

THURSDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1838.

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

The Provisional Establishment of two distinct Councils, which has recently taken place, and the Despatches which I am instructed to lay before you, afford ample evidence of the gracious attention that has been paid to the representations which you addressed to the Throne in the last Session.

I earnestly hope that this important alteration of the ancient Constitution of the Province, will be attended with all the advantages with which, when you advised the measure, you expected it would be accompanied.

I have directed the Public Accounts to be laid before you, and I trust you will find that the Supplies granted to Her Majesty in the last Session have been faithfully expended. The usual Estimates of the Civil Establishment for the present year will be submitted to you, and I have no doubt of your providing for the support of Her Majesty's Government, and for all other necessary services, with your usual liberality.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I have great satisfaction in acquainting you that the Revenue last year has increased considerably; the receipts have been more than sufficient to meet all the demands on the Treasury. I feel it my duty again to recommend an economical application of our means, by keeping our expenditure within our income.

I most earnestly desire to draw your particular attention to the inefficient state of the Militia; it is not at present what I wish to see it; there is all the good feeling and loyalty I could desire. As it is the Constitutional defence and security of the Province, I am persuaded you will see the necessity of amending the Law now in existence; and the zeal and discipline of twenty-five thousand young and willing Sons of your own families ought not to be neglected by Government and the Legislature.

It is the earnest desire and recommendation of Her Majesty's Government that you will enter upon the discharge of your Public Duties with that spirit of harmony in your proceedings, for which the Legislature of this Province has so long been conspicuous, and which has proved so conducive to the best interests of the Country.

My anxious wish is to see peace, content, and prosperity prevail throughout the Province; and you may rely upon my cordial co-operation in every measure which can tend to secure and increase these blessings.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Huntington, Mr. Young, Mr. DesBarres, the Hon. Mr. Uniacke and Mr. Howe, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech. Com. to prepare Address in answer to Speech

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Howe, the Hon. Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Young and Mr. Forrester, be a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly, with a Committee of the Legislative Council, and that the Clerk to acquaint the Council therewith. Com. of Pub. accounts

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Dodd, Mr. Young and Mr. DesBarres, be a Committee to examine and report on the expiring Laws. Com. on expiring laws

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that, previous to the meeting of the House, he received Letters from George Smith, Alexander Stewart and Lewis M. Wilkins, Junior, Esquires, respectively, acquainting him that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor had been pleased to appoint them Members of the Legislative Council, and that they had accepted such appointments; which Letters Mr. Speaker laid before the House, and the same were read by the Clerk; and thereupon, Letters from members appointed to Legislative Council

Ordered, That the Letters do lie on the Table.

On motion, *resolved,* That Mr. Speaker do forthwith request His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that a Writ may issue in the usual manner for the election of a Member for the County of Pictou to serve in the present General Assembly, in the place of the Hon. George Smith, who has accepted a seat in the Legislative Council, whereby his seat in this House has become vacated. Election in place of Honorable Mr. Smith

Resolved,