

The true friends of this Island, and its people, are those who, by advice, influence and example, succeed in bringing the occupation of the fisherman as an ally to that of the Farmer.

I have to call your attention to the expiration of the Act for the encouragement of Education in this Island. It is impossible for me too earnestly to implore your gravest deliberation upon this most important measure. Connected with this subject, the present and future welfare of thousands is involved in your decisions. To educate a people, is the first step towards rendering them, in the mass, religious, honest and benevolent. —

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

The Public Accounts will be duly laid before you, and without that delay which heretofore has retarded your examination of them. I have every reason to suppose that the Revenue will at least equal that of last year—a circumstance which, amidst the general depression which has so long prevailed in the trade of almost every part of the Empire, affords a sure and pleasing indication of your growing prosperity. I rely upon your granting the necessary sums for the Public Service.

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

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

I trust, by your early settlement of the question first mentioned, that you will enable me to relieve you from a long attendance at present. At a future period, I shall avail myself of the opportunity to lay before you such communications as may be deemed necessary to bring under your consideration.

A motion being made, that a Committee be appointed, to revise the Journal each day, after the adjournment;

Mr. Rae moved, by way of amendment, that, previous to entering into the customary business of the House, it is necessary to enter on the examination of who have vacated their seats in this House, by having accepted offices of emolument under the Crown; and that with this view the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on Privileges—which being seconded and put, was carried in the affirmative.

A motion being made, that Mr. Montgomery be appointed Chairman of the said Committee;

Mr. Cooper moved, in amendment, that the words “Mr. Montgomery” be struck out, and “Mr. Palmer” substituted.

The House divided on the motion of amendment:

YEAS:

Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Rae,
Mr. D. Macdonald,	Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Dingwell,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Macgregor,
Mr. A. Maclean,	Mr. D. Maclean.

NAYS:

Hon. Mr. Palmer,	Mr. Dalziel,
Mr. Yeo,	Mr. Macaulay,
Hon. J. S. Macdonald,	Mr. Wightman,
Mr. Beairsto,	Mr. Longworth,
Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Douse,
Mr. Cambridge,	Mr. Thornton.
Mr. Coles,	

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Cullen, Clerk of this House, be Clerk of the said Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Montgomery took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Montgomery reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution; which Resolution, being again read at the Clerk's Table, was agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the House, to send a message to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to inform the House if any and what Members of this House have been appointed to any office under the Crown since the 21st January, 1843.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again; which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Rae and Mr. Cooper be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with a Message, pursuant to the above reported Resolution.

A motion being made, that a Committee of five 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;

Mr. Montgomery moved, by way of amendment, that this House do now adjourn for one hour—which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.