

sions, calls for your serious consideration; and the growing inconvenience that exists, for want of a new Index to the Laws, and analysis of the Statutes, calls also for remedy.

Now that the dangers upon the Coasts of this Island, and the numerous obstructions at the entrance of the different Harbours, have been so elaborately laid down by Captain Bayfield, and the Officers of the Royal Navy serving under him, I trust that you will make provision for the erection and future support of the Light House, already proposed to be placed upon Point Prim. I have also to suggest, that the important duty of placing and keeping the several Buoys and Beacons in their stations, should not be confided to a Commissioner of Highways, who, it cannot be supposed, is acquainted with such operations. These important guides have, I regret to say, been very frequently found out of their positions, thus tending to lead into, rather than out of danger. Reflecting upon the amount of life and property often dependent on these objects, I think them entitled to share in the public expenditure proportionably with the Roads and Bridges. I also think that a salaried Harbour Master, professionally qualified, should have the care of these Maritime affairs, in conjunction with other duties, and that that office should no longer remain merely nominal.

While there is much to congratulate you upon in the improvement evidently visible in the Agricultural system of this Island, yet I cannot help pressing upon your attention the advantages of extending to this branch of industry every possible encouragement; and I trust that you will carefully avoid the introduction of any measures tending to increase the burdens of the Agricultural Classes.

It is with the sincerest gratification that I notice the advance of the Educational Institutions throughout this Island. I feel it my especial duty to observe upon the unwonted position to which the Central Academy has attained, under the reorganization of its system lately introduced, and carried out with great zeal; at Georgetown also, a School open to all classes of children, and supported with a most creditable unanimity by all parties and persuasions, promises to convey a lasting benefit to society. You will, I am satisfied, cherish these and other such Institutions, which, under Divine Providence, guarantee to the Colony the establishment of those principles which can alone ensure tranquillity, prosperity and happiness.

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

The Public Accounts will immediately be laid before you; and I rely upon such Supplies being granted as may appear necessary for the service, and in accordance with the pecuniary ability of the Colony.

In deciding, however, upon the amount of Expenditure for the current year, I confidently expect that you will not exceed that of the Revenue for the last. The increasing liabilities of the Colony, as compared with the more lingering advance of the Revenue, I regard with much concern; and I trust you will not only decline engaging in farther responsibility, but I must also express my desire, that you will take some decisive steps towards effecting a reduction of the public debt. I have certainly directed your attention to several important objects, but I consider the expense of their execution can be readily met by curtailing all exuberant outlays and allowances, united to a more general distribution of the means of the Colony—a measure which I think the advanced state of some heretofore necessary and expensive operations will now permit you to adopt with benefit to the population.

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

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

The completion this year of the Lunatic Asylum is a source of gratification, as those sufferers who are destined to require its protection will be rendered more comfortable, and considerable expenditure will, I believe, be saved to the Colony. I must, however, take this occasion to call your attention to the present system of affording relief to Paupers. I think it very objectionable, and liable to much reflection, however faithfully it may be carried through.

I shall avail myself of an early moment to lay before you every other communication that may be requisite, and tend to facilitate your proceedings; and I offer you my firm assurance that I shall be ready at all times to co-operate in every project constitutionally appearing to enlarge the prosperity of this Island.

**Resolved,** That a Committee be appointed to revise the Journals of each day after the adjournment.

**Ordered,** That *Mr. Wightman, Mr. Longworth* and the *Hon. Mr. Palmer* do compose the said Committee.

**Resolved,** That a Committee of seven Members be appointed, to examine what Laws have lately expired, or are near expiring, with leave to report from time to time, by Bills or otherwise.

**Ordered,** That *Mr. Longworth, Mr. Coles, Mr. Dalziel, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Hudson, Hon. J. S. Macdonald* and *Mr. A. Maclean* do compose the said Committee.