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FOURTH SESSION, FIRST COLONIAL PARLIAMENT.

His Excellency Sir THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight,

GOVERNOR.



BY ORDER OF THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.



St. John's, Newfoundland.

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SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, *Knight, Governor.*



PROCLAMATION.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

(L. S.)
THOS. COCHRANE.

By His Excellency SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands prorogued until Monday the 21st day of July instant: And whereas I think fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday the First day of October next: Proclamation for proroguing the Parliament to Wednesday the 1st of October, 1834.

I do therefore Prorogue the said General Assembly, until Wednesday the First day of October next, of which all Persons concerned are required to take due notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government-House, at St. John's, in the said Island, the Seventeenth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four, in the Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
JAMES CROWDY,
Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

(L. S.)
THOS. COCHRANE.

By His Excellency SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued until Wednesday the First day of October next: And whereas emergent business renders it necessary and expedient that the said General Assembly should meet at an earlier period: Proclamation for calling the Parliament together, on Tuesday the 26th day of August, 1834, for the despatch of public business.

I do therefore, by these presents, summon and call the said General Assembly, to meet and assemble for the despatch of business, on Tuesday the Twenty Sixth day of this Instant Month of August, of which all Persons concerned, are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government-House, at St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, the Eleventh day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Four, in the Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
JAMES CROWDY,
Secretary.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

NEWFOUNDLAND.



TUESDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1834.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Legislature—

At One of the Clock, p. m., the House met.

House meets.

Present,

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker.*

Members present.

” ” JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney General.*

” ” JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of the Customs.*

” ” JOHN DUNSCOMB,

” ” WILLIAM THOMAS,

” ” JOHN B. GARLAND,

” ” JOHN B. BLAND.

The Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, calling the Assembly together for the despatch of business, was read, and the House—

Proclamation read.

Adjourned until Friday next, at One of the Clock, p. m.

House adjourns

FRIDAY, 29th AUGUST, 1834.

Present,

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker.*

Members present.

” ” JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of the Customs.*

” ” WILLIAM THOMAS.

His Honor the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a Quorum.

House adjourns for want of a quorum.

MONDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1834.

The House met.

House meets.

Present,

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker.*

Members present.

” ” WILLIAM SALL, *Commandant,*

” ” JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney General,*

” ” JAMES CROWDY, *Colonial Secretary.*

” ” JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of the Customs.*

” ” WILLIAM HALY,

” ” JOHN DUNSCOMB,

” ” WILLIAM THOMAS,

” ” JOHN B. BLAND.

At Eleven o'Clock, A. M. His Excellency the Governor being seated on the Throne, His Honor the Speaker of the Legislative Council commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to inform the Members of the Assembly that it was His Excellency's pleasure that they do forthwith attend him in this House; who being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

His Excellency comes to the House and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

Parliament convened.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

His Excellency retires.

His Honor the Speaker informed the House that he was in possession of His Excellency's Speech; which was read pro forma, by the Clerk, and is as follows:

Speaker delivers a copy of His Excellency's Speech.
Same read.

1st & 3rd September, 1834.

FOURTH SESSION FIRST COLONIAL PARLIAMENT, 5th WILLIAM IV.

*Honorable Gentlemen,
and Gentlemen.*

The Speech.

It is with much regret, I have been under the necessity of calling you together so soon after the very long Session in which you had been engaged, and at a period when, I am fully aware, your personal interests require your undivided attention, and which cannot but materially suffer by your absence from your respective homes.

The answer I have received to the memorials praying for pecuniary aid from the Imperial Parliament, which, at the request of the Council and the Assembly, I transmitted to His Majesty's Government, left me, however, no alternative but immediately to call you together, that the same may be laid before you, that you may be enabled to take the important subjects they embrace into your serious consideration—and that, should you deem it necessary to meet the exigencies of the Public Service by any further fiscal arrangements, you may have an opportunity of doing so at the time of the year when the imports will probably be more extensive than at a later period.

And to enable you to form an opinion of the probable amount of Revenue that will, under existing imposts, accrue for the year ending the 1st of April next, I shall direct a statement to be laid before you of the receipts of the Customs to the latest date it can be made up, and a statement of the amount collected during the previous year, to which will be attached the amount of the expenditure to be provided for up to the First of April next, under the authority of the Legislature during its last Session.

Committee appointed to draft an Address thereto.

Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to draft an address to His Excellency the Governor in answer to his Speech, and—

Members composing same.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Spearman, Haly and Dunscomb, be appointed the Committee for that purpose.

House adjourns.

On Motion made and seconded the House adjourned until Wednesday at Twelve of the Clock, at Noon.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1834.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present,

Members present.

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker,*
 " " JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of Customs,*
 " " WILLIAM HALY,
 " " JOHN DUNSCOMB,
 " " WILLIAM THOMAS,
 " " JOHN B. BLAND.

The Minutes of the last three days were read.

Member enters.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary Crowdy enters.

Mr. Secretary Crowdy lays documents before the House.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary Crowdy stated that he was commanded by His Excellency the Governor, to lay the following documents before the House, viz:

Two despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor in reply to Addresses from the Legislature, praying a Grant in aid of the Funds of the Colony.

A comparative statement of the produce of the Imperial Duties in the year ending 5th April, 1834.

A comparative statement of the produce of the Imperial Duties in the quarters ending 5th July, 1833, and 5th July, 1834, and also between the 6th July, and 30th August, 1833, and the corresponding period of 1834.

An Estimate of the produce of Colonial Duties for One Year.

A statement of the amount voted by the Legislature for the year ending 31st March, 1835, and the estimated produce of the Revenue under existing imposts to meet the same.

The above documents were read by the Clerk.

Which were read.

Report of Committee appointed to draft an Address in answer to the Governor's Speech.

The Honorable Mr. Spearman, from the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, reported a draft thereof, which he read in his place.

3rd & 4th September, 1834.

SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, KNIGHT, *Governor.*

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

The said draft was again read by his Honor the Speaker.

Draft read first time.

Ordered, that the same be read a second time To-morrow.

On motion made and seconded the House adjourned until To-morrow, at One of the House adjourns.
Clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER, 1834.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

Present,

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker.*

” ” JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney General,*

Members present.

” ” JAMES CROWDY, *Colonial Secretary.*

” ” JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of Customs.*

” ” WILLIAM HALY,

” ” JOHN DUNSCOMB.

The Minutes of Yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day the draft of the Address to the Governor in answer to his Excellency's Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the Session, was read a second time, and it was—

Draft of Address in answer to the Governor's Speech—read second time—

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole, to take the same into consideration. Committed—

The House then went into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. Simms took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Address into consideration—had made some Amendments thereto, and recommended it to the adoption of the House. Amendments reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Adopted.

Ordered, that the 38th standing Rule of the House be dispensed with.

38th Rule dispensed with.

The Address having been engrossed, the House directed it to be read a third time ;

Whereupon the Speaker signed the same, which is in the following words :

To His Excellency SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our respectful thanks for Your Excellency's Speech from the Throne. Address.

We have learnt, with feelings of deep regret, the unexpected answer of His Majesty's Government to the Addresses of the Two Houses of the Legislature.

We fully appreciate the solicitude evinced by Your Excellency for the Public welfare, in so promptly convoking the Legislature under the present embarrassing circumstances of the Colony.

It shall be our earnest endeavour to co-operate with the other branches of the Legislature in every measure calculated to uphold public credit, without pressing unnecessarily upon the Trade of the Island or comforts of the People.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that our best attention shall be given to the financial statements which you may direct to be laid before this House, and to express our readiness to sacrifice, at all times, our more immediate and personal convenience to our public duties.

H. J. BOULTON,

Speaker.

Ordered, that a Select Committee be appointed to wait upon the Governor to know when His Excellency would be pleased to receive this House with its Address; and—

Committee appointed to know when the Address would be received.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Crowdy and Spearman do compose the same. Members composing it.

4th, 5th & 8th September, 1834.

FOURTH SESSION FIRST COLONIAL PARLIAMENT, 5th WILLIAM IV.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Secretary Crowdy, and read by the Speaker, and is as follows :

Message from the Governor with reference to the number of Members to form a quorum,

THOMAS COCHRANE.

The Governor having observed, in the Journals of the Council, a Rule of that Body which provides "that four Members, with the Speaker, shall constitute a Quorum;"

and also to the title of Speaker.

His Excellency is desirous of calling the attention of the Council to the circumstance of the Rule in question, being in opposition to that clause in the King's Instructions which fixes *any three* as the number of the Quorum; and also of being acquainted, for His Majesty's information, whether the title of "Speaker" embraces any thing more than another appellation for the Senior Member present.

*Government House,
4th September, 1834.*

Ordered, that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take the same into consideration on Monday next.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until One of the Clock p. m. to-morrow.

FRIDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER, 1834.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present,

Members present.

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker,*
" " JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney General,*
" " JAMES CROWDY, *Colonial Secretary,*
" " JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of Customs,*
" " JOHN DUNSCOMB,
" " WILLIAM THOMAS,
" " JOHN B. BLAND.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

House adjourns

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday next at half-past Ten of the Clock, a. m.

MONDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1834.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present,

Members present.

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker,*
" " JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney-General,*
" " JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of Customs,*
" " WILLIAM HALY,
" " JOHN DUNSCOMB,
" " WILLIAM THOMAS,
" " JOHN B. BLAND.

The Minutes of Friday last were read.

Report of Committee appointed to wait on the Governor.

The Honorable Mr. Spearman, from the Select Committee appointed to wait upon the Governor to know when His Excellency would be pleased to receive the House with its Address, reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint Eleven of the Clock this morning.

The House proceeds to the Government House — and returns.

At Eleven of the Clock, a. m. the House proceeded to the Government House with the Address, and having returned,

Speaker reports Governor's answer thereto.

The Honorable the Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same, and to return an answer thereto, of which he had obtained a Copy, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

8th & 11th September, 1834.

SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, KNIGHT, *Governor.*

Honorable Gentlemen,

I beg to return you my best thanks for the readiness with which you offer to sacrifice your personal interests to your public duties, and for the assurances you give that your attention will be devoted to the important subject which brought you together.

The answer.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Governor's Message of the 4th instant.

Committee on Governor's message.

The Honorable Mr. Haly took the Chair.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary Crowdy enters.

Member enters.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the Message into consideration, and agreed to a Resolution which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

Resolution of Committee reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The Resolution was then read, as follows:

Read.

Resolved, that among the necessary privileges incident to this House as a co-ordinate Branch of the Legislature of Newfoundland, that of freedom from all interrogation as to the reasons and motives which may have led this House to the adoption of any particular course of proceeding, is undoubtedly one without which the independence of its character cannot be maintained, or its functions efficiently discharged.

The Resolution.

On motion, made and seconded, the House adjourned until Thursday next at One of the Clock, p. m.

House adjourns.

THURSDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 1834.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

Present,

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker,*

Members present.

” ” JAMES CROWDY, *Colonial Secretary,*

” ” JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of Customs,*

” ” WILLIAM HALY,

” ” JOHN DUNSCOMB,

” ” JOHN B. BLAND.

The Minutes of Monday last were read.

The Honorable Mr. Thomas enters.

Member enters.

Ordered, that there be a call of the House on Monday next.

Call of the House.

The Honorable Mr. Haly gave notice, that on Monday next he would move that the following Rule be adopted, and that it immediately follow the 49th Standing Rule of the House, viz:

Notice of motion for an additional Standing Rule.

That in the event of the Speaker's absence, and there being five Members present, they will have it in their power (an hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Legislative Council) to proceed to business, under the presidency of the Senior Member present.

A deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled "An Act to continue for one year 'An Act to provide for the performance of Quarantine, and more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Island'"—to which they requested the concurrence of this House.

Quarantine continuation Bill brought up from Assembly.

The Bill was then read a first time; and,

Read a first time.

Ordered, to be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion, made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday next at One of the Clock, p. m.

House adjourns.

15th & 16th September, 1834.

FOURTH SESSION FIRST COLONIAL PARLIAMENT, 5th WILLIAM IV.

MONDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER, 1834.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present,

Members present.

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker*,
 " " JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney-General*,
 " " JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of Customs*,
 " " WILLIAM HALY,
 " " JOHN DUNSCOMB,
 " " JOHN B. BLAND.

The Minutes of Thursday last were read.

Call of the House.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was called.

Absent,

Members absent.

The Honorable WILLIAM SALL, *Commandant*,
 " " JAMES CROWDY, *Colonial Secretary*—Indisposed.
 " " JOHN B. GARLAND.

Quarantine continuation Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to continue for one year an Act to provide for the performance of Quarantine, and more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases and the spreading thereof in this Island," was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the same into consideration.

Revenue continuation Bill brought up from Assembly.

A deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled "An Act to continue for a limited time an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, entitled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on all Wines and on all Brandy, Rum, Gin, and other Spirituous Liquors imported into this Island, and its Dependencies,' " to which they requested the concurrence of this House, and then withdrew.

Motion for an additional Standing Rule.

Pursuant to notice, the Honorable Mr. Haly moved, that in the event of the Speaker's absence, and there being five Members present, they will have it in their power, (an hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Legislative Council), to proceed to business—the Senior Member present taking the Chair—which, on a division, was lost.

Lost.

Notice of motion for the appointment of an Acting Master in Chancery.

The Honorable Mr. Spearman gave notice, that to-morrow he would move a Resolution for an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he would be pleased to appoint an Acting Master in Chancery, to be in attendance on this House during the absence of Bryan Robinson, Esq.

Revenue continuation Bill read first time.

The Bill entitled "An Act to continue for a limited time an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, entitled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty certain duties on all Wines, and on all Brandy, Rum, Gin, and other Spirituous Liquors imported into this Island, and its Dependencies,' " was read; and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

House adjourns

On motion, made and seconded, the House adjourned until One of the Clock, p. m. to-morrow.

TUESDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1834.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present,

Members present.

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker*.
 " " JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney General*.
 " " JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of the Customs*.
 " " JOHN DUNSCOMB,
 " " WILLIAM THOMAS,
 " " JOHN B. BLAND.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

16th & 18th September, 1834.

SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, KNIGHT, *Governor.*

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill entitled "An Act to continue for one year an Act to provide for the performance of Quarantine, and more effectually to provide against the introduction of infectious or contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Island." Quarantine continuation Bill committed.

The Honorable Mr. Spearman took the Chair.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary Crowdy enters. Member enters.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same, without amendment, to the adoption of the House. Report of Committee adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received; and—

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, the Honorable Mr. Spearman moved that it be—

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint an Acting Master in Chancery in attendance on this House, during the absence of Bryan Robinson, Esq., from the Island, which, on a division, was carried. Resolution moved for an Address to the Governor to appoint an Acting Master in Chancery.

On motion, made and seconded, the House adjourned until Thursday next, at One of the Clock, p. m. House adjourns.

THURSDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER, 1834.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

Present,

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker.* Members present.

" " JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney General,*

" " WILLIAM HALY,

" " JOHN DUNSCOMB,

" " WILLIAM THOMAS,

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

The Honorable Mr. Bland enters. Member enters.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to continue for One year an Act to provide for the performance of Quarantine, and more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Island," was read a third time, and passed; Quarantine continuation Bill read third time;

Whereupon, the Speaker signed the same. Passed; Signed.

The order of the day for the reading of the Bill entitled "An Act to continue for a limited time an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, entitled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on all Wines, and on all Brandy, Rum, Gin, and other Spirituous Liquors imported into this Island, and its Dependencies,'" having been read, it was— Revenue Bill—

Ordered, to be read a second time this day three months. —thrown out.

The Honorable Mr. Spearman enters. Members enter.

The Honorable Mr. Crowdy enters.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Simms, an Address to the Governor, in reply to His Excellency's Message of the 4th inst., was read a first time. Reply to the Governor's Message of the 4th inst. read first time.

Ordered, that the 38th Standing Rule of the House be dispensed with. 38th Standing Rule dispensed with.

The Address was then read a second time; and it was—

Ordered, that this House be put into a Committee of the whole, to take the same into consideration. Address read second time. Committed.

The Honorable Mr. Bland in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Address, and recommended the same, with one Amendment, to the adoption of the House. Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received:

Whereupon, the Address having been engrossed, was read a third time, and passed. Read third time.

18th & 19th September, 1834.

FOURTH SESSION FIRST COLONIAL PARLIAMENT, 5th WILLIAM IV.

Signed. The Speaker then signed the same, which is in the following words:—
To His Excellency SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland, and its Dependencies, &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;

Address. We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave respectfully to state, in reference to your Excellency's Message of Thursday the Fourth instant, that under the full impression that your Excellency, in transmitting that Message, had no intention of interfering with our privileges—we only deem it proper to acquaint your Excellency, that among the necessary privileges incident to this House as a co-ordinate Branch of the Legislature of Newfoundland, that of freedom from all interrogation as to the reasons or motives which may have led this House to the adoption of any particular course of proceeding, is undoubtedly one without which the independence of its character cannot be maintained, or its functions efficiently discharged.

(Signed)

H. J. BOULTON,
Speaker.

Legislative Council,
18th September, 1834.

Select Committee appointed to know when the Address would be received.

Ordered, that a Select Committee be appointed to wait upon the Governor to know when His Excellency would be pleased to receive the same, and to present it; and—

Members composing it.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Crowdy and Haly be appointed the Committee for that purpose.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow at One of the Clock p. m.

FRIDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 1834.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present,

Members present.

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker.*
" " JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney General,*
" " JAMES CROWDY, *Colonial Secretary.*
" " JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of the Customs.*
" " WILLIAM HALY,
" " JOHN DUNSCOMB,
" " WILLIAM THOMAS,
" " JOHN B. BLAND.

The Minutes of Yesterday were read.

Cholera provision (supply) Bill; and the—

A deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, Sterling, to be appropriated and applied towards defraying any expenses which may arise in the event of the introduction and spreading of Asiatic Cholera in this Colony"—and also, a Bill entitled "An Act to suspend, until the year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, the operation of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament entitled "An Act for registering the Names of Persons entitled to vote at Elections," to which they requested the concurrence of this House, and then withdrew.

Registration of Votes Act suspension Bill:

Read first time.

The Bills were then read a first time, and—

38th Rule of the House dispensed with.

Ordered, that the 38th Standing Rule of the House be dispensed with, so far as it respects these two Bills.

Cholera provision (supply) Bill read second time.

The Bill entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty the sum of £500, Sterling, to be appropriated and applied towards defraying any expenses which may arise in the event of the introduction and spreading of Asiatic Cholera in this Colony," was then read a second time.

Treasury Notes Bill brought up from Assembly.

A deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled "An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Notes," to which they requested the concurrence of this House, and then withdrew.

19th September, 1834.

SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, KNIGHT, *Governor.*

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty the sum of £500, Sterling, to be appropriated and applied towards defraying the expense which may arise in the event of the introduction and spreading of Asiatic Cholera in this Colony?" Cholera provision (sup-
ply) Bill committed—

The Honorable Mr. Thomas in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same, without amendment, to the adoption of the House. Reported—

Ordered, that the Report be received. Adopted—

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time presently.

The same was then read a third time and passed. Read third time and
passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker signed the Bill. Bill signed.

The Bill entitled "An Act to suspend, until the year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, the operation of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, entitled 'An Act for registering the Names of Persons entitled to vote at Elections,'" was read a second time; and it was— Registration of Votes
Act suspension Bill
read second time—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole, to take the same into consideration.

The House was then put into a Committee of the whole accordingly. Committed—

The Honorable Mr. Dunscomb in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same, without amendment, to the adoption of the House. Reported—

Ordered, that the Report be received; and— Adopted—

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The same was then read a third time and passed. Read third time and
passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker signed the Bill. Bill signed.

The Bill entitled "An Act to authorise the issue of 'Treasury Notes,'" was read a first time. Treasury Notes Bill
read first time.

Ordered, that the 38th Standing Rule of the House, so far as it respects this Bill, be dispensed with. 38th Standing Rule
dispensed with.

The Bill was then read a second time, and it was— Bill read second time—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole, presently, to take the same into consideration.

The House was then put into a Committee of the whole accordingly. Committed—

The Honorable Mr. Crowdy in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and recommended the same, without amendment, to the adoption of the House. Reported—

Ordered, that the Report be received. Adopted—

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The same was then read a third time and passed. Read third time and
passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker signed the Bill. Bill signed.

On motion, made and seconded, the House adjourned until Eleven of the Clock, a. m. to-morrow. House adjourns.

20th September, 1834.

FOURTH SESSION FIRST COLONIAL PARLIAMENT, 5th WILLIAM IV.

SATURDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER, 1834.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present,

Members present.

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Speaker.*
 ” ” WILLIAM SALL, *Commandant,*
 ” ” JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney General.*
 ” ” JAMES CROWDY, *Colonial Secretary.*
 ” ” JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of the Customs.*
 ” ” WILLIAM HALY,
 ” ” JOHN DUNSCOMB,
 ” ” WILLIAM THOMAS,
 ” ” JOHN B. BLAND.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Message to Assembly respecting absence of Master in Chancery:

Ordered, that the following Message be sent to the House of Assembly :

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly, that in consequence of the absence of the Master in Chancery attendant upon the Legislative Council, they have found it necessary to send the Messages communicated to the House of Assembly this day by their Clerk, to which departure from accustomed usage, the Legislative Council feel persuaded the House of Assembly will, for the reason assigned, take no exception.

Clerk to acquaint Assembly with the passing of certain Bills, viz:—

Ordered, that the Clerk of the Council do acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed the Bills entitled—

Quarantine continuation Bill,

“An Act to continue for one year an Act to provide for the performance of Quarantine, and more effectually to provide against the introduction of infectious or contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Island.”

Registration of Votes Act suspension Bill,

“An Act to suspend, until the year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, the operation of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, entitled ‘An Act for registering the Names of Persons entitled to vote at Elections.’”

Cholera provision (supply) Bill,

“An Act for granting to His Majesty the sum of Five hundred Pounds, Sterling, to be appropriated and applied towards defraying any expenses which may arise in the event of the introduction and spreading of Asiatic Cholera in this Colony.”

Treasury Notes Bill.

“An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Notes”—without amendment.

Governor commands the attendance of Assembly.

His Excellency the Governor having come to the House at Twelve o'clock, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was sent to the Assembly to command the immediate attendance of that House, who being arrived, His Excellency was pleased to assent to the following Bills:—

Bills assented to by him, viz:—

Quarantine continuation Act,

“An Act to continue for One Year an Act to provide for the performance of Quarantine, and more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Island.”

Registration of Votes suspension Act.

“An Act to suspend, until the year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, the operation of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, entitled ‘An Act for registering the Names of Persons entitled to vote at Elections.’”

Cholera provision (supply) Act,

“An Act for granting to His Majesty the sum of Five hundred pounds, Sterling, to be appropriated and applied towards defraying any expenses which may arise in the event of the introduction and spreading of Asiatic Cholera in this Colony.”

Treasury Notes Act.

“An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Notes.”

After which His Excellency the Governor was pleased to put an end to the Session by the following Speech :

Honorable Gentlemen,
and Gentlemen.

His Excellency's Speech at the prorogation.

I avail myself of the earliest opportunity that the public duties which rendered it indispensable to call you together will admit of, to permit you to return to your respective homes, from whence you cannot have been so long absent without incurring considerable personal inconvenience.

20th September, 1834.

SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, KNIGHT, *Governor.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly;

The arrangement you have made to meet the exigencies of the public service will, I hope, prove equal to your expectations; at the same time I shall use my best endeavours to avoid the necessity of recurring to the expedient which you have provided; and I trust, (unless some unforeseen emergency shall arise) that by a strict and rigorous economy I shall be able to do so, until you shall again be assembled in this place.

*Honorable Gentlemen,
and Gentlemen;*

It has been my painful duty to announce to you, that the disease known by the name of the Asiatic Cholera, has recently visited the neighbouring Province of Nova Scotia; and although every means will be resorted to, which, under Divine favor, may be deemed proper to exclude it from these shores; yet experience has proved, that in many other Countries no human means have at all times proved successful in that respect.

It is therefore my earnest recommendation to you that you do each, within the influence of your advice or controul, use your best endeavours to prepare for a calamity which we may not be able to avert—that you will enjoin cleanliness, where, I am afraid, that requisite to health and comfort is too much neglected—and that you will, by all means, impress upon the lower orders in your vicinity how essential temperance and sobriety are as a prevention to the approach of this fatal disease, or as a means of overcoming it when unhappily under its influence—and that in every Country which has unfortunately fallen under its scourge, inebriety and dissolute conduct, and the neglect of cleanly habits, have afforded by far the greater portion of victims to its desolating progress.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council then said, it is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty-eighth day of October next, then to meet in this place—and this Parliament is prorogued accordingly.

Parliament prorogued.

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