

FRIDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1854.

PRAYERS.

The hon. Mr. Johnston, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill concerning the elective franchise—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Elective franchise bill

The hon. Mr. Johnston also, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill for extending the elective principle to the legislative council—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Elective legislative council bill.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend the license laws—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. License law bill.

Pursuant to order, the house proceeded to the consideration of the address, proposed and moved yesterday, in answer to the speech of his excellency the lieutenant governor. Address considered:

And the address having been read, and Mr. Archibald having renewed his motion that the same do pass, such was seconded and propounded from the chair.

Ordered, That the same be again read, and considered clause by clause.

And accordingly the respective clauses thereof being read, were severally agreed to by the house ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the address do pass. Passed.

Ordered, That the address be engrossed. To be engrossed, and presented to governor.

Ordered, That the address be presented to his excellency the lieutenant governor by the whole house. To be engrossed, and presented to governor.

The honorable the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, informed the house that his excellency had been pleased to appoint to-morrow, at eleven of the clock, at government house, to receive the house with their address in answer to the speech at the opening of the session. Appointment of governor to receive address.

On motion of the hon. the provincial secretary,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to prepare and report lists of members of standing committees on general subjects. Committee to prepare lists of standing committees.

Ordered, That Mr. Annand, Mr. L. M. Wilkins, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Marshall, Mr. James Campbell, Mr. Thorne, and Mr. McQueen, be a committee for that purpose.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at a quarter to eleven of the clock.

SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1854.

PRAYERS.

At eleven of the clock Mr. Speaker and the house went up to government house, to attend his excellency with the address of the house in answer to the speech of his excellency at the opening of the session. House wait upon governor with address.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented the address to his excellency, and that his excellency had been pleased to give this reply thereto :

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly :

Reply.

I thank you for the assurances in this address that your best care and attention will be devoted to the objects which I have recommended to your consideration ; and I look with confidence to your support and co-operation in carrying out the various measures that may be calculated to promote the prosperity of the people of Nova Scotia.

Then the house adjourned until Monday next, at two of the clock.