

# Sir P. Maitland, K. C. B. Lieut. Governor.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven, and it was

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this House, that the pledge given by the resolution passed by this House on the thirteenth day of April last, should be redeemed by the passing of an Act authorising the government to raise by debenture the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds to be immediately loaned to the company at the same rate of interest as shall be paid by the government to be repaid within the period of        years.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. C. Jones, moves that Messrs. Att'y. General and Thompson, be a committee to draft and report a bill pursuant to the resolution of this House, for a loan to the Welland Canal Company.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Fothergill, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the expediency of consolidating or bringing nearer together, the various offices connected with the Land Granting Department.

Which was carried, and Mr. White was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. White reported that the committee had agreed to two resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

The report was ordered to be received and the resolutions were adopted as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this House that it is expedient, if practicable, to concentrate or bring nearer together, the various offices connected with the Land Granting Department of this Province, for the greater convenience of the public.

Resolved,—That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary steps for the accomplishment of so desirable and important a measure, by procuring plans and estimates of a fire proof building or buildings suitable for the above purposes and to cause the same to be laid before this House at the next session of the Legislature.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McBride, moves that Messrs. Fothergill and Lyons be a committee to draft and report an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to the resolution of this House.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Fothergill, seconded by Mr. Matthews, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, for the purpose of inquiring into the state of the Province.

Which was carried, and Mr. Burnham was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Burnham reported that the committee had agreed to a resolution which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

On the question for receiving the report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Atkinson, Beardsley, Bidwell, Burnham, Clark, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Lyons, Matthews, McCall, Perry, Playter, Randal, Rolph, Scollick, Thompson, Thomson, Walsh, Wilkinson, and Waite—21

NAYS.—Messrs. Att'y. General, Burke, Cameron, D. Jones, J. Jones, McDonell, Morris, and VanKoughnett.—8.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirteen, the report was received, leave was granted, and it was

Resolved.—That it is expedient to inquire into the state of the post office department and the disposal of the funds arising from it.

Mr. Perry gives notice that he will, to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill for the more easy recovery of estrays.

The House adjourned.

## Thursday, 15th December, 1825.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. J. Jones, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Leonard Soper, in the Newcastle District.

Which was granted and the petition brought up.

Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. McBride, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of the County of Middlesex praying to be erected into a separate District.

Which was granted and the petition brought up.

Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Beasley, moves for leave to bring up the petition of George Ward and others, residing in the Long Woods, London District.

Which was granted and the petition brought up.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the recording sentence bill was read the third time.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Thompson, moves that the bill do now pass, and that the title thereof be "An Act to dispense with the necessity of actually pronouncing sentence of death in certain cases of capital conviction."

Which was carried and the bill signed.

Messrs. Attorney General and Thompson were ordered by the Speaker to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to dispense with the necessity of actually pronouncing sentence of death in certain cases of capital conviction," and to request their concurrence thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Brockville, praying for a Police in said town—the petition from same place, praying for the extension of said town—the petition of William Purdy, of the township of Markham, Miller, praying for patent for a wheat cleaning machine—and the petition of the inhabitants of the township of Williamsburgh, praying that their lands may be secured to them, according to the government deeds for the same—were read.

Mr. D. Jones, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Brockville be referred to a select committee, and that Messrs. Charles Jones, Thomson, Morris, and Jonas Jones do compose the same, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Which was ordered.

Mr. D. Jones, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the petition of the inhabitants of Williamsburgh, be referred to a select committee, and that Messrs. J. Jones, VanKoughnett, Wilkinson, and McDonell do compose the same to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Playter, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the petition of William Purdy, be referred to the committee to whom was referred the bill to promote the progress of useful arts in this Province.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the subject of losses sustained by the inhabitants of this Province during the late war.

Mr. Burke was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Burke reported that the committee had agreed to two resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

The report was ordered to be received and the resolutions were adopted as follows :—