

consideration, be found essential; and we recognize in His Majesty's gracious expressions in favour of the comfort, the prosperity and the happiness of a people endeared to him by so many ties, that benevolence of the Royal feelings towards his Canadian subjects, which has distinguished the Sovereigns of his illustrious House.

We thank your Excellency for the information that the accounts of the past year are in a forward state of preparation to be laid before us, as also an estimate for the expenses of the ensuing year.

We fully participate in the feelings with which His Majesty's subjects in all parts of his dominions have greeted the accession of King William the Fourth and his consort, Queen Adelaide, to the throne of the great empire of which this Province forms a part; and we shall fulfil a pleasing duty in availing ourselves of the opportunity of our first meeting after that event to express the attachment to the reigning family, by which His Majesty's faithful and loyal Canadian subjects have ever been distinguished.

We sincerely lament the nature and extent of the difficulties with which your Excellency is surrounded in the discharge of the important and arduous duties confided to you by His Majesty, and we gratefully acknowledge the expression of your Excellency's earnest desire to surmount them. In your Excellency's declaration, that a steady adherence to the principles of justice and impartiality will be the rule of your conduct, we find the best grounds to hope that your Excellency's efforts will be crowned with success.

We most respectfully assure your Excellency, that in endeavouring faithfully to discharge the duties with which we have been intrusted by our constituents, it will be our earnest desire that harmony may prevail between the several branches of the Legislature, that full effect may be given to the constitution as established by law, and that it may be transmitted unimpaired to our posterity.

House of Assembly, Quebec,
29 January 1831.

(signed) *L. J. Papineau*,
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Attest.

Wm. B. Lindsay, Clerk of the Assembly.

Gentlemen,

Accept my best thanks for this Address. It is entirely satisfactory to me, and creates in my mind the most agreeable anticipations of increasing harmony between the Executive Government and the House of Assembly.

No. 4.—COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord *Aylmer* to Lord Viscount *Goderich*, dated Castle, St. Louis, Quebec, 3 March 1831.

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour of transmitting to your Lordship a copy of the message which I sent to the Legislature of this Province on the 14th ultimo, concerning the estimate of expenses of the civil government for the present year, and of the estimates themselves, in a printed form.

Your Lordship will observe that the items objected to in the estimate of last year by the House of Assembly have been omitted in the estimate for this year, in conformity with the instructions conveyed in your Lordship's Despatch, dated 1st December 1830, marked "separate," and that I have remarked in my message upon those items severally, in terms corresponding with the same instructions.

The estimate is now before the House of Assembly, but I am unable to form any conjecture as to the manner in which it will be dealt with by that body, or even whether they will be disposed to grant a Supply Bill of any description.

But as this consideration belongs to other circumstances, regarding which I shall have the honour of addressing your Lordship by this opportunity, I forbear to dwell further upon the subject of it in this Despatch.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Aylmer.

(Signed) *AYLMER*, Governor in Chief.

The Governor in Chief transmits to the ^{Legislative Council} ~~House of Assembly~~ an estimate of the expenses of the civil government for the ensuing year, and he takes this opportunity of drawing their early attention to the total amount, which will be found to be very considerably less than the estimate of last year.

To the estimate now-transmitted, will be found annexed a statement of certain items which were included in last year's estimate, and which are now omitted, in conformity with instructions received by the Governor in Chief from His Majesty's Government.

The items of charge above alluded to are numbered from Number 1 to Number 15, and his Excellency thinks it proper to remark upon each of the numbers as follows:

Numbers 1 & 2.—It is proposed to abolish these two situations (Lieutenant Governor of Gaspé and Provincial Agent in London) as being no longer necessary for the conduct of the public service; but it is hoped that the ready abolition of these two offices by His Majesty's Government will be deemed to establish a just claim on the Legislature for the payment of the arrears for the last two years, and for some compensation for the loss which the parties now holding those offices will be subjected to by the abolition of them.