

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1854.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. MR. FORSAITH—To move the following Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Officer administering the Government on opening the General Assembly on Thursday, the 31st August, 1854:—

The House of Representatives present to your Excellency the respectful expression of their thanks for the full and unreserved statement of your Excellency's views and intentions, as these are set forth in the Speech by which the Session has been opened.

The House desire to assure your Excellency of their concurrence, generally, in the liberal principles, and popular sympathies which mark the policy indicated by your Excellency's speech; and they readily promise your Excellency that their most prompt and diligent attention shall be given to every measure which may be laid before them by your Excellency's advisers. Nevertheless, the House are of opinion that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to protract the Session longer than may be requisite for giving immediate effect to such measures as are of a peculiarly urgent character with regard to time, or are not likely to elicit material difference of opinion.

Whilst the House are sure that your Excellency will recognise the great inconvenience to which Southern members of both Houses would be subjected by a much prolonged detention from home, they acknowledge that every Representative of the people is in duty bound to make sacrifices of personal convenience, in order that beneficial legislation by the General Assembly may not be indefinitely postponed; and the House doubt not, that from amongst the measures which your Excellency has brought to their notice for present or future enactment, they shall be able to select such a proportion as may become law, with great advantage to the Colony, and without overtasking the public spirit of those members who represent the people at a distance.

To the end that the service of the people may be the single object and motive of every member of the Legislature during a comparatively brief Session, the House cordially respond to the wish of your Excellency, that the whole subject of past differences may be henceforth buried in oblivion.

House of Representatives,
Sept. 1, 1854.

F. E. CAMPBELL,
CLERK.