

afflicted class of our fellow creatures, towards which our Gracious Sovereign has so readily and largely contributed, upon the ground only that the 'curatorial powers' claimed by you over the projected Institution have not been acceded to; more especially, when this claim is declared by Her Majesty's Government to be an 'encroachment' upon the rules which should separate from each other the functions of the Executive Government and those of the Legislative bodies, and to which you have already been informed Her Majesty's Government cannot be parties.

Although, in the last Session, you considered the distressed condition of these sufferers, and granted a sum of money towards their support, yet, as you have no guarantee whatever for the proper application of this money, they have been doubtfully provided for.

By the Census just completed, I am informed that there are on this Island seventy-eight insane, thirty deaf and dumb, and twenty-nine blind persons—a statement that, I feel confident, will accelerate the consideration of this question.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*

As my chief desire is the prosperity of this Island, so I gladly avail myself of this opportunity of earnestly assuring you, that I shall at all times be ready to concur with you in all measures appearing practically conducive to that end.

*Resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to revise the Journals of each day, after the adjournment.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Thomson, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Le Lacheur do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved,* That a Committee of Seven Members be appointed, to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, the draught of an Address, in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered this day to both Houses of the Legislature.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Thomson, Mr. Palmer, Hon. J. S. Macdonald, Mr. Clark, Hon. Mr. Pope, Mr. Hudson and Mr. D. Macdonald do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved,* That a Committee be appointed, to examine Bills to be engrossed, or that have been engrossed.

*Ordered,* That Mr. D. Macdonald, Mr. Longworth and Mr. Palmer do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved,* That a Committee of five Members be appointed, 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 Mr. Palmer, Hon. Mr. Pope, Mr. Clark, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Longworth do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved,* That a Committee of seven Members be appointed, to examine and report on the Public Accounts—with power to send for persons, papers and records.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Longworth, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Palmer, Mr. D. Macdonald, Mr. Gorman, Mr. Yeo and Mr. Fraser do compose the said Committee.

*Ordered,* That a copy of the Journal of this House be sent to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, each day, as soon as may be after the adjournment.

*Resolved,* That a Committee of five Members, of whom three shall be a Quorum, be appointed, to whom shall be referred every Private Bill, to report thereon.

*Ordered,* That Mr. D. Macdonald, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Clark, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Maclean do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved,* That a Committee be appointed, to examine what Laws have lately expired, or are near expiring, and to report thereon to the House.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Palmer, Hon. J. S. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Pope do compose the said Committee.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Eleven o'clock.