

## PRAYERS.

*Charles Richard Ogden*, Esquire, Attorney General, The Honorable *Dominick Daly*, Provincial Secretary, and Colonel *Frederick George Heriot*, C. B. having previously taken the prescribed Oath, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took their seats at the Council Table.

His Excellency then withdrew,

The Honble. *The Chief Justice* took the Chair.

*T. W. Clinton Murdoch*, Esquire, Chief Secretary to His Excellency the Governor General, was admitted in the Council Chamber, and delivered to the Presiding Member a Message from His Excellency.

And then he withdrew.

And the said Message was read by the Presiding Member, and is as followeth :

## C. POULETT THOMSON.

The Governor General transmits for the consideration of the Special Council, the following draughts of Ordinances :

An Ordinance to continue for a limited time two certain Acts therein mentioned, relative to the erection of Court Houses and Gaols in the several Counties of this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Ordinance further to continue for a limited time certain Acts therein mentioned.

An Ordinance to render permanent certain Acts therein mentioned.

An Ordinance to amend and render permanent an Act passed in the ninth year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, for the more effectual extinction of secret Incumbrances on Lands.

An Ordinance to provide permanently for the want of Notaries in the Inferior District of *Gaspé*, and to remove the doubts therein mentioned.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

*Montreal*, 20th April, 1840. }

The Ordinances mentioned in the preceding Message were severally read for the first time.

On motion of Mr. *Knoulton*, seconded by the Honble. Mr. *McGill*,