

reported the draught of an Address, as prepared by the Committee—and he read the same in his place.

Then the House adjourned for one hour.

And being met—

A Message from the Legislative Council, by Mr. Desbrisay:

“Council Chamber,

“Wednesday, 27th January, 1841.

“Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, congratulating Her Majesty on the auspicious event of the birth of an Heiress Presumptive to the Crown of these Realms, as announced in the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered at the opening of the present Session, and that the House of Assembly be requested, by Message, to join this House in such Address.

“Ordered, That the Honorables Mr. Brecken, Mr. Worrell, Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. Holl be a Committee on the part of this House to prepare the said Address.

“Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the House of Assembly.”

And then he withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to a Joint Address to Her Majesty, congratulating Her Majesty on the auspicious event of the birth of an Heiress Presumptive to the Crown of these Realms.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. J. S. Macdonald, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Clark, Mr. D. Macdonald, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. J. Dingwell and Mr. Le Lacheur be a Committee to join the Committee of the Legislative Council, to prepare the said Address.

*Ordered*, That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the Legislative Council.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. J. S. Macdonald do carry the said Message to the Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by Mr. Desbrisay:

“Council Chamber,

“Wednesday, January 27th, 1841.

“Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to keep up a good correspondence between the two Houses of the Legislature, and to report their proceedings from time to time, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

“Ordered, That the Honorables Mr. Brecken, Mr. Goodman and Mr. Young do compose the said Committee.

“Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the House of Assembly.”

And then he withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the draught Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to both Houses, at the opening of the present Session.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Rae took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Rae reported, that the Committee had gone through the Address reported from the Special Committee, paragraph by paragraph, had amended, and then adopted the same; and he read the same in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, as amended, and is as followeth:—

*To His Excellency Sir C. A. FITZ ROY, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;

WE the Representatives of the people of Prince Edward Island, in General Assembly convened, respectfully offer your Excellency our thanks for the expressions of good will towards our constituents, and zeal for their welfare, contained in your Excellency's speech; and we beg leave to assure your Excellency, that in no portion of the British Empire is the heartfelt satisfaction at the highly auspicious event of the Birth of an Heiress Presumptive to the Throne, greater or more generally felt than in this Colony, where the warmest sentiments of devotion and loyalty are entertained towards our most gracious Sovereign, and attachment to her Royal consort.

To ensure the advantages of a good Education—on which is based the happiness, industry and peace of a country—shall have that most serious attention which the importance of its merits imperatively demands.

Fully aware that the interests of Agriculture are intimately and inseparably connected with the future destinies of the Colony, and thankful that Divine Providence has blessed the labours of the Husbandman, we shall most cheerfully devote our attention to such objects as may increase and develop the resources of the soil.

In common with your Excellency, we share the satisfaction at the present prosperous state of the public Revenue, as affording us the means of diminishing taxation, and furthering the improvement of the country by public works.

We shall enter on the investigation of the Public Accounts for the past year so soon as your Excellency shall be pleased to lay them before us; and in proceeding on the Estimates for the current year, we shall make such provision for the exigencies