

An amendment was next moved

That it is the opinion of this House that for the present Kingston is a proper and suitable place for the seat of the Provincial Government.

An amendment to that amendment was then moved

That the word "Kingston" in the said motion be struck out and the following substituted "some place within the limits of Upper Canada."

Yeas 27—Nays 52.

On the question of the first amendment: Yeas 26—Nays 54.

After a hot debate the original motion declaring that it is expedient that the seat of Government should be at Montreal was then carried 51 to 27.

Derbshire, Bytown's representative, voted yea, and Johnston, Carleton's representative, voted nay.

It was then moved by Attorney General Baldwin, seconded by Attorney General Lafontaine,

That upon Her Majesty, in the gracious exercise of Her Royal prerogative, giving directions for the location of the seat of the Provincial Government of this Province in the City of Montreal, this House pledges itself to provide the necessary supply for the expenditure which may be expected to attend upon the establishment of the seat of government in that City.

Yeas 55—Nays 22.

Derbshire voting yea, Johnston nay.

On the 4th November, 1843, a message from His Excellency was delivered to the House in answer to the resolution adopted in October, 1842, setting forth that it was the prerogative of the Crown to fix the place for holding every session of the Legislative Council and Assembly. The message read as follows:—

The Governor General informs the Honourable the Legislative Council, in reply to their address on the subject of the place where the Legislature is in future to assemble in this Province, that he does not consider himself at liberty to lay before that Honourable House, the despatches which he received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State on that subject; but that the substance of the instructions