

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

Address to
His Majesty
on Clergy
Reserves.

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave most humbly to submit to Your Majesty that, by an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, 31st Geo. 3rd, one-seventh of the lands of this Province was set apart for the support of a Protestant Clergy.

That under that Act appropriations have from time to time been made, and which appropriations are, in this Province, known by the name of the "Clergy Reserves";—that these appropriations having been generally made in lots of two hundred acres, throughout the several Townships of this Province, the value of the same has been much enhanced by the settlement of the country, and principally from the improvement of the lands in the neighbourhood of such appropriations, by the labor of inhabitants composed of various denominations of Christians;—that these Reserves being so interspersed with the lands of actual settlers, have materially retarded the improvement of the country;—that by an Act passed in the Reigu of His late most Gracious Majesty, provision was made for the sale of a portion of the said Reserves; that it is unjust, as well as impolitic, to appropriate the said lands to the support of any one Church exclusively, and it is extremely difficult, if not altogether impracticable, to apportion or divide the same among the Clergy of all denominations of Protestants;—that a large majority of the inhabitants of this Province are sincerely attached to Your Majesty's Person and Government, but are averse to the establishment of any exclusive or dominant Church;—that this House feels confident, that to promote the prosperity of this portion of Your Majesty's Dominions, and to satisfy the earnest desire of the people of this Province, Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to give the most favorable consideration to the wishes of Your faithful Subjects;—that to terminate the jealousy and dissension which have hitherto existed on the subject of the said Reserves—to remove a barrier to the settlement of the country, and to provide a fund available for the promotion of Education, it is extremely desirable that the said lands, so reserved, be sold, and the proceeds arising from the sale of the same placed at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature, to be applied exclusively for that purpose.—We therefore humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to Your Majesty's Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, to pass an Act to authorise the sale of the Clergy Reserves remaining unsold, and to enable the Legislature of this Province to appropriate the proceeds thereof in such manner as may be considered most expedient for the advancement of Education.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,

SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }
14th day of December, 1831. }

Notice of
Address to
His Excellency
on the
subject of
Crown Timber.

Mr. Morris gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency may be pleased to communicate to this House an account, in detail, of all monies collected for timber cut on the Crown Lands in this Province during the present year.

Petition of
John Chesley
Nathan Brunson
and others
referred to
supply.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the petition of John Chesley and Nathan Brunson and others, of the Eastern District, praying for money for roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of
George Ramsay
and others
referred to
supply.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the petition of George Ramsay and others, of Tecumseth, for aid to their roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of
N. Eastman
and others
referred to
supply.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the petition of Nadab Eastman and others, of the Township of Cornwall, praying for money for roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of
Charles Partridge
and others
referred to
supply.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the petition of Charles Partridge and others, of the County of Simcoe, for aid to their roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of
Benjamin Wagoner
and others
referred to
supply.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the petition of Daniel McLoughlin, Benjamin Wagoner, and others, of the Township of Cornwall, praying for money for roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the petition of William Powell and others, inhabitants of the Township of Bertie, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of
William Powell
and others
referred to
Committee of
supply.

Ordered.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the petition of Thomas Johnston and others, of the Eastern District, praying for money for roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of
Thomas Johnston
and others
referred to
Committee
of supply.

Ordered.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the petition of Samuel Anderson and others, of the Eastern District, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs McMartin and Shaver, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Petition of
Samuel Anderson
and others
referred to
Select
Committee.

Ordered.

Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that Messrs. Ingersoll and Warren be a Committee to examine and report upon the returns sent to this House from Commissioners appointed to lay out the money granted by the Legislature for roads.

Committee
appointed to
examine and
report on re-
turns from
Road Com-
missioners.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the accounts of the Welland Canal Company, laid before the House, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Morris and Shade, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Accounts of
Welland Canal
Company
referred.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for Incorporating a Rail Road Company was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Rail-road
Company
Bill referred to
Committee of
whole.

Mr. Buell was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Buell reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the House do now adjourn for one hour.

Which was lost.

Present, Messieurs Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Chisholm, Cook, Howard, Jones, Lewis, McCall, A. McDonald, Perry, Robinson, Roblin, Shade, Shaver, Thomson, VanKoughnett, and Werden—18.

No quorum.

At two o'clock P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Petitions
brought up.

Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of Francis McLaughlin, and ninety others, of the Townships of Mulmur, Tosorontio, Mono, and Adjala, in the County of Simcoe; which was laid on the table.

Francis Mc-
Laughlin and
others.

Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of Joseph Pearson, and twenty-three others; which was laid on the table.

Joseph Pear-
son and others.

Mr. Bidwell brought up the Petition of Belyat Cutwater, and eighteen others, of the fourth concession of Fredericksburgh Additional, in the Midland District; which was laid on the table.

Belyat
Cutwater and
others.

Mr. Chisholm brought up the Petition of George Chalmers, and three hundred and fourteen others, inhabitants of Trafalgar, in the County of Halton; which was laid on the table.

George
Chalmers and
others.

Mr. Chisholm brought up the Petition of Hugh Black, and one hundred and thirty-two others, inhabitants of Esquesing, in the County of Halton; which was laid on the table.

Hugh Black
and others.

Mr. Beardsley brought up the Petition of James G. Strobbridge, formerly Contractor for the Burlington Bay Canal; which was laid on the table.

James G.
Strobbridge.

Mr. Attorney General brought up the Petition of Captain Whitney, of the Steamer Great Britain, and twelve others, Masters of Steam Boats and Schooners on Lake Ontario; which was laid on the table.

Capt. Whitney
and others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Petition of George J. Goodhue, and thirty-seven others, of the London District, praying that the District School of the London District, may be removed from Vittoria, to the Town of London.—The Petition of Swain P. Corlis, of the Township of Lobo, in the London District, praying that an Act may be passed, granting him a Pension, he being incapable of following business, be read.

Petition of
George J.
Goodhue and
others.

Petition of
Swain P. Cor-
lis and others
read.