TUESDAY, 20TH JANUARY, March 22.

As soon as the House waited on His Excellency with the address, and, on their return, the Speaker reported the reply.

Hons Col. Gray, Messrs Coles, Coldsworth, Hussey, and Messrs Sheehan and McLennan were appointed a Committee to form a Committee of the Legislative Council to prepare an Address of congratulation to Her Majesty, on the occasion of the birth of the Son of the Prince of Wales.

Hon Col. Gray, in moving the 2d reading of the Bill for vesting the Command of the volunteers in the Commander-in-Chief of the Island, said that doubtless arises as to the command of the volunteer forces; his Lordship was in a different position from the regular army and militia. In Britain the volunteers were under the command of the Lord Lieutenants of their respective Counties, and the Commander-in-Chief exercised no control over them, even when on active service. There we had no officers analogous to Lord Lieutenants of Counties, and the Governor was the Commander-in-Chief of the militia. In the regular army and militia the Commander-in-Chief was the Queen's representative, and the Governor was the Queen's representative in the Colony. Under the Imperial Government the Governor was the Commander-in-Chief of the militia. Under the Colonial Government the Governor was the Commander-in-Chief of the militia. The Bill was intended to place the volunteers on the same footing with the militia. The Bill was intended to place the volunteers on the same footing with the militia. The Bill was intended to place the volunteers on the same footing with