

furtherance of those objects to which you have called our attention, and of such other matters as may tend to the promotion of the prosperity of the colony and the general welfare of the people.

H. W. HOYLES.

JOHN BEMISTER.

JOHN H. WARREN.

*Ordered*,—That the Address be read a second time on Tuesday next. Time of 2nd reading.

Mr. LITTLE, as a member of the Delegation appointed in the last Session of the Assembly to proceed to London, to advocate the claims of this colony to Responsible Government and Reciprocal Free Trade with the United States, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows:—

The House of Assembly having hitherto struggled in vain against the local Executive for the establishment of a thorough British system of government in this Island, and their repeated Addresses to the Crown for justice having been met by evasions or direct refusals, it was resolved, during the last Session of the Legislature, that Delegates should be sent from the Assembly to London, for the purpose of placing the affairs of the colony before the Imperial authorities in their true light, as a conviction existed in the public mind that they had not been fairly represented, or the parent government would have long since conceded to Newfoundland its constitutional rights and privileges.

*Report of Delegates to London.*

We were accordingly honored with the important trust of representing the views of the country, as expressed by the Assembly, on the present system of Government—the general state of the colony—and particularly the claims of this old and loyal dependency to the establishment of Responsible Government, and Reciprocal Free Trade with the United States of America.

In the discharge of our duty, we now respectfully submit an outline of our proceedings for the information of the public and the Assembly.

Having proceeded to Halifax in the Steamer “Ospray,” and thence to Liverpool in the R. M. Steamer “Niagara,” we arrived in London on the 18th July last, and immediately applied ourselves to the fulfilment of the trust reposed in us.

Having prepared the annexed statements, Nos. 1 and 2, on the general affairs of the colony, we transmitted copies thereof, with our credentials, to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, requesting at the same time an interview with him on the several matters which formed the subjects of our delegation: