

And that he had received from His Excellency, the following Reply :—

*“ Fredericton, 3rd February, 1829.*

“ SIR,

“ I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, of this day's date, acquainting me, that it is the wish of the House of Assembly to present an Address to me, on my approaching departure from this Province. Placing great value on the sentiments and opinions which you state to be entertained by the House of Assembly, I shall receive with great satisfaction, the Address which it is the wish of the House to present.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

HOWARD DOUGLAS.”

*The Honorable the Speaker, &c. &c. &c.*

Ordered, that Mr. Allen, Mr. McKay, Mr. Munro, Mr. Partelow, and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee to prepare the Address.

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1829.

*Prayers.*

On motion of Mr. Hayward.—Ordered, that the accounts of Robert Doak, Supervisor of the Great Road from Fredericton to Newcastle, for the year 1826, together with the Report and Audit of the Provincial Auditor thereon, be referred to the Committee to examine and Report on Public and Private Accounts.

On motion, Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that Sylvanus Appleby, should be repaid the sum of 18*l.* : 4, paid by him for duty on Coffee, imported into St. Andrews; but that such payment should be made by the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, the said Collector having taken such duty from him improperly.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, previous to His Excellency taking his departure from this Province, for Great-Britain, submitted a Draft thereof, which he read, and it being handed in, was again read from the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Allen.—The House went into consideration of the said Address.

The Address, as prepared, being unanimously agreed to by the House, was ordered to be engrossed, signed by the Speaker, and presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

On motion of Mr. Partelow.—Whereas in pursuance of a Resolution of the House at the last Session, His Excellency was pleased to appoint Thomas Heaviside, Esquire, to audit the Provincial Accounts; and whereas this House are of opinion that the examining and auditing of Public Accounts can be much better performed by a Committee of this House, than in any other way;

Therefore resolved, that Mr. Heaviside do confine his examination to such accounts as are connected with the monies paid by the Treasurer, prior to the 1st January, 1829.

And whereas, of the large amount of monies granted for the Public Service, during the last seven years, for various purposes, and received by Commissioners and others, for the expenditure thereof; considerable sums in the different Counties are yet unaccounted for, and in some cases acknowledged balances, where accounts have been furnished, remain due to the Province; And whereas it is necessary that some measure should be adopted by the House in order that persons who have been so grossly neglectful, should be compelled to answer for such delinquency;

Therefore resolved, that a Committee be appointed to consist of one or more members for each County, who are required to correspond with all such persons in their several Counties, who have hitherto not accounted for balances due on monies received for any Public Services; and that Mr. Heaviside, do without delay, furnish a list to the said Committee of the names of the persons so having Public money, in order that the Committee may respectively, in the several Counties where they reside, direct such Defaulters to account for the same to the Treasurer or his Deputies, in the several Counties.

Thereupon ordered, that Mr. Ward, Mr. Wyer, Mr. Crane, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Rankin,