

His Excellency explained to the Council the views entertained by Her Majesty's Government upon this subject, and the anxious desire felt by Parliament and the British People, that a settlement of the questions relating to the *Canadas* should be speedily arrived at, by which an end might be put to the present suspension of the Constitution in the Lower Province, the resources of both might receive their full developement, and the peace and happiness of all Her Majesty's Canadian subjects might be effectually secured.

His Excellency stated that it was with this view that Her Majesty's advisers proposed the Re-union of the Provinces to Parliament, and were prepared to proceed with that measure.

Mutual sacrifices were undoubtedly required, mutual concessions would be demanded, but His Excellency entertained no doubt that the terms of Union could be adjusted by the Imperial Legislature, with fairness to both Provinces; and with the utmost advantage to all within them.

His Excellency requested to be favored with the opinion of the Council on this important subject.

His Excellency then withdrew.

• The Honorable the Chief Justice of the Province, took the Chair.

On motion of the Honble. Mr. *Neilson*, seconded by the Honble. Mr. *De Léry*,

ORDERED, That an Ordinance to continue for a limited time, a certain Ordinance relative to the seizing and detaining for a limited time, of Gunpowder, Arms, Weapons, Lead, and Munitions of War, be read a second time at the next sitting day.

On motion of Mr. *Gerrard*, seconded by the Honble. Mr. *Neilson*,

ORDERED, That an Ordinance further to continue for a limited time, a certain Ordinance relative to persons charged with High Treason, Suspicion of High Treason, Misprision of High Treason, and Treasonable Practices, be read a second time at the next sitting day.