

J. COLBORNE.

Despatch and Act of Imperial Parliament relative to duties under 14 George 3.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the House of Assembly, a copy of a Despatch which he has this day received from His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a copy of an Act of the Imperial Parliament therein referred to, which places at the disposal of the Legislature of this Province, the Revenues arising from the Statute of the 14th Geo. 3rd. chap. 88.

Government House,
7th December, 1831.

Documents (see Appendix.)

Words spoken by R. D. Fraser Esq. taken down by Clerk.

The Clerk was ordered to take down the following words spoken by the Honorable Member for the County of Grenville, R. D. Fraser, Esq. to the Honorable Member for the County of York, W. L. MacKenzie, Esquire, viz:—"I would horse-whip you under similar circumstances."

Amendment to Mr. Samson's amendment proposed.

In amendment to Mr. Samson's amendment, Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the amendment be amended by expunging all the words in said amendment after the word "that", commencing with the words "an article," and the following inserted:—"a Committee of privilege be appointed, consisting of Messieurs Attorney General, Berczy, Beardsley, Duncombe and Ketchum, with power to send for persons and papers, and to enquire, and report to this House, whether any libels have been published during the present Session of the Legislature in any Newspapers printed in this Province.

Debates.

Debate postponed.

Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the debate on the question of privilege be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be the first item on the order of the day.

Which was carried.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 8th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Debate on privilege called.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the debate on the question of privilege, adjourned from yesterday, was called.

Mr. Bidwell's amendment read.

Mr. Bidwell's amendment to Mr. Samson's amendment, of the preceding day, to the above question, was read as follows:

Amendment.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the amendment be amended by expunging all the words in said amendment after the word "that" commencing with the words "An article," and the following inserted: "a Committee of privilege be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Attorney General, Berczy, Beardsley, Duncombe and Ketchum, with power to send for persons and papers, and to inquire and report to this House whether any libels have been published during the present Session of the Legislature in any newspapers printed in this Province.

Question of amendment decided to be out of order.

On a question of order being raised on the said amendment it was decided to be out of order.

Debate resumed.

The debate was resumed.

Mr. MacKenzie proceeds in his defence.

Mr. MacKenzie, Member for the County of York, was called upon his defence, which he proceeded in.

Defence adjourned.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that the defence of the member for the County of York, W. L. MacKenzie, Esq. be adjourned till to-morrow, and it be the first item on the order of the day.

Petitions brought up.

Ordered.

Of Matthew Myers and others.

Mr. Solicitor General brought up the petition of Matthew Myers, and twenty-one others, Licensed Victualers of the Town of Kingston; which was laid on the table.

J. Muirhead and others.

Mr. Attorney General brought up the petition of J. Muirhead, and thirty-seven others of the Town of Niagara; which was laid on the table.

Niagara Dock Company.

Mr. Attorney General brought up the petition of the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company; which was laid on the table.

George Jacob and others.

Mr. Elliott brought up the petition of George Jacob, and sixteen others, of the Town of Sandwich; which was laid on the table.

Wm. Hands and others.

Mr. Elliott brought up the petition of William Hands, and twenty-six others, of the Western District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of Jordan Post, and two hundred and thirty-five others, inhabitants of the Town of York; which was laid on the table.

Jordan Post and others.

Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of Seneca Ketchum, of the Township of York, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

S. Ketchum

Mr. Clark brought up the petition of Smith Griffin, and ninety-four others, of the Townships of Clinton, Grimsby, &c. in the Niagara District; which was laid on the table.

Smith Griffin and others.

Mr. Clark brought up the petition of J. Muirhead, and eighty others, of the District of Niagara; which was laid on the table.

J. Muirhead and others.

Mr. Thomson brought up the petition of Allan McLean, and seventeen others; which was laid on the table.

Allan McLean and others.

Mr. Roblin brought up the petition of James Dougall, and three others, freeholders in the Third Concession Military Tract, Township of Hallowell; which was laid on the table.

James Dougall and others.

Mr. Robinson brought up the petition of Charles Partridge, and twenty-four others, of Penetanguishine; which was laid on the table.

Charles Partridge and others.

Mr. Robinson brought up the petition of George Ramsay, J. P. and twenty-one others, of the Township of Tecumseth, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Geo. Ramsay J. P. and others.

Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of Jacob Frats, and sixty others, of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table.

Jacob Frats and others.

Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of George Brouse, and sixty-six others, of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table.

Geo. Brouse and others.

Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of John E. Ault, and thirty-four others, of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table.

John E. Ault and others.

Mr. Duncombe brought up the petition of P. H. Hamilton, and sixty-seven others, of the Township of Norwich, in the London District; which was laid on the table.

P. H. Hamilton and others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of the Welland Canal Company, praying for a charter to enable them to construct Rail Roads for the connection of the Lakes with the Niagara River. The petition of the Honourable Thomas Clark, and ninety-one others, of the District of Niagara, praying to be incorporated under the style and title of "The Erie and Ontario Rail Road Company," with a capital of seventy-five thousand pounds, with the privilege of extending the same to one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, &c. &c. The petition of Jacob Potts, J. P. and seventy-six others, of Charlotteville and Walsingham, in the London District, praying for the sum of fifty-pounds to enable them to open a road from the first concession-line to the shore of the Lake on the line between the said Townships. The petition of A. Proudfoot, and fifty-five others, of Trafalgar and Esquising, praying for a grant of £50 to repair the road between lots number five and six in the old survey, and on the tenth concession of the new survey of the Township of Trafalgar. The petition of Wm. Coleman, and sixty-eight others, of the Townships of Beverly and Dumfries, praying for aid to repair the allowance for road between the Second and Third Concession of said Townships. The petition of Samuel Pinnock, and sixty others, of the Town of Brockville, praying for an elective Police to be established in said Town. The petition of David Secord, and seven others, residing on the Niagara Frontier, praying to be remunerated for losses sustained during the late war with the United States of America. The petition of Jacob Smith, J. P. and thirty-four others, of the Town of Belleville, praying for a grant of one hundred and fifty pounds, to aid in erecting a Bridge over the River Moira in said Town of Belleville. The petition of Wm. Cunningham, and ten others, inhabitants of the Third Concession Military Tract, in the Township of Hallowell, praying that the eastern boundary line of the said Third Concession, known as the carrying-place road, may be established by law. The petition of James Dougall, and twenty-two others, freeholders of the Third Concession of the said Military Tract, praying against the above. The petition of James F. Smith, and seventy-six others, of the Town of York, praying to be incorporated into a Fire and Navigation Assurance Company. The petition of J. Muirhead, and fifty others, praying for remuneration for losses sustained during the late war with the United States of America. The petition of Thomas McCargar, and thirty-eight others, of Oxford, in the Johnstown District, praying for a new survey of the fourth concession of said Township. The petition of James Fergus, and sixty-five others, of the District of Gore, praying for a loan of six thousand pounds to enable them to complete the Desjardins' Canal. The petition of William Lindsay and Jane his wife, of the Township of Williamsburgh, in the Eastern District, praying for relief in the premises. The petition of Henry Roadhouse, and one hundred and thirty-one others, of Albion, praying for

Petition of Welland Canal Company read.

Petition of the Hon. Thomas Clark and others read.

Petition of Jacob Potts, J. P. and others read.

Petition of A. Proudfoot and others read.

Petition of Wm. Coleman and others read.

Petition of Saml. Pinnock and others read.

Petition of David Secord and others read.

Petition of Jacob Smith and others read.

Petition of Wm. Cunningham and others read.

Petition of James Dougall and others read.

Petition of J. F. Smith & others read.

Petition of J. Muirhead and others read.

Petition of Thos. McCargar and others read.

Petition of James Fergus and others read.

Petition of Lindsay and Wife read.

Petition of H. Roadhouse