

Tuesday, 12th February, 1833.

SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. *Lieutenant Governor.*

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Speaker's Salary, was read a third time and passed :

Address to Lieut. Governor read third time and passed, on the Speaker's salary.

Whereupon the Speaker signed the same ; and it is as follows :—

Same signed.

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

The address.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach your Excellency on a subject intimately connected with their dignity and independence.

We respectfully desire to call your Excellency's attention to the fact, that the Speaker of the Legislative Council has not since the year 1831 received the Salary which has for so long a period been attached to that honorable office.

In 1816, the Legislature of this Province passed an Act granting the annual sum of £2,500 currency towards the support of the Civil Government, and on this grant was charged, amongst other items, the Salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Council, and it was regularly paid every half year till an Act was passed granting an annual appropriation of £6,500 for the support of the Civil List, including former grants ; since the passing of this Act, the charges which had been formerly paid from the Act granting £2,500 were transferred to other funds, with the exception of the Salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Council—why this was made a solitary exception, the Legislative Council have not been able to learn, but certainly none of the charges so transferred had a greater claim to consideration, nor can they discover why the authority which transferred the other items was not competent to transfer them all.

The Legislative Council would further represent, that they felt deeply mortified and concerned to find that the Salary of their Speaker was last year classed among the common items of annual supply, but thinking that it had arisen from some inadvertence, they then forbore to make any remarks or any inquiry into the proceeding ; finding however that no provision has yet been made for their Speaker, they feel it their duty to state their regret that his salary should be considered as an item of annual supply, and thus become an object of perpetual discussion, by which the dignity of the Legislative Council cannot fail to be compromised, and the harmony which so happily exists between the two branches of the Legislature, put every Session into hazard.

The Legislative Council most respectfully represent, that the Salary of their Speaker ought to be paid from the same fund on which the other items which used to stand with it are now charged, and so to continue till it shall please the Legislature to provide for this charge by some permanent measure that may be deemed more satisfactory and more adequate to the arduous duties of the station.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Wells and Markland be appointed a Committee to present the foregoing addresses.

Committee appointed to present same.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill, entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the improvement of Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of this Province," was read a second time, and it was—

General Road Grant bill read second time.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take the same into consideration.

The House was then put into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

Committed

The Honorable Mr. Wells took the Chair.

A Message being announced, the Chairman left the Chair and the House formed.

Message from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly returned the Bill, entitled, "An Act to take away Corruption of Blood, save in certain cases," and acquainted this House that the Commons House of Assembly had passed the same without amendment.

Attainder bill passed by that House.

The same Deputation brought up a Bill, to which they requested the concurrence of this House and then withdrew.

Bill brought up.