

Resignation of
Ex. Council.

YEAS.

Messieurs ARMSTRONG, AYLWIN, BALDWIN, BARTHE, BERTHELOT, BOSWELL, BOULTON, BOUTILLIER, BEAUBIEN, CAMERON, CARTWRIGHT, CHABOT, CHILD, CHRISTIE, CRANE, DERBISHIRE, DEWITT, DUNN, DURAND, FORBES, GILCHRIST, HALE, HAMILTON, HARRISON, HOPKINS, JOBIN, JOHNSTON, LACOSTE, LAFONTAINE, LESLIE, SIR ALLAN N. MACNAB, D. McDONALD, J. S. McDONALD, MERRITT, MOORE, MORIN, MORRIS, NEILSON, NOEL, PAPINEAU, PARKE, POWELL, PRICE, PRINCE, QUESNEL, ROBLIN, SIMPSON, SMALL, HARMANNUS SMITH, GEORGE SHERWOOD, STEELE, STEWART, TACHE, THOMPSON, THORBURN, TURCOTTE, D. B. VIGER, L. M. VIGER, WAKEFIELD, and WILLIAMS.—(60.)

NAYS.

Messieurs CHESLEY, DUNLOP, FOSTER, McLEAN, MURNEY, HENRY SMITH, and WOODS.—(7.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

Resolved. That a select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. Boulton, Mr. Price, and Mr. Leslie, be appointed to prepare an humble Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, in conformity to the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Price, from the Select Committee, appointed to prepare the draught of an humble Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, in conformity to the Resolution adopted by the House, this day, presented to the House the draught of the said Address; which address was again read at the Clerk's table, and a reed to by the House; and is as followeth:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, One of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to represent to Your Excellency, the deep regret we feel at the retirement of certain Members of the Provincial Administration on the question of their right to be consulted, on what we unhesitatingly avow to be the Prerogative of the Crown, appointments to office; and further to assure Your Excellency that their advocacy of this principle, entitles them to our confidence, being in strict accordance with the principles embraced in the Resolutions, adopted by the Legislative Assembly on the third day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

That this House, in dutiful submission to their Gracious Sovereign, and with the utmost respect for the exalted station and high character of Your Excellency, is most anxious to guard against any misconception which possibly might be placed upon the affirmative declaration of their opinion, upon this delicate and most vitally important constitutional question, and therefore most humbly beg leave to disclaim in a negative form, any desire that the Head of the Government should be called upon to enter into any stipulation, as to the terms upon which a Provincial Administration may deem it prudent either to accept of or continue in office; that mutual confidence, which is essential to the well being of any Government, necessarily presumes that they are understood, while a due respect for the Prerogative of the Crown and proper constitutional delicacy towards Her Majesty's Representative, forbid their being expressed.

Mr. Price moved, seconded by Mr. Durand, that the said Address be engrossed.

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The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued; and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

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NAYS.

Messrs. CARTWRIGHT, CHESLEY, FORBES, FOSTER, HALE, SIR ALLAN N. MACNAB, McLEAN, MURNEY, GEORGE SHERWOOD, WILLIAMS, and WOODS, (11.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Price, the Honourable Mr. Boulton, Mr. Child, and Mr. Berthelot do present the said Address to His Excellency, the Governor General.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until Monday next.

Orders
Postponed.

Then on motion of Mr. De Witt, seconded by Mr. Thompson,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Lunæ, 4^o die Decembris.

Anno 7^o Victoriae Reginae, 1843.

10 horâ A. M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid on the table:—

Two Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. Powell—The Petition of *Geoffrey B. Hall* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Walpole*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Talbot*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Petitions read.

Of *Isaac Heliker*, of the Township of *Boulton*, in the District of *Montreal*; praying for an increase of the pension now received by him.

Of *Thaddæus Patrick*, a junior Clerk in the Office of the Legislative Assembly; praying for additional remuneration for his past services.

Of *Thomas Higginson* and others, Inhabitants of *Hawkesbury*, and other Townships in the District of *Ottawa*; praying aid for a road.

Of the Reverend *A. Duransaux* and others, of the Parish of *Lachine* and other places; complaining of certain grievances resulting from the erection of Toll Bars in the Island of *Montreal*, and praying relief.