HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, FEB. 3.

The house met at three o'clock.

The Speaker and the whole house proceeded to Government house, and presented to his Excellency the Governor the address of the house in reply to his Excellency's speech at the opening of the session, and being returned.

The speaker reported to the house the reply of his Excellency. (Address and reply already published in the *Leader*.)

The hon. Acting COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of his Excellency, laid on the table of the house the following documents:—

Circular Despatch from Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to the operation of Colonial Acts for the incorporation of Banks.

Report of Captain Hamilton, of H. M. S. *Firmian*, on the fisheries, for the year 1864.

Report of Colonial Superintendent of the fisheries, for the year 1864.

Report of the officer in charge of protecting the fisheries at Cape John, for the year 1864.

Report of Captain Hoare, in charge of protecting the fisheries at Belle Isle, for the year 1864.

Report of Alexander Murray, Esq., of result of survey of the mineral resources of Newfoundland, during the summer of 1864.

Report of Judge Sweetland, on the Labrador Circuit Court, for the year 1864.

Report of Collector Winter, on the collection of revenue at Lunenburg, for the year 1864.

Correspondence with the Government relative to the extension to Pinsen, of the mail of the steamer plying along the southern coast of this island.

Return from Harbor Grace Water Company, for the year 1864.

Return from the Union and Commercial Banks for the year 1864.

Return from the Floating Dock Company for the year 1864.

Return from Valley Joint Stock Company for the year 1864.

Post Master General's Report and Returns for the year 1864.

Ordered that these documents lie on the table.

Mr. WHITEWAY presented a petition from D. A. Morey of St. John's, Photographic Artist, which was received and read, setting forth that petitioner has been engaged in his profession, a photographic view of the landing of the Prince of Wales at St. John's, in 1860.

Mr. WHITEWAY, in moving that the petition lie on the table, would express a hope that this house would compensate the petitioner for the loss he had sustained in getting up a work which was of a most conspicuous event, the landing in this country and loyal country of the heir to the British throne. It would be recollected that Mr. Adams had formerly petitioned the house, and no notice was taken of his application. The effect to arise from such a circumstance as the visit of his Royal Highness was very creditable to Mr. Adams, and he ought, as he presumed he was, to be very much remunerated. He gave up his time to the execution of this design when Mr. Johnson was recreated and engaged, and when, perhaps, the only arrest in his time here, he might have realized a considerable sum by his business. He (Mr. Whiteway) was a boy himself (Mr. Whiteway) could not say that Mr. Adams was pressed by the idea that compensation must be made to him, but he was under the impression that he would be or he would not have petitioned the house.

Mr. THOMAS considered that when a man gave up his time and talents to perform a work in such a matter as that, he should at all events, be here harmless. The photographic work of Mr. Adams, of the landing of the Prince of Wales, would be long regarded as a memento of an event which, Mr. Adams had left his business, which was a profitable one, and had gone to England to get the proper lithographed, and had been at great expense. He thought some compensation was due to him, and that we should be wanting in respect to the country if we did not take the proper of the petition into consideration.

After some further observations by Messrs. R. D. Shea, Wyatt, Kennel, Carty, Barron, Talbot, and Glass, the motion that the petition lie on the table, was put and carried.

Mr. WHITEWAY gave notice that, on to-morrow, he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee on the petition of Mr. Adams.

Mr. HORNE presented a petition from Peter McKay and others, praying for an increase of a salary.

Mr. Horne, in presenting the petition he was for the table, would observe that the petitioners were a meritorious class of men, who had arduous and important duties to discharge; and they were entitled to reasonable consideration for the consideration of the petition bore the signatures of a number of respectable men. Lost. motion by (Mr. Horne) he presents a similar petition, and when the salaries were voted in Committee, on Supply, on account of the different services, he did not move in the house as he was bound to do, that the year the revenue was improved, and he hoped there would be no objection to giving the police force of Harbour Grace the same footing as to salaries with that of Harbor Grace.

Mr. HONOR differed from the views of the hon member for Carbonear. The petitions of petitioners were very well paid for their services at £52.6 year.

Mr. BARON—Lit.

Mr. HONOR—Well, £45 sig. was good pay, and were allowed a week out of the year. Look at our police force, employed night and day; and tells pay very little more than some of the Carbonear force, when when the services of the police were required they could not be had.

Mr. HORNE was sorry the hon member was so badly informed respecting the salaries and duties of the Carbonear Police force. It was not the case that the force had very little to do—it was not the case that the force of the hon member should visit the town at sidement, when the greater number of their men were away at the fishery, or would find that some of the police were in flight. But if he were there in the fall, when they returned from the fishery in would be a different opinion. The hon member and the police were allowed to work on the shores.—(Mr. Rorke) remembered one occasion, when no man could be had, that they go have to work on board vessel. He knew that they had in Carbonear one or two persons who indulged in writing letters to the Public Journals, in improper, in improper, improper matters in Carbonear. But the petition was entitled to the consideration of the house. Mr. Hayles, and the Rent. Mr. Walsmsbotham. Would these gentlemen notify to the Sergeant of Police, the name of the person, if they did not consider them deserving.

Mr. CARTY—For his part he did not see the reason by for such a large police force in Carbonear.—Carbonear was a peaceable place. The Temperancy Magistrate, had been stated was engaged in trade, and was absent the whole summer; but when policemen were wanted they were there or four men from town, embracing their head. He (Mr. Carty) was tired by a repetition behaviour that when a policeman was required, and he day, on account of a person getting up a disturbance in a church, some member of the house rose, saying, Mr. Speaker, Jonah, when there was a disturbance, no policeman should be and I ask the house to give the police force by the present efficient Superintendent, Mr. Mirthell.

Mr. HORNE regretted that the Stipendiary Magistrate's health required his absence necessary during the past summer. But it did not follow that no Stipendiary Magistrate was necessary in Carbonear. His duties were discharged in his absence by the Honorary Magistrates. The services of an efficient Stipendiary Magistrate were required there, and it was owing to the efficiency of the present Magistrate and of the police, that Carbonear was then remarkable for peace and it was not it would not be so if it were to be otherwise.

Mr. TALBOT thought the house never was sufficiently paid and to be the necessity for them, it would be a sad case if the auth only the house were not satisfied. He thought the police would be paid as in St. John's. The force might appear large, but Carbonear was an entirely different place and it was necessary to the idness to work on the wharves, but it appeared it was only once, when the people complained of the people were absent at the fishery, and no other man could be had.

Mr. RENDELL—Mr. Speaker, I ask, we should his hon friends opposite were not very well informed—regarding the position of Carbonear, and the interest in its affairs, better informed. It was perfectly true that the Stipendiary was absent from Carbonear, during the past summer, labouring under a dangerous illness for which he was obliged to visit the Bonavista Peninsula. And he (hon A. Gov.) was happy to say he had returned to his duties in good health. He was perfectly in the discharge of his duties, and was not engaged in trade. No decision of the house could be more creditable to the duties which were very efficiently discharged by the hon member for Carbonear and the other Magistrates appointed.

Ordered that the petition lie on the table.

Mr. CARTY presented a petition in favor of that petition.

After some observations by Messrs Prowse, R. D. Shea and Talbot, the motion that the petition lie on the table was put and carried.

On motion of the hon Receiver General, seconded by Mr. Prowse, the order for the Select Committee to be appointed on Contingencies recalled.

Talbot and Messrs. Kennel and Messrs. Prowse, Barker, R. D. Shea and Carty do form the committee.

Mr TALBOT pointed to notice asked the hon Attorney General, what steps he had taken to fill the vacancy in the St. John's Hospital, occasioned by the death of the late Dr Rendell.

The hon Attorney GENERAL replied that the condition of the Hospital as regarded Medical attendance had been the most unsatisfactory. He had remonstrated, if the government who had arrived at the conclusion that there was no necessity for the appointment of one Medical man being continued there.—While there was no doubt that the Medical attendance was a most responsibility of discommoding such, but on the decease of Dr. Rendell the gentlemen who had been appointed was equivocal that there was no necessity for a second appointment. The government had made a proposition to connection with the Medical man to do the work for a small increase of salary, and he was sorry that for a considerable time past, and he was allowed to have a contribution to the support of the Hospital, which was necessary. By this means the Hospital was well attended, and the colony saved by it £100 sterling.

Mr. TALBOT most say that the arrangement was not very satisfactory, while the Medical man was not was could now discharge the duties which formerly devolved upon two, and that the patients were sometimes were fewer patients in the Hospital, and consequently less business to be transacted. He, (Mr. Talbot) was not think that it was a wise pecuniary. Of his public institutions to the Medical man, and