

said William Brown, and was objected to on the part of the Petitioner, and required to be put to the oath of qualification, the said Peter Lemessurier wholly refused to administer the said oath of qualification to the said William Carter, whereby his vote was received by the said Peter Lemessurier contrary to law and the interest of the Petitioner. And praying, inasmuch as the said Election was duly and legally closed at *King's Cove* in his favour, by the resignation of the said William Brown, and the acceptance thereof by the Returning Officer, this Honourable House will be pleased to order, that the said Peter Lemessurier be required forthwith to amend the return of the Writ directed to him, and cause the Petitioner to be returned as the Representative for the District of *Bonavista*, in order that he may thereby be enabled to take his seat in this Honourable House, as by law he is entitled; or that this Honourable

House will be pleased to grant redress to the Petitioner by appointing a day and place for the examination of his witnesses, that he might satisfactorily prove the statements and allegations contained and set forth in his Petition.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES,

*Resolved*,—That this House will, on Saturday next, take into consideration the Petition of William Carson, complaining of the undue Election of Patrick Kough, as one of the Representatives of the District of St. John's.

On motion of Mr. PACK,

*Resolved*,—That this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the Petition of Hugh Alexander Emerson, complaining of an undue Election for the District of Bonavista.

Then the House adjourned until Saturday next, at 11 o'clock.

### SATURDAY, 5th JANUARY, 1833.

ON motion of Mr. THOMAS,

*Resolved*,—That with a view to preserve that regularity which is absolutely necessary to maintain order in the admission of strangers to this House, and taking into consideration the very limited accommodation which the House affords, the mode of admission in future shall be by tickets from the respective Members, who shall be notified by the Honourable the Speaker of the number of strangers to be admitted by each member.

Mr. THOMAS reported from the Committee appointed, to prepare an address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

*To His Excellency Sir Thomas John Cochrane, Knight, Governor, and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, the Representatives of His Majesty's loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech, at the opening of this, the first Session of the first General Assembly of Newfoundland.

The many advantages that have resulted to those Colonies of the Crown, that have enjoyed the Legislative form of Government, His Majesty has been most graciously pleased to grant to this long-neglected Colony, are duly appreciated, and cannot fail to be experienced by all classes of the people of this Island; and your Excellency's congratulations upon the important event which has placed those advantages within our reach afford us much gratification.

The harmony and good will which characterised the Election of the Representatives for the District of St. John's, as well as those of the Representatives for the several Districts of the Island, are pleasing proofs that, in the lawful exercise of their rights and privileges, the people of Newfoundland are disposed, on all occasions, to preserve a due regard for the peace and good order of society.

We fully concur in opinion with your Excellency, that the division of this Island, made by his Majesty's Proclamation of the twenty-sixth of July last, has had the effect of excluding a numerous body of the loyal inhabitants of this Colony from participating with their fellow-countrymen in the benefit of being represented in the General Assembly; and it shall be one of the first objects of our attention to adopt such measures as may best tend to remedy this defect.

We thank your Excellency for the promise you have made, of laying before us an account of the different Institutions of the Colony; and although the many important matters connected with the interests of the Island, which require our early consideration, demand an earnest and unremitting attention, we trust that, with your Excellency's kind co-operation, we shall be enabled faithfully and efficiently to discharge the various important and responsible duties incumbent upon us.

We also feel thankful for the measures taken by your Excellency for our accommodation during the present session. And, notwithstanding the numerous difficulties which present themselves to the progress of a newly-constituted legislative body, we confidently hope, with the blessing of Divine Providence upon our labours, to perform the duty which we owe to our constituents and the country at large in such a manner, as to promote the prosperity of the Island, and advance the happiness of our fellow-subjects.