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"His Excellency has promised should be laid before us, will receive our most respectful attention :

"That when we shall receive the information respecting the Public Works, which His Excellency has directed to be laid before us, that most important subject will not fail to engage our best attention ; and that it will afford us much satisfaction to find that every means at the command of the Government has been adopted to obviate the inconveniences of delay, and advance those most important objects of public interest :

"That we regret to learn that it was found impracticable to carry into effect, in *England*, the arrangements proposed last year for the assistance of deserving Emigrants ; but we are happy to be informed that Her Majesty's Government have obtained from the Imperial Parliament a grant of money in aid of destitute Emigrants upon their arrival in this country ; and that it is, in the meantime, satisfactory to this House to learn from His Excellency, that though the number of Emigrants who have arrived in the Province during the present season has been much greater than during the corresponding period of last year, no serious destitution has, in His Excellency's opinion, prevailed among them, which, from the means taken to stimulate emigration before arrangements were made for the immediate employment of the Emigrants, we were led to fear might, to some extent at least, have unhappily been the case ; and that we rejoice to learn that, in His Excellency's opinion, there exist such flattering prospects of their ultimate success and prosperity :

"That we shall be happy to find that the condition of the Public Revenue is so satisfactory, and that the measures adopted by the Provincial Parliament during the last Session to provide, by means of taxes upon Imports, for meeting the charge about to be created for the completion and extension of the Public Works, and other exigencies of the Province, have been eminently successful :

"That we will give our most respectful attention to the Tariff of the Imperial Parliament for the British Possessions in *North America* ; and also to the Revenue Laws of the Province, to which His Excellency has directed our attention, with a view to render the latter as harmonious with the enactments of the Imperial Parliament as may be found practicable :

"That this House rejoices to learn that Her Majesty's Government have evinced a liberal disposition in the consideration of the duties on agricultural produce, in connection with the trade of the Province ; and that there is, in the opinion of His Excellency, a hope that an arrangement may be made to extend the market for Canadian produce, in a manner alike advantageous to this Province and the Mother Country :

"That the accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the last year will not fail, when laid before us, to receive our most attentive consideration :

"That we regret that the great measures passed during the last Session of the Provincial Parliament were not framed so as to command His Excellency's approbation, and that they should have been found such as not only to render necessary amendment in their details, but to require, in His Excellency's opinion, modifications, in order to give to them principles in harmony with the spirit of the institutions under which they were enacted ; but that this House feels bound respectfully to represent to His Excellency, that while they cannot recognize in the head of the Government the constitutional right to propose specific measures for their adoption, they will, nevertheless, at all times, be most ready to apply their most attentive consideration to any subject to which His Excellency may deem it his duty to direct their attention, with a view to frame

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"such measures thereon as the interests of the Province may seem to require ; and that the Act for the establishment of District Councils in *Upper Canada*, as well as the Ordinance of the late Special Council of *Lower Canada*, for the establishment of similar institutions in that part of the Province, shall engage their early attention :

"That this House is thankful to His Excellency for the desire evinced by him for the accomplishment of the wishes of Parliament in carrying into effect the Act for the promotion of Education, and that they rejoice that an impulse has been given to that important source of both public and private happiness and prosperity, in its higher as well as its elementary branches ; and feel assured that the result cannot fail to confer the most important benefits upon the whole Province :

"That to the reorganization of the Militia we shall most readily direct our attention, and rejoice that the present appears a favourable opportunity to alleviate unnecessary pressure upon the people, and to place this arm of the public defence upon a sounder and more satisfactory footing :

"That we are deeply sensible of the great importance of the various matters to which His Excellency has thus been pleased to direct our attention, and feel the utmost satisfaction in the assurance so consonant to the feelings which must ever animate the breast of a true representative of a constitutional Sovereign, that in endeavouring to perfect these measures, as well as in all our labours for the advancement of the welfare of the Province, we may rely with confidence upon His Excellency's cordial co-operation :

"To assure His Excellency that we are most anxious that our counsels should be animated, and our proceedings directed, by that spirit of harmony which is best calculated to lead to results at once useful and permanent :

"That we rejoice in the promise of peace, secured, as we are assured by His Excellency, upon an honourable and advantageous basis, and that we are far from being insensible to the advances which have been made towards the re-establishment of tranquillity and security, and feel grateful to the Almighty for the blessings we are yet permitted to enjoy, and which His Excellency may be assured we shall omit nothing within our power to preserve :

"But that we feel it essential, not only to the satisfactory result of our deliberations on these matters, but to the successful and happy conduct of His Excellency's Government in general, to the preservation of harmony between the different branches of the Provincial Parliament, and to the peace, welfare, and good government of the Province, which this House is persuaded it is the anxious desire of Her Majesty's Government to promote, that the chief advisers of His Excellency, constituting the Provincial Administration under him, should be men possessed of the confidence of the Representatives of the People ; and that we therefore feel it a duty which we owe as well to our Sovereign and our country as to His Excellency himself, to avail ourselves of this the earliest opportunity afforded us, respectfully to submit to His Excellency that that confidence is not reposed in His Excellency's present advisers."

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Neilson, seconded by Mr. Small,

Ordered, That the main motion, and proposed amendment thereto, be now referred to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Armstrong took the chair of the Committee ; and after some time spent therein,

Mr.