

inhabitants as profess the Doctrines of the Church of England, unquestionably compose but a minority of the whole, and consequently it would be unjust towards their fellow subjects of other denominations, who are equally attached to His Majesty's person and Government and have equal claims upon the protection and Royal favour of their Sovereign, and by whose industry the value of the Clergy Reserves have been materially enhanced; that the whole of the said appropriation of lands directed by the said Act to be set apart for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy, should be applied exclusively for the benefit of such of the inhabitants as profess to belong to the Church of England, and for relieving them from the necessity of contributing to the support of their own Clergy, while others are left to make such necessary provision for the support of their Clergy out of their own private means, or are driven to solicit voluntary contributions for the attainment of this primary object of all Christian communities, and that whatever might have been the intention of Parliament in making the said appropriation it is expedient that the said Act should be amended, and that it should be explicitly declared, that the term, Protestant Clergy, shall be held to embrace the Clergy of such denominations as in England are called Dissenters, as well as the Clergy ordained according to the rites and ceremonies of the Established Church of England and Ireland, and that provisions be made for carrying such declaration into effect.

House divides on Attorney General's amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 3. Atty. General, Burwell, Elliott, 3.

NAYS.—Messieurs.

Nays 28. Beardsley, Cook, Lewis, Randal, Berczy, Crooks, McCall, Samson, Bidwell, A. Fraser, McMartin, Shade, Buell, Howard, Magon, Shaver, Campbell, Ingersoll, Morris, Thomson, Chisholm, Jones, Mount, VanKoughnett, Clark, Ketchum, Perry, Warren, 28.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of twenty-five.

House divides on original question.

On the original question the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 27. Beardsley, Cook, Ketchum, Randal, Berczy, Crooks, McCall, Samson, Bidwell, Elliott, McMartin, Shade, Buell, A. Fraser, Magon, Shaver, Campbell, Howard, Morris, Thomson, Chisholm, Ingersoll, Mount, Warren, Clark, Jones, Perry, 27.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 4. Atty. General, Burwell, Lewis, VanKoughnett, 4.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-three.

Committee appointed to draft Address.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that Messrs. A. Fraser and Magon, be a Committee to draft and report an Address pursuant to the resolution of this House on the subject of the Clergy Reserves.

Ordered.

Draft of Address on Clergy Reserves reported.

Mr. A. Fraser, from the Select Committee to draft an Address to His Majesty on the subject of the future disposition of the Clergy Reserves, reported a draft which was received and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee to wait on His Excellency with Address on losses report answer.

Mr. Crooks, from the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the address of this House, requesting information as to the disposition of His Majesty's Government relative to the losses sustained by the inhabitants of this Province during the late war with the United States, reported delivering the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer :

GENTLEMEN,

Answer to Address on losses.

The only information on the subject of the War Losses which I have received from His Majesty's Government, since the last Session, is contained in this Despatch, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies :

No. 34 DOWNING-STREET,
28th July, 1831.

SIR—

Despatch on the subject of war losses.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of

your Despatch of the 27th April last, inclosing a Memorial from certain inhabitants of Niagara, relative to the losses sustained by them during the late war with the United States, and to acquaint you that although I regret extremely that the individuals who have suffered losses should not have received the compensation awarded to them, yet it is not in my power to recommend the Lords of the Treasury to depart from the original arrangement communicated to the late Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, by Lord Bathurst, in the year 1823.

I have the honor to be
SIR,
your most obedient
humble servant,
GODERICH.

MAJOR GENERAL SIR JOHN COLBORNE, }
K. C. B. }

The Speaker reported having received from the President and Directors of the Welland Canal Company, agreeably to an order of this House, of the twenty-third ultimo, accounts in detail of the receipts and expenditures of said company in accordance with the provisions of the 17th clause of the 9th chapter 10th George IV.

Speaker reports accounts from Welland Canal Company.

(Accounts—see Appendix.)

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Petitions brought up.

Mr. Burwell brought up the petition of G. R. Williams, and forty others, inhabitants of the London District ; which was laid on the table.

G. R. Williams and others.

Mr. Burwell brought up the petition of Andrew Miller and James Kirkpatrick, Deputy Surveyors ; which was laid on the table.

Miller and Kirkpatrick.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of Jonathan Ashbridge, and forty others, of the Town and Township of York ; which was laid on the table.

Jonathan Ashbridge and others.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of Frederick Cheney and fifty-two others, living on the Town line between Whitechurch and Markham, Home District ; which was laid on the table.

Frederick Cheney and others.

Mr. Chisholm brought up the petition of James Beattie, and fifty-six others, of the Townships of Trafalgar and Esquesing, in the Gore District ; which was laid on the table.

James Beattie and others.

Mr. Samson brought up the petition of Phillip P. Empey, and twenty-eight others, of the Township of Cornwall ; which was laid on the table.

P. P. Empey and others.

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Christopher Woodcock, and twenty-six others, of the Townships of Sheffield, Hungerford, Richmond and Camden, in the Midland District ; which was laid on the table.

Christopher Woodcock and others.

Mr. VanKoughnett brought up the petition of Guy Wood and thirty-four others, of the Eastern District ; which was laid on the table.

Guy Wood and others.

Mr. VanKoughnett brought up the petition of James Pringle, and thirty-three others, inhabitants of the Eastern District ; which was laid on the table.

James Pringle and others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Majesty on the subject of the Clergy Reserves was read a third time.

Address on Clergy Reserves read third time.

On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

On passing the House divides.

YEAS.—Messieurs.

Yeas 28. Beardsley, Cook, Ketchum, Roblin, Berczy, Crooks, McCall, Samson, Bidwell, Duncombe, A. McDonald, Shade, Brown, Elliott, Morris, Shaver, Buell, Howard, Mount, Thomson, Campbell, Ingersoll, Perry, Warren, Clark, Jones, Randal, Werden,—28.

NAYS.—Messieurs;

Nays 6. Atty. General, A. Fraser, Robinson, VanKoughnett, Burwell, Lewis, 6.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-two, and the Address was signed by the Speaker, and is as follows:—