

# 3rd Session, 9th Parliament, 7th Geo. IV.

The report of the Military Commissioners, has served to strengthen the appeals which have been made from this province, respecting the improvement of its internal navigation. An officer of rank and science has recently arrived in Canada, for the purpose of superintending the execution of a canal, to lead from Lake Ontario to the River Ottawa, on a scale more extended than we had ventured to suggest. I am happy to acquaint you that the opinions which have been expressed by that officer, both in regard to the value of this work and its practicability, are in every respect satisfactory.

The Welland Canal, scarcely less an object of interest, although we owe it to the enterprize of a private company, is proceeding with rapidity, and its present state affords a reasonable promise of its successful accomplishment. I must strongly recommend this work to your favor and protection.

While these extensive improvements in our communications by water are in progress, without burthening the provincial treasury; I cannot but direct your attention to those more obvious and easy improvements, in our highways, for want of which, the people of this country may even find it difficult, to avail themselves of all the advantages, which those great works would otherwise present.

I shall make an early communication to you of the instructions which his majesty has been pleased to transmit for my guidance, in respect to the naturalizing of such aliens as have become resident in the province: and if other subjects shall present themselves which I shall find it my duty to submit to your consideration, I will lay them before you in the course of your session.

Mr. Rolph gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill for the naturalization and security of certain inhabitants in this province.

Mr. Rolph gives notice that he shall, on Friday next, move for leave to bring in a bill for the attachment of property in certain cases.

Mr. Rolph gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a bill for the abolition of imprisonment for debt.

Mr. Rolph gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a bill for the relief of religious societies.

Mr. Rolph gives notice that he shall, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill for the more easy recovery of dower in this province.

Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Jonas Jones, moves that this house will, on to-morrow, take into consideration the speech of his excellency the lieutenant governor, at the opening of this session.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Morris gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move for the appointment of a select committee to consider and report on the laws now in force which regulate the fees of the clerks of the peace in the different districts of this province.

Mr. Peterson gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal the several laws imposing duties on stills in this province.

Mr. Bidwell gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill to provide for the appointment of guardians in certain cases.

Mr. Perry gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that the postage upon all letters to and from members during the present session, be paid by the clerk and charged in the contingent accounts.

Mr. Matthews seconded by Mr. Hornor moves that one hundred copies of his excellency's speech be printed for the use of the members of this house.

Which was ordered.

Mr. McBride gives notice that he will on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to amend the law now in force relative to the limits of jails in this Province.

Mr. Jonas Jones seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that Messrs. Thomson of Frontenac, Morris and Walsh be a committee to superintend the printing of the house during the present session pursuant to the 46th rule of this house.

Which was carried.

Adjourned.

## Wednesday, 6th December, 1826.

Mr. Peterson seconded by Mr. Perry moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of the county of Prince Edward.

Which was granted and the petition brought up.

Mr. David Jones seconded by Mr. Walker moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of Brockville, praying for the incorporation and extension of the limits of the town of Brockville in the Johnstown District.

Which was granted and the petition brought up.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. Bidwell moves for leave to bring in a bill respecting the civil rights of certain persons therein mentioned.

On which the house divided and the yeas and nays being taken were as follows.

YEAS—Messrs. Baby, Beasley, Bidwell, Hamilton, Hornor, Ingersol, Matthews, McCall, Perry, Peterson, Rolph, Scollick, Thompson, Walsh and Wilkinson—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Attorney General, Cameron, C. Jones, J. Jones, Morris, and Walker—6.

At half past 11 o'clock A. M. the Speaker declared the house adjourned for want of a quorum.

## Thursday, 7th December, 1826.

Mr. Scollick, seconded by Mr. Charles Jones, moves for leave to bring up the petition of George Clemens and others, inhabitants of the township of Waterloo in the district of Gore.

Which was granted and the petition brought up.

Mr. Rolph's motion of yesterday was then read by the Speaker.

In amendment Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Thompson, moves that the question be not now put.

On which the house divided and the yeas and nays being taken were as follows.

YEAS—Messrs. Attorney General, Cameron, C. Jones, J. Jones, Morris, Thompson, and Walker—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Baby, Beasley, Bidwell, Burnham, Hamilton, Ingersol, Matthews, McBride, McCall, Perry, Peterson, Randal, Rolph, Scollick, Thompson, and Walsh—16.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of nine and lost accordingly.

The original question was then put and carried, and the bill was read the first time.

Mr. Rolph seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the bill respecting the civil rights of certain persons therein mentioned, be read a second time on Tuesday next.

On which the house divided and the yeas and nays being taken were as follows.

YEAS—Messrs. Baby, Beasley, Bidwell, Burnham, Hamilton, Ingersol, Matthews, McBride, McCall, Perry, Peterson, Randal, Rolph, Scollick, Thompson, Thomson, and Walsh—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Attorney General, Cameron, C. Jones, J. Jones, Morris, and Walker—6.