

NAYS—Messieurs.

Nays 23.	Atty. General, Elliott,	Macnab,	Thomson,	
	Berzy,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	Warren,
	Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Mount,	Werden,
	Burwell,	Jarvis,	Samson,	White.
	Cook,	Ketchum,	Shade,	W. Wilson,
	Duncombe,	McMartin,	Sol. General,	23

The question of Amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of sixteen.

On the Original question the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays being taken, were as follows:—

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	Berzy,	R. Fraser,	Mount,	Werden,
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Nays 8.	Bidwell,	Cook,	McCall,	Roblin,
	Buell,	Howard,	McKenzie,	Shaver—8

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and is as follows:—

Resolved, That this House have viewed with unmingled regret the attempts which have been made to make alterations in the duties upon Timber, which must materially affect that branch of the Trade of the North American Colonies, and the more so, as any alteration tending to diminish the amount of Tonnage, at the Port of Quebec, must necessarily, at the same time, lessen the means of Transport for that increasing emigration, which proves alike beneficial to the Colony, and to the Parent State; but that this House is nevertheless happy in receiving the assurance of His Excellency, that should a change or modification in the existing scale of duties be at any time proposed, His Majesty's Ministers are so fully convinced of the importance of the North American Colonies to the strength and power of the British Empire, that they will not cease to feel that the progressive developement of our resources is an object of the greatest interest to which they can direct their attention.

The following Resolutions were then severally put and carried:—

Resolved, That this House will take into consideration the Accounts and Estimates, when laid before them, and that they will not fail to make such provision for the public service as a due sense of that important duty shall point out.

Resolved, That the gracious acquiescence of His Majesty in the solicitations of this House for the independence of the Judges, affords the strongest assurance with what confidence we may repose in the paternal disposition of His Majesty, to concur in every reasonable request of his faithful Commons, and that the readiness with which this House acceded to His Majesty's desire, communicated during the last Session of Parliament, that a suitable provision should be made for rendering the Judges independent of the popular Branch of the Legislature, having been so graciously met on behalf of our beloved Sovereign, is an additional proof that an unsuspecting confidence on behalf of the People cannot be misplaced, when reposed in a Sovereign so affectionately solicitous for the welfare of his subjects.

Resolved, That this House will be happy to receive any message from His Excellency communicating the further instructions transmitted to him, referring to this additional proof of His Majesty's desire to promote the welfare of the Colony.

Resolved, That this House fully concurs with His Excellency, in believing that in every District much benefit has been derived from the last grant to improve the Highways, and they are deeply impressed with the urgent necessity which exists, and is annually increasing, for establishing a system which will insure the effectual reparation of Roads and Bridges, and the improvement of the principal Communications of the back Townships, to the accomplishment of which important object they will not fail to devote their best exertions, the value of which they trust will be materially enhanced by their local experience.

Resolved, That this House is happy to receive the assurance of His Excellency, that the measures proposed to guide the future periodical emigrations, and the aid intended to be granted by His Majesty's Government for the encouragement of District and Township Schools, and the advancement of the purposes of Education, will gradually prepare the Colony for the reception of the Agricultural classes leaving the Parent State, and that they fully participate in the hope expressed by His Excellency, that we shall soon see this valuable description

of Settlers enjoying that competence which, in this prosperous Country, is the sure reward of honesty, industry and sobriety.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. White, moves that Messieurs Solicitor General and Berzy, be a committee to draft and report an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in pursuance of the Resolutions of this House, in answer to the Speech of His Excellency at the opening of this Session.

Committee to draft address.

Ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law of libel.

Which was granted.

Present, Messieurs Attorney General, Beardsley, Bidwell, Boulton, Buell, Burwell, Cook, Duncombe, A. Fraser, Howard, Ketchum, McCall, McKenzie, McMartin, Roblin, Samson, Shaver, Werden: and White—Nineteen.

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

WEDNESDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Bill to amend the law of Libel was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Friday next.

Libel bill read first time.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of John Canfield, and twenty-seven others, of Nichol, Eramosa, and Guelph; which was laid on the Table.

Petitions brought up. Of John Canfield, and others.

Mr. Thomson brought up the Petition of Thomas Markland, and one hundred and fifty others; which was laid on the Table.

Of Thomas Markland and others.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of Thomas Armstrong, and thirty-five others, of Guelph, Eramosa, and Nichol; which was laid on the Table.

Of Thomas Armstrong and others.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of William Haines, Senr. Chairman of a Town Meeting held by the Inhabitants of the Township of King, in the County of York, and one hundred and five others; which was laid on the Table.

Of William Haines, Sen'r. Chairman of Town meeting and others.

Mr. Cook brought up the Petition of Donald McGinnis, and one hundred and ninety-six others, of the County of Glangarry; which was laid on the Table.

Of Donald McGinnis and others.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of A. J. Flewelling, and eleven others, of the Townships of Guelph, Nichol, and Eramosa; which was laid on the Table.

Of A. J. Flewelling and others.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of D. Aikin, Chairman of a Public Meeting held in Guelph, and twenty-two others, inhabitants of the Town and Township of Guelph, and the Townships of Eramosa and Nichol; which was laid on the Table.

Of D. Aikin, Chairman of a public meeting and others.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of Robert Oliver, and fifty-three others, of Guelph, Eramosa and Nichol; which was laid on the Table.

Of Robert Oliver and others.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of Caleb Elsworth, and one hundred others, of the Townships of Whithy and Pickering, in the County of York; which was laid on the Table.

Of Caleb Elsworth and others.

Agreeably to the Order of the day, the Petition of Peter Frank, and two hundred and thirty-nine others, inhabitants of Vaughan, agreed upon at a Town Meeting held in said Township, complaining of the want of an Agent in England to represent the interests of this Colony, and praying that the qualified Electors in this Colony may be fairly represented in the House of Assembly.

Petition of Peter Frank and others read.

That exclusive privileges to certain religious sects be abolished.

That reserved lands be disposed of to the purpose of Roads and Education.

That the Land granting department and the sale of public Lands be regulated by law.

That the Representatives of the People may have the control of all monies arising from Taxes, &c.

That the direction of Statute Labour, and control of local Assessments, Taxes, &c. may be vested in the qualified Electors at their Town Meetings, or in Commissioners authorised by said Electors.

That the public debt of the Province may not be augmented without the approbation of the people, &c.

That the Bank of Upper Canada may not continue to enjoy a monopoly of the Banking business of the Province, &c.