

1839. in the latter town he called together the Special Council, which had been appointed by his predecessor, and to which he abstained from adding a single member; because, as he observed in addressing the Secretary of State*,

“It appeared to me that to secure due weight in the mother country to the judgment of a body so constituted, it was indispensable to avoid even the possibility of an imputation that I had selected for its members those only whose opinions coincided with my own.

“I had moreover every reason to believe, from the motives which guided my predecessor in his choice, that the council contains a very fair representation of the state of feeling in the different districts of the province.

“For these reasons I determined on making no alteration whatever.”

To this body he submitted certain resolutions on the subject of the Union, to the effect that it should be established at the earliest possible moment—that a civil list should be granted to the Crown—that the debt of Upper Canada should be borne by the United Province—and that the details of the re-union measure should be settled by the Imperial Legislature. After several days' discussion these resolutions were carried by a majority of twelve to three. In communicating this result to Lord John Russell, Mr. Poulett Thomson thus de-

* Vide Parliamentary Papers, 1840.