

them referred and agreed to recommend that a Bill be brought in for emitting Debentures to a limited amount, to be received in payment of all Duties or Taxes payable at the Public Treasury, and also agreed to recommend that an Address should be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Lt. Governor requesting that he will lay before his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, the defenceless state of the Island in order that a Corps may be raised, or detachment supplied, and that a Ship of War may be stationed here for the defence of this Island.

Mr. Macgowan, on leave obtained brought in the Heads of a Bill for emitting Debentures to a limited amount, which was agreed to, and received a first and second reading.

The same Committee was ordered to bring in a draft of the Address To-morrow morning.

The Committee appointed to devise a Scheme for reprinting the Laws, report, that on Examination they find it will be necessary to have an entire sett of the old Laws reprinted, as also, all the new Laws, That it appears to them 300 Copies will be requisite and that according to an Estimate furnished by the Printer, the Expence will amount to the Sum of £200, leaving 50 Copies in the hands of the Printer for sale at 20s. each.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, April 1, 1808.

THE House met according to adjournment....PRAYERS.

Pursuant to Order, The Committee appointed yesterday to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lt. Governor, reported the same, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, on Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, That a Committee be appointed to examine into the state and condition of the Gaol at Charlotte-Town, and to report thereupon to the House to-morrow. Messrs. *Holland*, *Macgowan*, and *Stewart*, Jun. were accordingly appointed.

On Motion of *Doctor M^r Aulay*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the Bill for making a General Assessment upon Land for the discipline and subsistence of the Militia in this Island," the Speaker left the Chair, *Doctor M^r Aulay* took the Chair, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, leave was given to bring in a Bill to revive, alter and amend the High Road Law of the 42d year of his present Majesty's Reign, which received the first and second reading.

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart*, Jun. the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled an Act for making and keeping