

whose interest and happiness will never cease to be as dear to me as my own.

EDMUND FANNING.

Charlotte Town, 12th Nov. 1792.

Moved by Mr. Hodgson, That an Address of Thanks be prepared in answer to his Excellency's Message, thanking him for the confidence he has been pleased to place in this House by the tenor of the Message; and to request that his Excellency would be pleased to appoint proper persons to distribute the money due the Loyalists in such manner as was originally intended.

The question being put that the same be agreed to; it passed in the affirmative.

AYES, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Daniel Montgomery, Capt. Hayden, Mr. Charles Stewart, senior, Mr. Darby, Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. C. Stewart, Junior, Mr. M'Kie, Mr. Bowley, Mr. Clark, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. M'Farlane.

No. Mr. Hazard.

Ordered, That Mr. Hodgson, Mr. C. Stewart, jun. and Mr. D. Montgomery, be a committee to prepare the said Address.

Wednesday, November 14, 1792.

The following Address, in answer to the above Message of his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, was prepared by the Committee, unanimously agreed to by the House, and delivered to his Excellency by a Committee appointed for that purpose:

To his Excellency EDMUND FANNING, LL. D. Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Island of Saint John, and the Territories adjacent thereunto, in America, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The ADDRESS of the House of Assembly, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of this his Majesty's Island of Saint John, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to return you our unanimous and cordial acknowledgments for your Excellency's Message respecting the recovery of the money due the Loyalists and disbanded Troops—and for the confidence your Excellency has been pleased to place in this House by the purport of the said message. But, as the House conceive the distribution of the said money is entirely in your Excellency's power, beg you will be pleased to appoint such person or persons to superintend the distribution of the same, as your Excellency, in your wisdom, shall think proper. JOSEPH ROBINSON, Speaker.

Assembly Room, Nov. 14, 1792.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to appoint the three following gentlemen to distribute the aforesaid sum of £ 253 among his Majesty's American Loyalists and disbanded Troops, v. z.

Colonel Joseph Robinson, Speaker of the House of Assembly.

The Hon. Major Charles Lyons, and Lieutenant John Macdonald, of the West River.

SPEECH

Of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to both Houses of Assembly, at the close of the last Sessions.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council,

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

TRULY sensible as I am of the importance it must be of to your private concerns that I should, at this approaching season and appearance of winter, put an end to the present session at an as early a period as possible, it is with much pleasure I find the public business, by your unremitting attention thereto; in such a state of forwardness, that I can do it at this time without any material injury to the public service.

It is my sincere wish, gentlemen, that the several bills which have passed your respective houses, and to which I have now given my assent, may prove as salutary and beneficial to the Island, as they appear to me to have been well calculated and adapted to the several purposes for which they were enacted. The act for restoring to the injured Proprietors their titles to lands, which had formerly been illegally confiscated and sold, by enacting in substance the draft of a bill (none but the mutilated original being to be found) which, by his Majesty's orders, had long before my appointment to this government been directed to be laid before the Assembly, to remedy the injustice done to several of the proprietors by such illegal sales, I persuade myself will not fail of being honoured with his Majesty's gracious approbation, and the favourable opinion of his Majesty's Ministers, as well as prove the occasion of affording a well grounded confidence to the proprietors in general of the security of their property under the present Legislature of this Island.

I cannot, gentlemen, dismiss you from any further attendance at this time, without returning you my most grateful acknowledgments for that respect and confidence shewn to myself, as well as for that diligence, ability, unanimity, and dispatch, with which you have applied your attention to the transacting of the public business, and expressing my earnest desire, that you may meet with that merited applause from your constituents and the public at large, to which, in my opinion, you have so honourable and just a claim. EDMUND FANNING. Council Chamber, 17th Nov. 1792.

ACTS passed at the last Sessions of the General Assembly of this Island.

Anno Tricesimo Tertio Regis Georgii III.

CAP. I.

AN ACT

For continuing sundry Laws that are near expiring.

WHEREAS the several Acts herein after mentioned are near expiring, and have been found useful and beneficial, that is to say,

" An Act to prevent the Non attendance of Members to serve in General Assembly,"

And " An Act for regulating the Toll to be taken at the different Grist Mills in this Island,"

BE it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the before-mentioned Acts, near expiring, be continued; and that all and every Clause, Matter, and Thing, therein respectively contained, shall be in force until the first Day of July, one Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety-six, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of the General Assembly, and no longer.

CAP. II.

AN ACT

For the rescinding, annulling, and making Void, all and every the Proceedings had in the Years One Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty, and One Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty one, which in any Respect related to, or concerned the Suing, Seizing, Condemning, or Selling, certain Lots or Townships of Land in this Island, herein after mentioned, or any of them, or any Part thereof.

WHEREAS the following Lots or half Parts of Lots or Townships of Land in this Island, that is to say, Lots Numbers Twenty Four, Thirty One, Thirty Three, Thirty Two, Thirty Five, Forty Nine, Fifty Seven, and Sixty Seven, and the Half Lots, Numbers Seventeen, Eighteen, Twenty Five, Twenty Six, Forty Eight, and Sixty Five, were, in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty, prosecuted and condemned in his Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature of this Island, for the Non-payment of certain arrears of Quit rents chargeable on the said Lots, or half Parts of Lots, respectively, and payable to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, his Heirs and Successors; which said Lots, and half Parts of Lots, were afterwards sold to divers Persons, under various illegal Pretences, and contrary to the Act of the General Assembly of this Island, intituled " An Act for the more effectual Recovery of certain of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Island of Saint John," whereby the true and rightful Owners or Proprietors of such Lots and half Parts of Lots of Land, have been greatly aggrieved and oppressed:

And whereas his Majesty was graciously pleased to cause to be transmitted to the late Lieutenant Governor of this Island, a certain Bill, to be by him laid before the General Assembly, in Relief of the said Owners or Proprietors, and which was most undutifully and contumaciously neglected and withheld from them, and which is not now to be found in Order to be passed into a Law of this Island. And whereas it appears highly expedient and just that his Majesty's said gracious Intentions should not be defeated; and that the said Proprietors should be re-possessed of the said Lots, or half Parts of Lots, respectively, as of their