

pounds, nine shillings and sixpence per sheet, and both agree to bind at the rate of Five shillings per volume. But as there appears a deviation from the Specification on the part of Mr. White, (although his Tender is much the lowest) your Committee forbear recommending one in preference to the other, and submit the whole for the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. White's Tender be accepted on his entering into an agreement and giving good security for the due performance of the work.

Mr. Palmer, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report the draught of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to both Houses at the opening of the present Session, reported the draught of an Address, as prepared by the Committee—and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

To His Excellency SIR CHARLES AUGUSTUS FITZ ROY, K. H. Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and its Dependencies, Chancellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency:

We the Representatives of the People of Prince Edward Island, in General Assembly convened, respectfully offer your Excellency our sincere thanks for your Speech, delivered at the opening of the present Session.

We feel thankful to your Excellency, for calling us together for the dispatch of public business, at a time best suited to our personal convenience.

We feel pleasure in reciprocating those feelings of congratulation which your Excellency has been pleased to express on the abundance produced by the late Harvest, and the consequent increase of the export of Agricultural produce.

It is with extreme gratification we learn, that notwithstanding the reduction made by the late House of Assembly, in its last Session, on certain articles of Import, the Revenue is still found to have increased, over that of the preceding year.

We learn with much satisfaction, that your Excellency has received from Her Majesty's Government, Despatches on various subjects of importance to the Colony, and including the decision of the Crown on the subject of the Fishery Reserves. These, with any other

documents your Excellency may be pleased to lay before us, shall receive our earliest and best attention.

The advantages which will be extended to the commercial prosperity of the Eastern Districts, by the establishment of Georgetown as a Free Port, cannot fail to create in the minds of the inhabitants of those sections of the Island in particular, a merited gratitude for the privilege your Excellency has procured for them.

We will be ready to enter into the investigation of the Public Accounts for the past year, as soon as your Excellency may be pleased to lay them before us; and in proceeding upon the Estimates for the current year, we will carefully and readily, so far as the means at our disposal may warrant, make every provision for the public service that the exigencies of the country may require.

Convinced that without a constant unanimity between the different branches of the Legislature, it cannot be expected that our deliberations can advance or promote the interests of the Colony; we beg to assure your Excellency, that, stimulated by your generous assurance of co-operation, we will study to preserve uninterrupted that harmony which your Excellency has been pleased to denote as having hitherto marked the proceedings of the different branches of the Legislature.

Ordered, That the said draught Address be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Palmer took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Palmer reported, that the Committee had gone through the Address reported from the Special Committee, paragraph by paragraph, without making any amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. Palmer, Mr. J. S. Macdonald and Mr. Longworth be a Committee to wait on his Excellency, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House with the Address.

Mr. Thomson, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and report Standing