

template with heart felt satisfaction, and from whose genuine, spirit and activity, I am led to entertain the most sanguine hopes, that in critical occurrences they will prove themselves amply deserving the encouragement and rewards apportioned to them by your justice and liberality:

“To the end that due deliberation may take place, and that the appropriate time for your Agricultural pursuits might not unnecessarily be entrenched upon, I designed this present meeting of the General Assembly, rather merely to propose, and deliberate than finally to determine on all the various important subjects, which appear to me indispensibly incumbent on your duty, and that any Bill or matters of consequence, except such as may relate to the present momentous crisis, be printed for mature consideration during a Recess or Prorogation.

“The permanent arrangement and internal state of the Colony, I am well persuaded, cannot escape your attention: Religious Establishments and enforcing the observance of divine ordinances, facilitating the Administration and Execution of the Laws, and establishing schools or seminaries, for the Education, of youth are each of them objects of great urgency. Your Agriculture, your Fisheries, your Roads of Communication are also essentially requisite, to be attended to, and to supply the temporary want of cash, some adequate substitute, ought to be considered.

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

“I have directed the officers of the Revenue to lay the accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the public money before you.

“Fully relying on your experience, knowledge and liberality, I am persuaded that you will judiciously, and by the most eligible and efficacious mode make the necessary provision for the support of the extraordinary expences obviously requisite to be incurred, in the present critical circumstances, particularly for the equipment, and support of the embodied Militia, and summarily to place the King's Island together with your landed and commercial concerns in a state of security, against all manner of hostile depredations.

“*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

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

“To your wise, able and unanimous exertions, a great task is consigned, the accomplishment of which, cannot fail to evince, the true spirit with which, the King's subjects in this Island, are warmly impressed, and incontestibly to prove, that they are worthy of the blessings, hitherto enjoyed by them, under the gracious Reign, of a pious and revered Monarch, and which they are qualified, and shall therefore continue to enjoy, under the benign and happy Government of an active, dignified and august Regent.”

*Ordered, On Motion of Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Gardiner, that a Committee be appointed, to prepare an Address, in answer to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, and that Messrs. Curtis, Goff, and Birnie, do compose the same.*

The House then proceeded to the choice of their officers, when

*Mr. Ewen Cameron, was chosen Clerk.*

*The Rev. Theophilus Desbrisay, Chaplain.*

*Mr. Thomas Alexander, Serjeant at Arms.*

*Mr. George Mabey, Messenger.*

Moved by *Mr. Solicitor General*, That a Committee be appointed, to revise the Journals, from day to day; which Motion being seconded by *Angus M'Anlay, Esq.* was put and carried in the Affirmative, and the following members were appointed to compose the same, *Messrs. Solicitor General, Worrell, and Birnie.* B