

THURSDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1842.

For the abundant Harvest of the past year we have abundant reason to be thankful, and we rejoice to be informed by Your Excellency, that the great expence incurred by the Province with a view to the encouragement of Agriculture is likely to be productive of much future benefit, being deeply convinced that however important other branches of industry may be, the permanent prosperity of the Country must be mainly derived from the cultivation of the soil.

We have long felt the defective state of the Law as respects the rights of Debtor and Creditor, and the need of some enactment to remove an evil so very generally admitted to exist, and in thanking your Excellency for taking the subject into consideration, we think we can assure you that if an effectual remedy is provided by the Legislature, for those derangements and difficulties to which all engaged in commerce are exposed, the thanks of the Country will be most readily added to ours.

The amendments proposed to the Criminal Code, so as to render it analogous to that of the Mother Country, and also those relating to the Law of Probate, and the distribution of the Estate of Intestates, shall receive our serious attention.

It is the duty of every Inhabitant of this Continent, to do every thing in his power to ameliorate the condition of its Aboriginal Possessors, and we shall gladly receive and entertain any proposition tending to effect an object so desirable, and to alleviate the misfortunes of a Race of Men, who, however degraded they now are, we should never forget were once the rightful owners of the Country, and owe its loss and their degradation to us.

Such other measures as your Excellency shall offer to the consideration of the Legislature, will receive our respectful attention, and the experience we have had of your Excellency's solicitude to promote the welfare of the Country, will enable us to enter into the investigation of them with the perfect assurance that they have been submitted to us, with an anxious desire on the part of your Excellency, to perform your duty to our Sovereign and the Province.

Agreed to

Which Address being read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House.

Com. to wait on
H. E. to ascertain
when he will re-
ceive Address

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. McNab and Mr. Bell, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency, and ascertain when His Excellency will be pleased to receive this House with their Address.

Address to H. M.
on Birth of a Prince

On motion of Mr. Tobin, *resolved*, that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, congratulating Her Majesty on the birth of an Heir to the British Throne.

Com. to prepare
Address

Ordered, That Mr. Tobin, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Morton, be a Committee to prepare the said Address.

Com. of Privileges

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. McNab, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Tobin and Mr. Bell, be a Committee of Privileges.

Mr. Cutler's reason
for non-attendance

The President read a Letter addressed to him by Mr. Cutler, giving the reasons for his non-attendance in his place in this House.

Mr. McFarlane's
excuse for non at-
tendance

The President read a Letter addressed to him by Mr. McFarlane, stating that an unexpected occurrence would prevent his attendance in his place in this House until the beginning of February.

Mr. Ratchford's
excuse

The President read a Letter addressed to him by Mr. Starr, stating that illness prevented the attendance of Mr. Ratchford in his place in this House.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Friday,