

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee reported that they had gone into consideration of the Address, and had agreed to the same with amendments, which being read as amended, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows:

*"To His Excellency Major-General GEORGE TRACEY SMYTH, 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 the loyal People of this Province, learn with great satisfaction, that the tranquillity which has for some years past prevailed in Europe, has enabled His Majesty's Government not only to improve the Financial concerns, and to attend to other objects of the domestic economy of the United Kingdom, but has also enabled His Majesty further to extend his paternal care to his North American Subjects, by placing their Commerce upon a more extended and liberal footing, thereby affording increased encouragement to their industry and enterprise: And we trust that such enlarged policy will be imitated by the Governments of those Countries with which we are, by the late commercial regulations, permitted to trade.

"The improvement of the navigation of the Rivers is an object of importance, and we shall give it an early and attentive consideration.

"We shall also pay diligent attention to the means best calculated to improve the Roads throughout the Province.

"The several Seminaries of Learning which have been encouraged and established by your Excellency, cannot fail of producing great and lasting benefits. The solicitude of your Excellency to extend the blessings of education to all classes of the community, demand the warmest thanks of the present, and will be highly and justly appreciated by succeeding generations. The House will not fail of paying attention to an object of so great importance as the Education of the Youth of this Country.

"The House are aware of the importance of a well regulated Militia, not only as a Constitutional defence against an enemy, but for the preservation of good order and public tranquillity.---This subject will receive due attention.

"We regret that the Revenue of the last year has fallen short of that of the preceding; but it is gratifying at the same time to learn from your Excellency, that the deficiency is occasioned by temporary circumstances.

"We thank your Excellency for your salutary recommendation of limiting the appropriations of the year to the probable receipts; of the necessity of which, experience has convinced us.

"Such other objects as your Excellency may be pleased to call our attention to by Message, shall meet with an early and distinct consideration, and it shall be our endeavour to give due dispatch to public business."

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the Address as amended be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, resolved, that forty Copies of the bill, "to repeal the Acts for regulating, laying out, and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same," be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. Simonds moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to amend an Act, intituled "An Act to alter and amend the Laws now in force for assessing, collecting, and levying of rates for Public charges." Leave granted.

Mr. R. Simonds, by leave, presented a Petition of Edward H. Cutler, praying