

Thursday, 20th January, 1831.

FIRST SESSION, 11th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 1st WILLIAM IV.

Prayers were read.

Oath prescribed by the Statute of 31st Geo. 3d. Chap. 31st, administered to the Hon. Charles Jones.

The Honorable Charles Jones took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by the Statute 31st Geo. 3d. Cap. 31.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Speaker reports the indisposition of the Hon. Mr. Wells.

His Honor the Speaker communicated to the Honorable Members present that the Honorable Mr. Wells was indisposed, and it was—

The Hon. Mr. Jones appointed on the Committee named yesterday in his stead. House adjourns for half an hour.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Jones be appointed on the Committee named yesterday on the subject of the Parliament House in his stead.

The House meets. A Member enters the House.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned for half an hour.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Receiver General's Salary Bill brought up from the Assembly.

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York enters.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," to which they requested the concurrence of this House.—The same Deputation brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Message in the following words, and then withdrew.

Message from Assembly,

MR. SPEAKER,

Acquainting this House that they had appointed a Committee who would be ready to meet a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining and reporting what alteration (if any) they deem necessary in the construction, &c. of the Parliament House.

The Commons House of Assembly has appointed a Committee of four of its Members who will be ready to meet the Committee appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council, for the purpose of examining and reporting to their respective Houses what alteration (if any) they deem to be necessary in the construction and arrangements of the Parliament House now building in this Town, at the time and place appointed.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly,
20th January, 1831.*

Receiver General's Salary Bill read 1st time.

The Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Commissioners of Customs Jurisdiction Bill read third time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for removing doubts with respect to the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Customs within this Province, was read a third time.

Felons Counsel Bill brought up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to allow persons tried for Felony the benefit of full defence by Council, and to regulate in some other respects the practice of Criminal cases," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Commissioners of Customs Jurisdiction Bill passed.

Ordered, that the Bill for removing doubts with respect to the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Customs in this Province, do now pass, and that the title be "An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction of Commissioners of Customs in this Province," whereupon the Speaker signed the Bill and it was—

The Title to same.

Bill signed,

Ordered, that the same be sent to the Commons House of Assembly by the Master in Chancery for the concurrence of that House.

And sent to Assembly for concurrence. Petition of Chester Hatch and others, praying for protection &c. by modifying the duties on certain articles imported from the United States, read. Petition of Richard Hare and others, praying to be established as a Banking Company in the Town of Kingston, read. Quebec Ordinances repeal Bill committed.

The Petition of Chester Hatch and others, Mechanicks of the Town of Kingston, praying for protection and encouragement by modifying the duties at present imposed on articles of manufacture and raw materials imported from the United States into this Province, was read.

The Petition of Richard Hare and others, praying to be established as a Banking Company in the Town of Kingston by an Act incorporating them under the style and title of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada, was read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for Repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec.

The Honorable Mr. Markland took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again this day se'night.

Ordered, that the report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Leave granted. Debtors Relief Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to provide for the discharge of Debtors in execu-