

Excellency's predecessor in the administration of the Government, since the period of the general election of members to serve in the present House of Assembly, and referred to in the despatch of the Secretary of State sent down to this House on Saturday last, as being for his Excellency's guidance and instruction.

By the statute of the United Kingdom Parliament commonly called the Constitutional Act, the Executive Council is appointed expressly to advise the Lieutenant Governor upon the affairs of the Province, and a permanent provision was made by law, on the request of the Government, for the payment of annual salaries to five Executive Councillors. The House is desirous to know the names of the persons who compose his Excellency's Executive Council, with the date at which they were sworn into office, and whether they are considered by his Excellency as appointed in conformity with the spirit of the royal instructions, from among that class of his Majesty's subjects who have given a conscientious support to those measures of the Government which are enumerated in the despatch of the Earl of Ripon of the 8th November, 1832.

Although fully convinced that his Excellency sincerely desires to co-operate with this House in the arduous and important duties which, by the command of our revered Sovereign, we are called to perform, we feel assured that unless his Excellency takes into his Councils men in whose loyalty, patriotism and discretion, his Excellency and this House can place mutual confidence, the reforms sought for by the people, and which it is the anxious wish of his Majesty to accomplish, will not be likely to be brought to an early and happy termination.

In reply to the representations of this House to his Majesty, against the constitution and composition of the Legislative Council, the despatch of Lord