

“ The delay of payment of the duties into the Treasury, so as to preclude the issuing of many of the sums appropriated at the last Session, might have been expected; and they trust, can only be a temporary inconvenience, for which they hope to be able to provide a proper remedy.

“ The long residence of your Honor in the Province, affords an opportunity to be acquainted with its inhabitants and wants, and here, the House have so full a reliance on the benevolence and wisdom of your Honor’s administration, as to make it totally unnecessary for them to anticipate the shortness of its duration.

“ The concerns of the Mother Country must, always, be of the first importance to this Colony. The House therefore beg leave to reciprocate the congratulations of your Honor on the splendid victory achieved by Lord EXMOUTH over Algiers, by which, the power of the British nation has (it is to be hoped) annihilated the piratical warfare of this State, and thereby, emancipated the Christian world from its influence.”

Thereupon resolved, unanimously, that the same be engrossed, signed by the Speaker, and presented to His Honor the PRESIDENT by the whole House.

Ordered, that Mr. *Mackay* and Mr. *Miles*, wait on His Honor the PRESIDENT, to know when he will be pleased to receive the House with their Address.

Mr. *Mackay*, from the Committee appointed to wait on His Honor the PRESIDENT, to know when he would be pleased to receive this House with their Address, reported, that His Honor directed him to inform the House that he would receive the same to-morrow, at twelve of the Clock, in the Council Chamber.

The House in Committee---Mr. *P. Fraser* in the Chair, went into consideration of His Honor the PRESIDENT’S Speech. The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman, reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of His Honor the PRESIDENT’S Speech, and that it was the opinion of the Committee, that committees should be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining what further sums are wanted for improving and repairing the Great Roads of Communication in this Province, and for ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in the same---thereupon ordered, that Mr. *Pagan*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Simonds*, Mr. *Yeamans*, Mr. *Wetmore*, Mr. *Allan* and Mr. *Miles*, be a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what further sums are wanted for improving and repairing the Great Roads of Communication in this Province: And also,

Ordered that Mr. *P. Fraser*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Humbert*, Mr. *Scovil*, Mr. *Brittain*, Mr. *Wilmot* and Mr. *Agnew*, be a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o’Clock.

FRIDAY, the 7th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

The House waited upon His Honor the PRESIDENT with their Address in answer to His Honor’s Speech, and being returned, the Speaker reported that the House had presented their Address, and that His Honor was pleased to make the following reply,---to wit,

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ I thank you for this Address and for the assurances of your ready attention to the objects which have been recommended to your deliberation.”

Mr.