

30th December, 1831, & 2nd January, 1832.

SECOND SESSION, 11th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 2nd. WILLIAM IV

It occurred to Your Committee, that there exists a public debt contracted under the authority of an Act of the Legislature, for the payment of which, the funds of the District are pledged, but they have ascertained, that the amount has been reduced to such a sum, as to place the liquidation beyond all doubt—and to justify the appropriation made by the present Bill without injuring the security of the public creditor.

It next occurred to enquire what would be the consequence, if a law should be passed, authorising similar Courts to be held in each County.

It seemed that in such case, Hastings would possess an advantage over the other remaining County, in having a contribution from the District generally, for the erection of its Court House; but when it is recollected, how largely the inhabitants of that County have contributed towards building the Gaol and Court House at Kingston, and that if a new edifice were put up at Adolphustown, it must be done at the public expense, there seemed little objection to the aid proposed.

With respect to the general measure, Your Committee had some doubt of the expediency of holding alternate Courts, but they considered that the situation of the Midland District is peculiarly inconvenient, from the District Town being quite in its Eastern extremity.

They also considered, that the Courts must now necessarily be held at Adolphustown, where they would most probably be continued without any advantage adequate to the inconvenience, while it might be fairly urged, that an accommodation which had existed so long without any bad effect, need not be left of doubtful value, when by transferring it to the place desired, it would be rendered more generally useful, and materially tend to the improvement of that part of the District.—All which is respectfully submitted.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Monday next, upon the above Bill, together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned, until Monday next.

Monday, 2nd January, 1832.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,
The Honourable Messrs. BABY,
 " " CLARK,
 " " DICKSON,
 " " CROOKSHANK,
 " " WELLS,
 " " CAMERON,
 " " MARKLAND,
 " " ALLAN,
 " " M'DONELL,

The Honorable Messrs. BURNHAM,
 " " BALDWIN,
 " " HAMILTON,
 " " BOSWELL,
 " " JAMES KERBY,
 " " CROOKS,
The Hon. & Rt. Rev. BISHOP MACDONELL,
The Honorable Messrs. GRANT.
 " " LLOYD,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Kingston Bank Bill as amended, read third time, and passed

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada," was as amended read a third time, and—

The question being put, whether this Bill, as amended, should pass, it was carried in the affirmative;

Amendments signed.

Whereupon the Speaker signed the Amendments, and it was—

And sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with certain amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Commons House of Assembly.

Absconding Debtors Bill, brought up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill, entitled, "An Act to afford means for attaching the property of absconding Debtors," to which they requested the concurrence of this House, and withdrew.

Read first time.

The said Bill was then read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Corporations proceedings Bill read third time, and passed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to facilitate proceedings against corporate bodies, was read a third time and passed, and it was