

Government of the province, doubtless in obedience to the special order of the authority which appointed it, has had recourse, since the last session, to the practice of disposing of the public treasure of the province, without the consent of this House. Thus the state of the country having therefore remained the same, we believe it to be our imperative duty to adhere unalterably to the contents of our said Address of the 26th February last, as well as to our previous declarations; and to them do we adhere.

In reference now to the demand which your Excellency has renewed under existing circumstances for a supply, relying on the salutary maxim, that the correction of abuses and the redress of grievances ought to precede the grant thereof, we have been of opinion that there is nothing to authorize us to alter our resolution of the last session. Your Excellency will bear in mind that our determination to obtain justice by means warranted by the best approved precedents and by the spirit of the constitution itself, was taken at a more distant epoch, and that, as a mark of our confidence in you, we temporarily departed from that determination by voting a supply for six months. We assure your Excellency, as well as His Majesty's Government, that in that Act, which we look upon as a mark of our liberality, we were prompted by no minor consideration, nor by any unjust or incorrect interpretation of the intentions of His Majesty's Ministers. The conclusion of our said Address contains an explanation of our motives, and of the difficulties which it was not in our power to ward off; the same circumstances, as well as the previous consideration of the salutary principle above referred to, render it incumbent on us, in the present conjuncture, to adjourn our deliberations until His Majesty's Government shall by its acts, especially by rendering the second branch of the Legislature conformable to the wishes and wants of the people, have commenced the great work of justice and reform, and created a confidence which alone can crown it with success.

Amidst the closing events of the last session, there is one circumstance in particular which we respectfully believe has not been sufficiently noticed by His Majesty's Government. That is: it was not this House, but the Legislative Council which deprived the Provincial Administration of the resources which would have been at its disposal, and which placing itself between the Crown and the people in a matter specially appertaining to the representatives of the latter, has prevented the free gift of the Commons to reach the Throne.

In concluding this Address, we shall again express our belief in your Excellency's sincerity and intentions, and we flatter ourselves that under different circumstances and with more direct powers, your Excellency would have sooner helped to obtain the change which we await. If such a change had taken place, the good understanding which has hitherto existed between this House and your Excellency, notwithstanding the difficulties of our respective positions, would lead us to expect the most happy results from your Excellency's desire to advance the prosperity of the country.

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Enclosure 2, in No. 8.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

FOR the portions of this Address which are directed to me personally, I cannot but thank you. At the same time, my sense of public duty and the warm interest I take in the welfare of the province compel me frankly to express to you my deep regret at the conclusions you have come to.

The determination you express never to resume your functions under the existing constitution, naturally deprives the country of a domestic legislature, and places it in a situation in which the greatest embarrassments must be felt until a remedy can be applied by the supreme authorities of the empire.

Gentlemen,

Your Address shall be transmitted to England with the least possible delay.

Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 3d October 1836.

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— No. 9. —

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Earl of Gosford to Lord Glenelg.

My Lord,

Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 4th October 1836:

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the Speech with which I have this day prorogued the Provincial Parliament of Lower Canada.

I have, &c.

(signed)

Gosford.