

Chap. of his civil government in this province, would
 XXIII. not fail, in the faithful discharge of its obligations,
 1822. having regard to that just economy which the present circumstances of the province imperiously demand."

The governor, in reply to the address, simply expressed his "most sincere regret that the house of assembly should have thus resolved to grant no supply, nor means by which the expenses of the local establishments or objects of public charge in the province could be paid that year."

The assembly wound up the business of the session by a series of resolutions declaratory of their views, with respect to the financial misunderstanding with Upper Canada. A negotiation had, in the course of the previous summer, been carried on at Montreal, by commissioners on the part of both provinces, which was broken off; those of Lower Canada considering the claims of the upper province for the proportion of drawbacks on dutiable goods imported into Lower, and passing thence into Upper Canada, inordinate: while those of Upper Canada complained of the evasion and injustice done that province, by the commissioners on the part of Lower Canada. By the last agreement that had been entered into,* one fifth of the whole duties raised in Lower Canada was allowed the upper province, the expenses of collection first deducted. A

* 1st May, 1817. This was ratified in the session of 1818, and expired on the 1st July, 1819.