station. But I must seriously urge upon you the necessity of doing all in your power towards making due preparation for such an emergency, by giving your earnest consideration to the laws which at present regulate the militia and the volunteer force.

I am glad to inform you that the stock purchased in England for the model farm, arrived in a very satisfactory condition. I am confident that you will cheerfully give your concurrence to such a grant as may be deemed necessary for the support of an institution so well calculated to advance the agricultural interests of the colony.

I now commit to you the business of the session, with the fervent prayer that your deliberations may, under the Divine blessing, conduce to the welfare and prosperity of this Island.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

PRAYERS.

Mr. President reported His Excellency's Speech, and the same was then 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 the Hon. Mr. Goff, the Hon. Mr. Palmer, and the Hon. Mr. Dingwell be a Committee to prepare the draft of said Address.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to receive Tenders for printing the Journal of this House, for the present Session.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Beer, the Hon. Mr. Henderson, and the Hon. Mr. Walker do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine into and report upon such Laws as have expired or are near expiring.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Henderson, the Hon. Mr. Palmer, and the Hon. Mr. Walker do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, to regulate the Expenditure of this House during the Session.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Dingwell, the Hon. Mr. Goff, and the Hon. Mr. McLaren do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, to revise the Journal 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.