

JOURNAL
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF THE
ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.



His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St.
Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1894.

J. W. WITHERS, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.



PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE
N. O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most
Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St.
George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies.*

T. O'BRIEN,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Governor.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **THIRTEENTH** day of **JULY** instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **SEVENTEENTH** day of **AUGUST** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **SEVENTEENTH** day of **AUGUST** next, as aforesaid; of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal, at Government House, at St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Fifth day of July, A. D. 1893.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS We have thought fit to dissolve the General Assembly of Our Island of Newfoundland: Know ye that We do, for this purpose, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do by these presents dissolve the said General Assembly;

And We do hereby discharge the Members of Our Council and of the House of Assembly of the said Island from further attendance in the said General Assembly.

In testimony whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, under the Great Seal of the said Island.

Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at St. John's, in Our said Island, this 15th day of August, A. D. 1893, in the 57th year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE
N. O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most
Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St.
George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies.*

T. O'BRIEN,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Governor.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS Her Majesty, by Royal Letters Patent of the 28th March, A. D. 1876, constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, hath given and granted unto the said Governor full power and authority to summon and call together the General Assembly of the said Colony; and whereas Writs in due form have been issued for a General Election of Members of the General Assembly, under which Members have been elected and returned to serve in the said General Assembly.

I, the Governor of the said Colony, do, therefore, by these presents, summon and call the Members of the said General Assembly to assemble and meet at the Town of St. John's, in the said Island, for the despatch of business, on THURSDAY the 15th day of FEBRUARY, A. D. One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and of which all persons concerned therein are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal, in St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Twenty-ninth day of January, A. D. 1894.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND, *Col. Secy.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

NEWFOUNDLAND.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, February 15th, 1894.

This being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature,

At One o'clock, P. M., the House met.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

J. McLOUGHLAN,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON,

Sir R. THORBURN, K.C.M.G.

The Honorables George Skelton and Sir Robt. Thorburn, K. C. M. G., appointed Members of the Legislative Council, (provisionally), having previously taken the Oath of Allegiance, took their Seats.

Hons. Dr. Skelton and Sir Robert Thorburn take their seats.

At Two o'clock, P. M., the Honorable Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, and the Honorable Augustus W. Harvey, a member of the Legislative Council, nominated and appointed

Commissioners appointed by the Governor.

by His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners, having taken their seats, the Honorable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Honorable House of Assembly and inform the Members thereof that His Excellency the Governor desires their attendance in the Council Chamber, and they being come thereto the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

Commission.

By His Excellency Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN,
Lieut.-Colonel, Knight Commander of
 T. O'BRIEN, *the Most Distinguished Order of Saint*
 Lieut.-Col., *Michael and Saint George, Governor*
 Governor, *and Commander-in-Chief in and over*
 [L. S.] *the Island of Newfoundland and its*
Dependencies.

TO THE HONOURABLE E. D. SHEA, PRESIDENT OF THE
 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE HONOURABLE AUGUSTUS
 W. HARVEY AND THE HONOURABLE THOMAS TALBOT,
 MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, GREETING :

WHEREAS I have deemed it expedient that
 the First Session of the Seventeenth General
 Assembly should be opened for the despatch of
 business on the Fifteenth day of the present month,
 whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation
 dated the Twenty-ninth day of January last; and

Whereas it is not convenient that the purposes
 for which I have called the said General Assembly
 together should be declared on the said day, nor
 until the Members of the said House of Assembly
 have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, you,
 the said Honorable Edward D. Shea, Honorable
 Augustus W. Harvey and Honorable Thos. Talbot,

are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly on the said Fifteenth day of February instant, that it is my pleasure that they shall proceed to the choice of some proper person to be their Speaker, and present such person on the following day for my approbation.

Given under my hand and seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 14th day of February, A. D. 1894.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.

To the Hon'ble E. D. Shea, President Legislative Council; Hon'ble A. W. Harvey, Hon'ble Thos. Talbot, Members of the Legislative Council.

The Hon'ble Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, one of the Commissioners, then Hon. E. D. Shea addresses House of Assembly. said:—

Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

It is not convenient for His Excellency the Governor to declare the reasons why he has convened the present Session until you have first chosen from amongst your body some proper person to be your Speaker. Therefore, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you now retire to your Chamber, and there proceed to the choice of such person and present him here to-morrow at Two o'clock, for His Excellency's approbation.

The House of Assembly then withdrew.

Assembly withdrew.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, February 16th, at Two o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Friday, February 16th, 1894.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

J. McLOUGHLAN,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON,

SIR R. THORBURN, K.C.M.G.

Governor arrives
at Council Cham-
ber.

At Two o'clock, p. m., His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, K.C.M.G., having arrived at the Council Chamber and being seated on the Throne, the Honorable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the House of Assembly and inform the Members thereof that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they attend at the Bar of this House, and they being come thereto, George Henry Emerson, Esquire, a Member for the District of Placentia and St. Mary's, having been presented by the Hon. Sir W. V. Whiteway, K.C.M.G., as Speaker elect and the choice approved, and the usual privileges claimed and granted, His Excellency was pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature with the following gracious Speech to both Houses:—

Members of
Assembly attend
Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker elect
presented and
approved.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council : Governor's Speech.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly :

You assemble here to-day for the discharge of the duties you have assumed as the representatives of the people, and I greet you most cordially at the threshold of your deliberations.

Since I last convened the Legislature a General Election has taken place and has resulted in a very strong pronouncement in favor of the policy of my Government.

I am pleased to be able to congratulate you upon the favourable aspect of the Colony's position generally. While the year that has passed has been remarkable for the depression in trade and for the financial embarrassment that has passed like a wave over many parts of the British Empire and America, the trade and commerce of this Colony has not been affected to any appreciable degree. The total absence of business failures bear eloquent testimony to the sound financial position of our country.

The Seal-fishery of last year, I regret to say, was a comparative failure; the total number of seals taken amounting to only one half of the previous year's voyage. This has been attributed to artificial rather than natural causes, and particularly to the Legislation then in force whereby many of the owners of sealing steamers were induced to despatch them from northern ports. I hope that the amendment to the legislation referred to, adopted last Session, will prove advantageous.

Governor's Speech
—(Continued).

The Cod-fishery, which is our great staple industry, was prosecuted successfully, the exports shewing an increase of two hundred thousand quintals over that of 1892. Owing, however, to the keen competition of our bounty-fed competitors the price realized for this production was not altogether satisfactory.

The returns for the Herring and Salmon fisheries do not compare favourably with those of the previous year.

The Lobster fishery evinced a marked improvement, and the gradual revival of this industry is no doubt due to the restrictive legislation adopted by your honourable Houses.

The export of Copper Ore and Iron Pyrites are largely in excess of 1892, but the value was considerably below.

This may also be said of our exports of Lumber.

Last season was not favourable to agricultural success. The long continuance of wet weather resulted in a very short potato crop. Farmers were, however, compensated to some extent by good crops of hay and fodder.

Railway extension during the year that has passed has been rapid and eminently satisfactory. The Northern Railway has been completed. The rails have been laid to a point thirty-seven miles to the westward of the Exploits, and the line is graded to the forty-fifth mile. Six miles of the Brigus branch has also been graded.

This great enterprise has afforded steady employment to more than fifteen hundred of our

operatives since the month of May last, and under this and other influences there has been a total absence of able-bodied poverty.

Governor's Speech
—(Continued).

I have been much gratified in noticing the progress that is being made in the re-building of this city. The rapidity with which this work is advancing not only manifests the enterprise of our citizens, but also their firm faith in the future prosperity of the Colony.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

The Customs' Revenue of last year was in excess of the estimated amount. I have directed the estimates of this year, which have been framed with a due regard to efficiency and economy, to be prepared and forwarded to you without delay.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

It has been the policy of the Government to collect the principal part of its revenue by the taxation of imports; and no change in this policy is at present practicable or desirable. But it is considered by my Government that this taxation does not bear evenly upon the different classes of the community, and an effort will therefore be made during the present Session to so readjust the tariff as to cheapen the cost of living and enable the labouring man to bring within his domestic circle additional comforts and advantages.

In compliance with a resolution of the Legislature I transmitted to Her Majesty's Government

Governor's Speech
—(Continued.)

the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the French Treaties' Question, and in June last I received a despatch from the Right Honourable Secretary of State for the Colonies intimating that the said Report had received the most careful consideration of Her Majesty's advisers, who expressed their willingness to meet the views of this Legislature as far as it is possible to do so.

In view of the pressing importance of this subject I deem it my duty to again urge its early consideration by your honourable Houses.

In these and all other efforts that you may make to promote the well-being of the people of the Colony, I pray that you may be guided by the hand of Almighty God.

T. O'BRIEN, *Lieut.-Colonel,*
Governor.

Governor retires.

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

The Minutes of yesterday, February 15th, were read.

Speech read.

A copy of His Excellency's Speech having been left with the Hon. the President, it was read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel,—

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature,

Committee on
Address of Thanks

Ordered,—That the Hon'bles Messrs. Angel, Skelton, Pitts, Rendell and Harris be a Committee for that purpose.

The Hon. Mr. Angel gives notice that he will, Notices of motion. on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 35th Rule of this House as regards the Address in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the appointment of a Select Committee on the Printing and Contingencies of this House for the present Session.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned. Monday next, February 19th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, February 19th, 1894.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

J. McLOUGHLAN,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON,

Sir R. THORBURN, K.C.M.G.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday, February 16th, were read.

Draft of Address of Thanks presented and read a first time.

The Hon. Mr. Angel, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Draft of the same, which was received and read a first time, and

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

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey,—

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed on the Printing and Contingencies of this House for the present Session.

Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

Ordered,—That the Hon'bles Messrs. Harvey, Pitts, Skelton, Rendell and Cleary be a Committee for that purpose.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, February 20th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, February 20th, 1894.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.* Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

J. McLOUGHLAN,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON,

Sir R. THORBURN, K.C.M.G.

The Minutes of Monday, February 19th, were Minutes read.
read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Address of Thanks
read 3rd time.
motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel, the Address in
reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Gover-
nor was read a second time.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon.
Mr. Angel,—

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House 35th Rule
suspended.
be suspended with reference to the Address
in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the
Governor.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel the House Committee on Ad-
dress of Thanks.
went into Committee on the Address in reply to
the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress reported. The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the report be received.

Adjourned. On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, February 21st, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, February 21st, 1894.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present. The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,
 P. CLEARY,
 J. S. PITTS,
 J. McLOUGHLAN,
 G. T. RENDELL,
 J. ANGEL,
 J. HARRIS,
 G. SKELTON,
 Sir R. THORBURN, K.C.M.G.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Tuesday, February 20th, were read.

Committee on Address of Thanks. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel, the House went into Committee on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Address reported. The Chairman reported the Address.

Ordered,—That the report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel, the said Address was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same. Address read a 3rd time and passed.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by a Deputation of the whole House. To be presented by Deputation of the whole House.

The Address is as follows:—

To His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland, in Session convened, desire to thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature, and for your cordial greeting. Address.

It is a source of gratification that the General Election has resulted in a very strong pronouncement in favour of the policy of your Government.

We receive with pleasure Your Excellency's congratulations on the general prosperity of the Colony during a period of depression in trade and financial embarrassment in many commercial communities.

The comparative failure of our Seal-fishery of last season might have been attributable in some measure to the law then in force, and we trust that the amended legislation will be found of advantage.

Address.—
(Continued.)

The success of the staple industry of last year—the Cod-fishery—is a subject of congratulation, and notwithstanding the depression of prices by the competition of bounty-fed rivals in foreign markets, was of the highest value to our people.

We regret to find that the returns from the Herring and Salmon fisheries do not compare favorably with those of the previous year.

We think that the improvement in the Lobster-fishery, and the gradual revival of this industry, may fairly be attributed to the recent restrictive legislation.

It is to be regretted that although the yield of Copper Ore and Iron Pyrites was largely in excess of that of 1892, its market value was considerably less.

The Agricultural returns of last season, generally, were not encouraging; the yield of the potato, on which our people so largely depend, having been unusually deficient. It is, however, satisfactory to find that there were good crops of hay and fodder.

We are pleased with the information that Railway extension during the past year has been rapid and eminently satisfactory, having afforded employment to more than 1,500 of our operatives during the open season, and has thus been a great factor in preventing poverty.

We are gratified to notice the progress that is being made in the re-building of this city, manifesting the enterprise of our citizens and the firm faith in the future of the Colony.

We concur in the policy of collecting the principal part of the revenue by taxation of imports, and we are pleased to find that it is proposed during the present Session so to re-adjust the tariff as to cheapen the cost of living, and enable the laboring man to bring within his domestic circle additional comforts and advantages.

Address.—
(Continued.)

The subject of the Fishery Treaties and the Despatch of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State in reference to it, to which Your Excellency alludes, will engage our earnest attention; and we trust that the willingness of Her Majesty's Government to meet, as far as possible, the views of our Legislature in relation to this question, may conduce to a satisfactory solution.

In all our efforts to promote the well-being of the people of this Colony, we trust we may be guided by the hand of Almighty God.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
21st February, 1894. }

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, February 22nd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.



Thursday, February 22nd, 1894.

PRESENT :

Member present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Adjourned for
want of quorum.

The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, February 23rd, at Eleven o'clock, A. M., for want of a quorum.

Friday, February 23rd, 1894.

PRESENT :

Member present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Adjourned for
want of quorum.

The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, February 24th, at Eleven o'clock, A. M., for want of a quorum.

Saturday, February 24th, 1894.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

J. McLOUGHLAN,

J. ANGEL,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON,

Sir R. THORBURN, K.C.M.G.

The Minutes of Wednesday, February 21st ;
Thursday, February 22nd, and Friday, February
23rd, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. the President informed the House that His Excellency the Governor would receive the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on this day, Saturday, at half-past Eleven o'clock, at Government House. President informs Council of Governor's intention to receive Address of Thanks.

At half-past Eleven o'clock the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor. Council present Address of Thanks.

At a quarter to Twelve o'clock, the House having returned, the Hon. the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to return an answer thereto in the following words :— President reads Governor's Reply.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;

Reply.

Again allow me to express my thanks to you for the loyal Address just read, and to assure you that from it I am convinced that your best endeavours will be directed towards increasing the prosperity of a Colony, in the advancement of which I shall ever take the deepest interest.

T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, 24th Feb., 1894. }

Document
laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey laid upon the Table a Despatch relating to that part of the Coast on which the French have Treaty Rights.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Tuesday next, February 27th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, February 27th, 1894.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Saturday, February 24th, were read.

Minutes read.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, from the Select Committee on the Printing and Contingencies of this House, presented the following report, which was received and read :—

Report of Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

The Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies submit the following arrangements for adoption :

“That the Officers appointed by the Council be continued in office during the present Session.

“That the present Reporters be re-appointed, and that they supply the Printer with sufficient matter, if so much be reported, with at least three columns of the paper before ten o'clock on each day.

“That the *Evening Telegram* publish the Debates of the Legislative Council, on condition that it publishes at least three columns daily, provided so much be furnished before ten o'clock on each

day and that a speech shall not be divided except it exceed three columns.

“Miscellaneous Printing: the *Times*.

“Printing Journals: the *Royal Gazette*.

A. W. HARVEY, *Chairman*.

JAMES S. PITTS,

GEO. SKELTON,

G. T. RENDELL.”

Adopted

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the said Report was adopted.

Document laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Document:—

Annual Report of the Newfoundland Department of Fisheries for the year 1893.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Thursday, March 8th, at half-past Four o'clock, P.M.

Thursday, March 8th, 1894.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.³

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, February 27th, were read.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Tuesday next, March 13th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, March 13th, 1894.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present

The Honorables J. McLOUGHLAN,

J. ANGEL,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Thursday, March 8th, were read.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon. Legislative Council that it has passed the accompany Bill, entitled “An Act for Abolishing the practice of Engrossing Public Documents on Parchment,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

Message from Assembly.

GEO. H. EMERSON,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
13th March, 1894. }

On motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for Abolishing the practice of Engrossing Public Documents on Parchment,” was read a first time, and

Bill for Abolition of Engrossing Documents on Parchment, read 1st time.

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow,

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, March 14th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, March 14th, 1894.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON,

Sir R. THORBURN, K.C.M.G.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 13th, were read.

Bill for Abolition
of Engrossing
Documents on
Parchment,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for Abolishing the practice of Engrossing Public Documents on Parchment," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Documents
laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Documents:—

Report of Postmaster General, 1893.

Statement of Money Order Office, 1893.

Registered Letter Statement, 1893.

Statement of Expenditure for Relief of Poor,
1893.

Report of the Superintendent Penitentiary, Documents.—
1893. (Continued.)

Report of the Medical Officer, Labrador, 1893.

Report of the Cashier of the Savings' Bank,
1893.

Annual Statement of the Commercial Bank,
1893.

Annual Statement of the Union Bank, 1893.

Annual Statement of Standard Life Assurance
Company, 1893.

Annual Statement of Equitable Life Assur-
ance Company, 1893.

Annual Statement of Canada Life Assurance
Company, 1893.

Annual Statement of Township Timber and
Land Company, 1893.

Annual Statement of Newfoundland Coastal
Steamship Company, 1893.

Annual Statement of Masonic Hall Joint Stock
Company, 1893.

Annual Statement of Colonial Cordage Com-
pany, 1893.

Annual Statement of Monroe Fibre Company,
1893.

Annual Statement of Consolidated Foundry
Company, 1893.

Annual Statement of West End Club, 1893.

Annual Statement of Newfoundland Screw
Tug Company, 1893.

Documents.—
(Continued.)

Annual Statement of Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, 1893.

Annual Statement of Newfoundland Steam Sealing and Whaling Company, 1893.

Annual Statement of Floating Dry Dock Company, 1893.

Annual Statement of Nail Manufacturing Company, 1893.

Report of Captain Henry Knight, Fishery Warden, Cape John, 1893.

Report of Game Protection Society, 1893.

Report of Public Schools under Methodist Boards, 1893.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, March 15th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, March 15th, 1894.

PRESENT:

Member present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Adjourned for
want of quorum.

The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, March 16th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Friday, March 16th, 1894.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Member present.

The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, March 17th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Adjourned for want of quorum.

Saturday, March 17th, 1894.

PRESENT :

The Honorable G. SKELTON, *Presiding.*

Member present.

The Honorable Dr. SKELTON declared the House adjourned until Monday next, March 19th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Adjourned for want of quorum.

Monday, March 19th, 1894.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Wednesday, March 14th, Thursday, March 15th, Friday, March 16th, and Saturday, March 17th, were read.

Minutes read.

Committee on Bill
for abolition of
Engrossing
Documents on
Parchment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Committee on the Bill, sent up, entitled "An Act for abolishing the Practice of Engrossing Public Documents on Parchment."

The Hon. Dr. Skelton in the Chair.

House resumes.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported without
amendment.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Report received.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and
Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Report of Com-
mittee on Printing
and Contingencies.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, from the Select Committee on the Printing and Contingencies of this House presented the following Report, which was received and read:—

That the <i>Tribune</i> print the Debates for ..	\$100 00
<i>Times</i> , copying Debates	100 00
<i>Harbor Grace Standard</i> , copying Debates .	100 00
<i>Twilligate Sun</i> , copying Debates	100 00
<i>Trinity Record</i> , copying Debates	100 00

A. W. HARVEY, *Chairman*.
JAMES S. PITTS,
GEO. SKELTON,
G. T. RENDELL.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
March 19th, 1894. }

Adopted.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the said Report was adopted.

Notices of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Rendell gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative

of the Government whether the necessary steps will be taken during the present Session to issue new Debentures, in place of those burnt in the conflagration of 8th and 9th July, 1892.

The Hon. Mr. Rendell gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative of the Government why the provisions of the St. John's Rebuilding Act, as regards the construction of permanent buildings erected since the fire in July, 1892, have not been carried out.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
Wednesday, March 28th, at half-past Four o'clock,
P. M.

Wednesday, March 28th, 1894.

PRESENT :

The Honorable A. W. HARVEY, *Senior Member* Members present
Presiding.

The Honorable J. ANGEL.

The Honorable Mr. Harvey declared the House Adjourned for
adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, March 29th, want of quorum,
at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a
quorum.

Thursday, March 29th, 1894.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, March 19th, and Wednesday, March 28th, were read.

Bill for Abolition of Engrossing Documents on Parchment, read 3rd time and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for Abolishing the practice of Engrossing Public Documents on Parchment," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message from Assembly.

The House of Assembly beg to acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act for Amending and Consolidating the Enactments relating to Ar-

bitration," wherein they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Dated at St. John's, this 16th day of March,
A. D. 1894.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill Arbitration Bill,
read 1st time. sent up, entitled "An Act for Amending and Consolidating the Enactments relating to Arbitration," was read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Documents laid on
Table. Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Documents:—

Copy of Despatch of date 17th January, 1893, from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, transmitting copy of Decree of the President of the French Republic respecting the Customs' Tariff of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

Copy of Despatch of date 27th April, 1893, from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, transmitting translation of a Circular issued by the Central Customs' Authorities in Madrid, relative to the treatment of Cod-fish imported, dried and salted, and packed in cases.

Copy of Despatch of date 28th April, from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, relative to the appointment of a British Consular Officer at St. Pierre.

Documents.—
(Continued.)

Copy of Despatch of date 15th June, 1893, from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, conveying Her Majesty's cordial thanks for the Address of the Legislature on the marriage of H. R. H. the Duke of York with the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck.

Copy of Despatch of date 15th June, 1893, from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, allowing the use of the Title of "Honorable" by Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils throughout Her Majesty's Dominions.

Copy of Despatch of date July 11th, 1893, from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, conveying the thanks of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York to the Governor and people of Newfoundland for congratulations and good wishes upon their Royal Highnesses marriage.

Copy of Despatch of date January 15th, 1894, from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, transmitting Copy of French Decree altering the Tobacco Duties at St. Pierre and Miquelon.

Circular Despatch of 16th January, 1894, from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a translation of a Spanish Royal Decree respecting British Commerce.

Copy of Despatch of date 16th February, 1894, from His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada to His Excellency the Governor of New-

foundland, transmitting copy of approved Minute Documents.—
of the Privy Council relative to the issue of Li- (Continued.)
censes to United States Vessels to fish in British
North American waters.

Copy of Order in Council showing changes in
Boundaries of Educational Districts during the
year ending March 13th, 1894.

Annual Statement of the Mutual Life Insu-
rance Company of 1893.

Annual Statement of the "Walrus" Compa-
ny, 1893.

Report of the Inspector on Congregational
Schools, 1893.

Report of the Registrar General, 1893.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
Monday next, April 2nd, at half-past Four o'clock,
P. M.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, President
The Honorable A. W. HARVEY,
T. TAYLOR,
G. T. RENDLE,
A. M. MURRAY,
J. HARRIS,
G. SKELTON

The Minutes of Monday, April 2nd, were read.
Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on
motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill sent up

Monday, April 2nd, 1894.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

A. M. MACKAY,

J. HARRIS,

Sir R. THORBURN, K.C.M.G.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday, March 29th, were read.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, April 3rd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, April 3rd, 1894.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

G. T. RENDELL,

A. M. MACKAY,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, April 2nd, were read.

Arbitration Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill sent up,

entitled "An Act for Amending and Consolidating the Enactments relating to Arbitration," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Rendell Question asked. asked the Hon. Representative of the Government whether the necessary steps will be taken during the present Session to issue new Debentures in place of those burnt in the conflagration of 8th and 9th July, 1892.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey replied. Reply.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Rendell Question asked. asked the Hon. Representative of the Government why the provisions of the St. John's Re-building Act as regards the construction of permanent buildings erected since the fire in July, 1892, have not been carried out.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey replied. Reply.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned. Friday next, April 6th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, April 6th, 1894.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables P. CLEARY,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, April 3rd, were read.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Tuesday next, April 10th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, April 10th, 1894.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

P. CLEARY,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday, April 6th, were read.

Committee on
Arbitration Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for Amending and Consolidating the Enactments relating to Arbitration."

The Hon. Dr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked Progress reported.
leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
Friday next, April 13th, at half-past Four o'clock,
P. M.

Friday, April 13th, 1894.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*. Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. McLOUGHLAN,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Tuesday, April 10th, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Documents laid on
Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the Table.
following Documents :—

Despatch from the Marquis of Ripon to Sir
Terence O'Brien, of date 25th January, 1894, on

the subject of levying Customs' Duties on articles imported by the French Subjects engaged in the Fishery on the Treaty Shore.

Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland under Church of England Boards, for the year ending December 31st, 1893.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Resolutions, in which they respectfully request the concurrence of the Honorable the Legislative Council.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 12th, 1894. }

Whereas, His Excellency the Governor has intimated to this House, through his Honor the Speaker, that he has received from the Supreme Court a judgment on a petition against the election of Messrs. Woods and Moores as members for Bay-de-Verde, and that by that judgment those members have been unseated and disqualified from representing that or any other district during the existence of the present Legislature;

And whereas, His Excellency the Governor has furnished this House, through his Honor the Speaker, with a copy of the Judge's certificate on the matter referred to, wherein it is stated that "the most important of the charges proven against Mr.

Message from
Assembly.

Resolutions relating to Ways and Means.

Woods consisted in given of employment upon public works in the district of Bay-de-Verde to large numbers of voters, which employment was given and provided upon roads in various parts of the district, the work upon which was not done in the due and regular course of the public service, but was carried on without due and proper sanction and authority upon purposes not authorized by law and without legislative provision for the expenditure"; and that "the respondent, Woods, gave and procured employment upon public works in St. John's, which were under his control, to a large number of voters";

Resolutions relating to Ways and Means.—
(Continued.)

And whereas, Mr. Justice Winter has held that the carrying out of such public works, "in the absence of any provisions setting forth how the money was to be spent and where the roads were intended," was a violation of the Corrupt Practices' Act; and has unseated and disqualified Messrs. Woods and Moores the members elected to represent the district of Bay-de-Verde in this House;

And whereas, this House did, in the Session of 1892, authorize by Act the widening and laying out of the streets of St. John's, and, in the Session of 1893, did pass an Act authorizing the raising by loan of \$100,000 for the construction of railway connecting roads;

And whereas, Mr. Justice Winter, in presuming to deal with a matter entirely outside his province as a judge on an election petition, has not only exceeded his duty, but established a precedent which, if not protested against by this House may hereafter lead to a subversion of the fundamental principles of our constitution;

Resolutions relating to Ways and Means.—
(Continued.)

And whereas, this House has been made aware of the fact that His Excellency's constitutional advisers have pointed out to His Excellency that for a judge or an election petition to stigmatize as "illegal and corrupt practices" the expenditure of public moneys authorized by Acts of this Legislature, assented to by Her Majesty, and which could be carried out in no other way than under the direction of His Excellency's Council, is to strike a blow at the very foundations of responsible government;

And whereas, this House has been made aware of the fact that His Excellency's constitutional advisers have endeavoured to impress upon His Excellency the recognition of the principle that the only tribunals to which the administration is responsible as respects the expenditure of public moneys are the Legislature of the Colony and the electorate, and have advised His Excellency to an immediate dissolution of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of allowing the constituencies to decide this important constitutional issue;

And whereas, His Excellency has declined the advice of his constitutional advisers, and those gentlemen have thus been obliged to tender their resignation as such;

And whereas, the management of the affairs of this Colony is about to be entrusted to a minority of this Legislature, representing one-third of its members, and whom the people within the last four months at the polls have declared do not merit their confidence;

Resolved,—That this House is of opinion that the minority in this House should not be entrusted

ed with the collection of taxes for the purposes of revenue;

Resolutions relating to Ways and Means.—
(Continued.)

Resolved,—That this House hereby rescinds the resolution tabled on the 9th day of March by the Honorable Receiver General, and that this House do not now resolve itself into committee of the whole on Ways and Means.

PASSED THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 12th, 1894. }

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

Whereas, His Excellency the Governor has intimated to this House, through his Honor the Speaker, that he has received from the Supreme Court a judgment on a petition against the election of Messrs. Woods and Moores as members for Bay-de-Verde, and that by that judgment those members have been unseated and disqualified from representing that or any other district during the existence of the present Legislature;

Resolutions relating to Supply.

And whereas, His Excellency the Governor has furnished this House, through his Honor the Speaker, with a copy of the Judge's certificate on the matter referred to, wherein it is stated that "the most important of the charges proven against Mr. Woods consisted in giving of employment upon public works in the district of Bay-de-Verde to large numbers of voters, which employment was given and provided upon roads in various parts of the district, the work upon which was not done in the due and regular course of the public service, but was carried on without due and proper sanction and authority upon purposes not authorized by law

Resolutions relating to Supply.—
(Continued.)

and without legislative provision for the expenditure” ; and that “the respondent, Woods, gave and procured employment upon public works in St. John’s, which were under his control, to a large number of voters” ;

And whereas, Mr. Justice Winter has held that the carrying out of such public works, “in the absence of any provisions setting forth how the money was to be spent and where the roads were intended,” was a violation of the Corrupt Practices’ Act ; and has unseated and disqualified Messrs. Woods and Moores the members elected to represent the district of Bay-de-Verde in this House ;

And whereas, this House did, in the Session of 1892, authorize by Act the widening and laying out of the streets of St. John’s, and, in the Session of 1893, did pass an Act authorizing the raising by loan of \$100,000 for the construction of railway connecting roads ;

And whereas, Mr. Justice Winter, in presuming to deal with a matter entirely outside his province as a judge on an election petition, has not only exceeded his duty, but established a precedent which, if not protested against by this House may hereafter lead to a subversion of the fundamental principles of our constitution ;

And whereas, this House has been made aware of the fact that His Excellency’s constitutional advisers have pointed out to His Excellency that for a judge or an election petition to stigmatize as “illegal and corrupt practices” the expenditure of public moneys authorized by Acts of this Legislature, assented to by Her Majesty, and which could be carried out in no other way than under the

direction of His Excellency's Council, is to strike a blow at the very foundations of responsible government;

Resolutions relating to Supply.—
(Continued.)

And whereas, this House has been made aware of the fact that His Excellency's constitutional advisers have endeavoured to impress upon His Excellency the recognition of the principle that the only tribunals to which the administration is responsible as respects the expenditure of public moneys are the Legislature of the Colony and the electorate, and have advised His Excellency to an immediate dissolution of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of allowing the constituencies to decide this important constitutional issue;

And whereas, His Excellency has declined the advice of his constitutional advisers, and those gentlemen have thus been obliged to tender their resignation as such;

And whereas, the management of the affairs of this Colony is to be entrusted to a minority of this Legislature, representing one-third of its members, and whom the people within the last four months at the polls have declared do not merit their confidence;

Resolved,—That this House rescinds the resolution tabled by the Hon. Receiver General, on the 6th day of March granting a Supply to Her Majesty;

Resolved,—That for any person or persons in the Government of this Colony, or in the Treasury or other department thereof, or for any person or persons whatsoever employed in the payment of public money, to pay or direct, or

Resolutions relating to Supply.—
(Continued.)

cause to be paid any sum or sums of money for or towards the support of services voted in the present Session of the Assembly after the Legislature shall have been prorogued or dissolved, before any Act of the Legislature shall have been passed appropriating the supplies to such service, will be a gross breach of the public trust, and derogatory to the fundamental principles of this Legislature, and subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.”

PASSED THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 12th, 1894. }

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey moved that the following Resolution be adopted:—

Motion of Resolution relating to Ways and Means and Supply.

Resolved,—That the Legislative Council concurs in and adopts the Resolutions sent up from the House of Assembly in relation to Ways and Means and Supply, and that a Message be sent to the House of Assembly acquainting the House that the Council has adopted the same.

When there appeared for the motion,—

Contents (6):

Non-Contents (2):

Division.

Hons. Messrs. Harvey,
Talbot,
Cleary,
Angel,
Harris,
Skelton.

Hons. Messrs. Rendell,
Mackay.

Passed.

So it passed in the affirmative, and
Ordered,—Accordingly.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved,—That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded by the President to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to have a copy of the Resolutions adopted by the House of Assembly and concurred in by this Council transmitted by Cable to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Resolutions relating to Ways and Means and Supply.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly beg to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Address, in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council. Message from Assembly.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 13th, 1894. }

To His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Legislative Council and the Commons House of Assembly of Newfoundland having been informed that Your Excellency's Executive, under the leadership of Sir William V. Whiteway, have Address to the Governor requesting Dissolution.

Address to Governor requesting
Dissolution.—
(Continued.)

tendered their resignation in consequence of Your Excellency having refused to accept their advice for an immediate dissolution of the Legislature, and that such advice was offered by them by reason of a Judgment of Mr. Justice Winter on the trial of an Election Petition of March against Woods and Moores, in which it would appear that the learned Judge had gone outside the question as to the existence of bribery and corruption at the Election referred to under the Election Act, and had determined questions as regards the legality of the Expenditure by Your Excellency in Council of Monies authorized by Acts of the Legislature to be expended for certain purposes therein named.

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly do not deem it necessary to enter upon a discussion of the question as to whether Mr. Justice Winter was acting *ultra vires* or otherwise.

It is sufficient for these Houses to be informed of the fact of his having so adjudicated, and if the Law be such as to empower any tribunal outside the Legislature to assume the power so to adjudicate then it is the opinion of these Houses that the Law should be amended without delay.

The Representatives of the people are the sole guardians of the public purse and are responsible to the people only, for the faithful discharge of that trust.

The Executive Council which has tendered its resignation has the confidence of the Electorate, and as Your Excellency has refused to accept their advice the Legislative Council and House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency

forthwith dissolve the Legislature and cause Writs to be issued for a General Election to prevent that condition of chaos which must ensue in the absence of Revenue and Supply Bills and in entrusting the Government to a party consisting of only one-third of the Members of the House of Assembly.

Address to Governor requesting
Dissolution.—
(Continued.)

And the Legislative Council and House of Assembly further request that Your Excellency will transmit by Cable a copy of this Address to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies and will defer final action in the premises until the receipt of a reply from the Secretary of State.

PASSED THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 13th, 1894. }

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

The said Address was then read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the said Address was adopted, and

Address to Governor passed.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the said Address.

Message to Assembly.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Tuesday next, April 17th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Saturday, April 14th, 1894.

This being the day appointed for the Prorogation of the Legislature,

House meets.

At Four o'clock, P. M., the House met.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

A. M. MACKAY,

J. HARRIS,

G. SKELTON,

Sir R. THORBURN, K.C.M.G.

Commissioners appointed by Governor take their Seats.

At Four o'clock, P. M., the Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, and the Honorable JAMES S. PITTS, Member of the Legislative Council, nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners, having taken their seats, the Hon. the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Honorable House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof, that His Excellency's Commissioners desire their attendance in the Council Chamber; and Members of the House of Assembly being come thereto, the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

Commission authorizing Commissioners to assent to Bill, read.

By His Excellency Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, Lieut.-Colonel, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

T. O'BRIEN, Lt.-Col.,
Governor.
[L. S.]

To the Honorable E. D. SHEA, President of the Commission,
Legislative Council, and the Hon'ble JAMES S. PITTS, Member of the Legislative Council:

Whereas, at and during the Session of the General Assembly of this Island now being holden, a Bill entitled "An Act for Abolishing the practice of Engrossing Public Documents on Parchment," was passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly; and

Whereas I, the said Governor, have seen and considered the said Bill so passed, and entitled as aforesaid, you the said Honorable E. D. SHEA and Honorable JAMES S. PITTS, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly that it is my pleasure to assent to this Bill.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, Saint John's, this 14th day of April, A. D. 1894.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED B. MORINE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

To the Hon. E. D. SHEA, *President Legislative Council*, and the Hon. JAMES S. PITTS, *Member of the Legislative Council*,

The Title of the said Bill having been read,—

The Honorable E. D. Shea, one of the Commissioners, then said,—

Bill assented to.

“His Excellency the Governor assents to this Bill.”

Commission directing Prorogation, read

The following Commission was then read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

By His Excellency Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, Lieut.-Colonel, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

T. O'BRIEN, Lt.-Col.,
Governor.
[L. S.]

Commission.

To the Hon'ble EDWARD D. SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, and the Hon'ble JAMES S. PITTS, Member of the Legislative Council:

Whereas I have deemed it expedient that the Legislature should be prorogued until Monday the 23rd day of this present month.

You, the said Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA and JAMES S. PITTS, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the House of Assembly, that it is my pleasure that the Legislature stand prorogued until Monday the 23rd day of this present month.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the
Government House, St. John's, this
Fourteenth day of April, 1894.

By His Excellency's Command,
ALFRED B. MORINE, *Acting Colonial Secretary.*

The Honorable E. D. Shea, one of the Commissioners, then said,—

It is His Excellency the Governor's will and ^{Prorogation.} pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until Monday the Twenty-third day of this present Month then and here to be holden; and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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