

Message from the Council, by Mr. Nantes:

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council have passed the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the appointment of Commissioners for erecting certain Public Works therein mentioned*"—without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the Bill intituled "*An Act to confirm and render valid certain Marriages heretofore solemnized in this Island, and to enable Clergymen and Ministers of the Gospel of all denominations to perform the ceremony of Matrimony.*"

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Cody took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Cody, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same, with amendments.

Ordered, that the Report of the committee be agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and that the Title be "*An Act to confirm and render valid certain Marriages heretofore solemnized within this Island, and also to declare by whom and in what manner Matrimony shall be celebrated in future.*"

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, May 9th, 1831.

PRAYERS.

READ a third time, as engrossed, the Bill intituled "*An Act to alter an Act made and passed in the Tenth year of the late King, for regulating the size of Barrels and the Inspection of Pickled Fish.*"

Ordered, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr. Owen do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Brecken, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council to prepare an Address to the Lieutenant Governor, praying his Excellency to use his influence to obtain decisions on various Acts transmitted for the Royal Allowance—presented an Address as prepared by the Joint 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 followeth:

To His Excellency Colonel JOHN READY, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency:

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council and Assembly of Prince Edward Island, in Colonial Parliament assembled, respectfully beg leave to state to your Excellency, that various Acts, passed by the General Assembly in the years 1829 and 1830, were transmitted for his Majesty's Royal Allowance, and are now before his Majesty in Council; which said Acts are intituled as follows:—

"*An Act to enable Tenants in Tail to execute Leases, and grant terms of years of a long endurance.*"

"*An Act to regulate the laying out and altering of Highways, and to provide a mode for obtaining compensation for*

those who may thereby be injured, and to cause those who are benefitted thereby to contribute towards their formation."

"*An Act for the security of Navigation, and for preserving all Ships, Vessels, and Goods which may be found on Shore, wrecked or stranded upon the Coasts of this Island, and for punishing Persons who shall steal Shipwrecked Goods, and for the Relief of Persons suffering loss thereby.*"

"*An Act to confirm certain Marriages heretofore solemnized in this Island.*"

"*An Act to require Clergymen and others authorised to solemnize Marriages, to return Certificates thereof to the Surrogate of the Island, and to require Clergymen to keep a Record of Baptisms.*"

"*An Act to alter, amend and suspend certain parts of an Act made and passed in the Forty-seventh year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the forty-first year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an Act for the better Regulation of Elections, and to regulate Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly in future.*"

"*An Act to ascertain and establish the Boundary Lines of the several Counties and Townships of this Island—and to regulate the Duty of Surveyors.*"

"*An Act for raising a Fund, by an Assessment on Land, for erecting a Government House, and other Public Buildings, within this Island.*"

And as very serious inconvenience is experienced from the uncertainty which prevails with reference to the said Acts—particularly as regards the Act providing for the laying out and altering of Highways—the Act for levying an Assessment on Land—the Act for ascertaining and fixing the Boundaries of the several Counties and Townships—and the Act for regulating Elections—which, it must be evident to your Excellency, are of the highest importance to the internal improvement of the Colony. We, therefore, humbly request that your Excellency will be pleased to exert your influence in the proper quarter, to obtain early decisions on the several Acts herein recited, in order, if they meet the approval of His Majesty in Council, that the advantages of their operation may not be longer withheld from the Colony.

A motion being made, and the question being put, that the said Address be agreed to by the House—the House divided: