
MESSAGE.

EDMUND HEAD,

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council copy of a Despatch which he addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in forwarding the Addresses of the Legislative Council and Assembly to Her Majesty the Queen on the subject of the Seat of Government; together with a copy of the Secretary of State's reply thereto.

Government House, Toronto,
4th May, 1857.

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“ GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TORONTO,
“ 28th March, 1857.

“ Sir,—I forward with the present Despatch two addresses to Her Most Gracious Majesty of an unusual character. They are respectively from the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, and the prayer of both is the same.

2. “ That from the Legislative Council is as follows:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with renewed assurances of devotion and attachment to your Royal Person and Government.

We desire, may it please Your Majesty, to express our opinion, that the interests of Canada require that the Seat of the Provincial Government should be fixed at some certain place.

We therefore respectfully pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to exercise Your Royal Prerogative, and select some one place for the Permanent Seat of Government in Canada.

3. The address from the Legislative Assembly is founded on resolutions passed in Committee of the whole House, which Resolutions contain the additional assurance that the House resolves to appropriate a sum not exceeding £225,000 for providing the necessary buildings and accommodation for the Government and Legislature at such place as Her Majesty may see fit to select.

4. You are aware, Sir, of the difficulty which in this Colony has long surrounded the question of the Seat of Government. After its removal from Kingston to