

The said Commissioners came between One and Two of the Clock, into the place where the Assembly sit, and administered the Oaths prescribed by Law to the following Members, returned since the last Session to represent the Districts following, viz:

**COUNTY OF PRINCE COUNTY.**

**FIRST DISTRICT.**

Hon. *James Warburton*, Colonial Secretary, re-elected.

**SECOND DISTRICT.**

*Allan Fraser*, Esq., Collector of Excise for Charlottetown, re-elected.

**THIRD DISTRICT.**

Hon. *Joseph Pope*, Colonial Treasurer, re-elected.

**COUNTY OF KING'S COUNTY.**

**SECOND DISTRICT.**

Hon. *John Jardine*, Controller of Navigation Laws for St. Peter's, and Hon. *Edward Whelan*, Queen's Printer, both re-elected.

**TOWN AND ROYALTY OF GEORGETOWN.**

*Roderick Macaulay*, Esq., returned in room of *James Macdonald*, Esq., deceased.

Mr. Speaker having then taken the Chair;

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by *Henry Palmer*, Esquire, Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker;

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House at the Bar of the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the House went up to attend His Excellency.

And being returned—

Mr. Speaker reported, that when the House did attend His Excellency this day in the Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, of which Mr.

Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which was read by the Clerk, and is as followeth:—

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

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

I have great satisfaction in again meeting the Legislature for the Despatch of Business, at a season of the year which I trust will be more convenient for you than the one I was necessarily obliged to summon you at the opening of the last Session. After its prorogation I visited mostly all the different localities in this Island. It is almost needless for me, I hope, to express the grateful sense I entertained of the kindness I every where met with; but I wish to embrace this opportunity of acknowledging that kindness, and to say it was greatly enhanced to the Queen's Representative, by the expressions of loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Throne, which all classes of Her subjects in this Colony seemed anxious to impress upon me. During my visit in the country, I ascertained with regret that there is a lamentable want of Education, and until lately great apathy seems to have prevailed on this most important question; while in this Town I am happy to find many benevolent individuals taking a warm interest in the rising generation, and the cause of Education. It becomes, therefore, the duty of the Legislature to put their shoulders to the wheel, and in addition to the provisions they make for the Academy in Charlottetown and District Schoolmasters, to take care that the inestimable blessings of Education be extended to every corner of this Colony. The necessity for a more efficient system is a subject which has for some time occupied the anxious attention of the Government; and a measure will soon be submitted for your consideration, which I am sure will meet with from you that impartial deliberation and favour, which its great importance demands.

Of the thirty-four Acts which you passed last Session, twenty-eight have been left to their operation; on the provisions of two of the remaining six, I have ascertained the views of Her Majesty's Government, to which I shall presently advert; but before doing so, I may acquaint you that the loan of £10,000, which you authorised the Government to borrow, was easily affected at 5 per cent., and the whole sum appropriated to the purposes for which you intended it. The 6 per cent. Warrants are called in; all Warrants under £10 are paid on demand, and I am happy to say, that no higher rate of Interest than 5 per cent. is now paid on any obligations which the Treasury has to discharge. In regard to the two Acts I have alluded to, I shall first notice the Civil List Bill of last Session: it seems there was an accidental omis-