

And upon the question, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply, the House divided—

YEAS, 10.

NAYS, 13.

Whereupon it was decided in the negative.

The Honorable Mr Johnston, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he would be pleased to receive the House with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, reported, that they had attended to that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would receive the House with their Address at half past one o'clock this day at Government House.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

The House proceeded to the Order of the Day, to go into Committee of the whole in consideration of the Speech from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The Order of the Day being read, the House accordingly resolved itself into said Committee.

Mr. Weldon in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the matter referred to them under their consideration, had made progress therein, and he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be accepted, and leave granted.

It being the time appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to receive the House with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, the House waited upon His Excellency and presented the same, which is as follows:—

To His Excellency Major General Sir JOHN HARVEY, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, and Knight, Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

The humble Address of the House of Assembly.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal Subjects, the People of New Brunswick, beg respectfully to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session.

Your Excellency's untiring zeal, and manifest ability in the administration of the Provincial Government hitherto, afford us the best possible guarantee of Your Excellency's cordial co-operation in such measures as may hereafter be devised for the promotion of general prosperity. We are truly sensible of the inestimable blessings enjoyed by the inhabitants of this Province, under the fostering protection of the Parent Government:—the Lawswisely and impartially administered, afford that security of person and property which calls forth our fervent congratulations, while the loyalty and contentment, which pervade all classes of the community, establish for New Brunswick a character abroad, which it has always conspicuously sustained under every change of circumstances, whether prosperous or adverse.

We deeply lament with Your Excellency, that the same happy state of things does not exist in some of the neighbouring Colonies, which exhibit the extraordinary spectacle of a peaceful and inoffensive population having to defend in arms their lives, property, and institutions, against the lawless attacks of bands of pirates and incendiaries, principally composed of citizens of a professedly friendly nation. So long as our own rights and security are not endangered by the laxity and inefficiency of the Institutions and Powers of the neighbouring States, we can certainly have no interest or desire to interfere with, or animadvert upon them; but viewing every hostile aggression upon the Canadas as aimed at, and designed to destroy the integrity of this Province as a portion of the British Possessions, we feel it our imperative duty to reprehend in the most unequivocal terms, the conduct of the American Government, in not enforcing a strict observance of their friendly relations with the British Empire. And while