

County Council.

Perth, Jan. 30, 1863.
The Warden took the Chair, and the Councilors being all at work, and not yet prepared to submit their Reports, the Council was further adjourned to 7 o'clock this evening.

7 o'clock, p.m.

The Roll was called, a quorum present, and the Warden in the chair.
The following documents were read and referred to the respective committees, viz: Two accounts from John Hart, on account of the B. P. Instruction, Perth.

Mr. McArthur gave notice that he would during the present session of Council introduce a By-Law in accordance with a resolution passed by the Council appointing a Railway committee for the purpose of carrying into effect certain recommendations contained in the Railway report adopted by this Council.

Mr. Devine, from the education committee, submitted their Report which was read.

To the Warden and Council of the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, in Council assembled:

Your committee on Education beg respectfully to recommend the office of Local Superintendent, for the respective townships, within the United Counties as follows:

Almston, George Brown, sen.; Alice, J. B. Clendennan, Bromley, Rev. Mr. Byrne; Bagot and Blytheville, Thomas Brady; Brudenell, &c., Rev. Mr. Byrne; Brougham, John Condon; Burgess, M. B. Stanley; Beckwith, Rev. Mr. McKinnon; Barclay, James; Dalrymple, Dalrymple, &c., J. A. Murdoch; Elsie, Rev. Mr. Cameron; Grattan, Rev. Mr. Byrne; Horton, James Johnston; Lanark, J. A. Murdoch; McNab, Rev. C. Fraser; Montague, Rev. Mr. Browster; Pembroke, J. B. Clendennan; Pakenham, Rev. Mr. Mann; Pettawawa, Ralph, J. A. Murdoch; Rose, Rev. Mr. Cameron; Sebastopol, Thomas Brady; Stafford, Robert Childhouse; South Sherbrooke, J. A. Murdoch; Westmeath, Rev. Mr. Tomlin; Wilberforce, Rev. T. S. Campbell.

And for Grammar School Trustees, for the respective townships:—Town of Perth, Messrs. Bedford and John Deacon; Village of Lanark, Messrs. Wilson and Shanks; Smith's Falls, Messrs. Cline and Aitken; Carleton Place, Rev. Mr. Baker and James Poole; Renfrew, Messrs. John Paris and A. Thomson.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

F. DEVINE, Chairman.

WM. LEES.

JAMES DICKSON.

JOHN DEACON.

T. M. CARSWELL.

In amendment—
Mr. Hickey moved, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, That the name of the Rev. Mr. Bouvart be substituted in lieu thereof.

The amendment was lost upon the following division, Mr. Hickey only voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Robertson from the Contingent committee, submitted their report, which was read and adopted.

To the Warden and Council of the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, in Council assembled:

Your committee on Contingencies beg leave to submit their report.

Your committee have had before them a communication from E. A. Meredith, enclosing a report from Mr. O'Neil, suggesting certain alterations in the new jail, which alterations have been assented to by the Board of Prison Inspectors, subject to the approval of your Council.

They have also had before them a communication from the Warden of Huron and Bruce, requesting the co-operation of this Council, in petitioning parliament at their next session, to legislate for the relief of the holders thereof have not received patents or location tickets for the same. Your committee recommended that the Warden of this Council be instructed to memorialize both branches of the Legislature, praying for an act to be passed, setting forth the relief of the holders thereof have not received patents or location tickets for the same.

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Your committee have also had before them reports from the keepers of lock-up houses in Almonte and Pembroke, setting forth the number of commitments during the past year, and observing by said returns, that the duties devolving upon the keeper of the lock-up house at Pembroke are much greater than those of the one in Almonte, while the keeper of the one in Almonte has a salary of \$48 and the one in Pembroke \$20 per annum. Your committee recommended that the salary of the keeper of the lock-up house in Almonte be reduced to \$20 per annum.

Your committee have also had under their consideration, a petition from A. G. Hall, praying your Council to refund him the sum of four hundred and six shillings and seven pence halfpenny, with the interest thereon, being the amount paid by him for lot No. 5, in the 5th con. of the Township of Levent; which lot was sold by the Sheriff of these counties, upon the 8th day of January 1863, the said lot having been wrongly sold, and being still vested in the crown. Your committee recommended that the Treasurer of these United Counties be instructed to refund to the said A. G. Hall the sum of nine pounds eight shillings and one penny halfpenny, being the amount paid by him for said lot, with interest thereon.

Your committee have also had before them a memorial adopted by the County Council of Carleton, to the Governor General, recommending a reduction in the number of prison inspectors. Your committee recommended that a memorial of a like nature be drawn up by the Warden of these counties, and forwarded by him to his Excellency the Governor General.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

JOHN SPALDING.

THOS. MURRAY.

THOS. WILKINSON.

JOHN MCLEAN.

Mr. McArthur moved, seconded by Mr. Murray, and

Resolved,—That the By-Law to raise by way of loan a certain sum of money for the purpose of meeting the payments for the erection of the jail in the County of Lanark, and that the 29th rule of Council be suspended for that purpose, be now read a first time.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Code, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the By-Law appointing Auditors had two blanks filled with the names of William McArthur and Thomas Brooke, Esquires, and was read a second time.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Code, seconded by Mr. Maitland, the same By-Law was read a third time and passed.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Byrne, the By-Law appointing a Railway committee was introduced and read a first time, the 29th Rule having been suspended for that purpose.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Devine, the By-Law appointing

Local Superintendents, had the blanks filled up, and was read a second time.

Resolved, on motion of the same gentleman, the same By-Law was read a third time and passed.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Code, seconded by Mr. Maitland, the By-Law appointing Grammar School Trustees, had the blanks filled according to the Report of the Education committee, and was read a second time.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Code, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the same By-Law was read a third time and passed.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. McArthur, the By-Law for extending the time for the Township collectors to the 1st of March, was read a first, second and third time, the 32nd Rule of Council having been suspended.

Mr. Lees moved, seconded by Mr. Noonan, and

Resolved,—That a committee consisting of the following persons: Messrs. French, Code, Haggart, (Smith's Falls), Noonan and the mover, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full powers to transact all business in connection with the building of the new jail and jailhouse, in the County of Lanark for the present year.

The Council then adjourned to nine o'clock, a.m., tomorrow, Jan. 31, 1863.

The Council assembled this morning at 9 o'clock. The Roll was called; a quorum present, and the Warden in the chair.

Mr. McArthur moved, seconded by Mr. Guthrie,

Resolved,—That the By-Law providing money for the erection of a new jail be now read a second time, and that the blanks be filled up with the words "One Penny."

The By-Law and the blanks filled with the words "one penny" was read a second time.

The same By-Law was read a third time and passed.

Mr. McArthur moved, seconded by Mr. French, That the By-Law appointing a railway committee be amended, by adding that the Warden of the County shall be ex-officio a member of said committee, and that the Warden of Perth shall also be a member of said committee.

The amendment was lost upon the following division, Mr. Hickey only voting in the affirmative.

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Law submitted a Report and Memorial, which was read adopted.

Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Mr. Code,

Resolved,—That the Memorial now read be referred to the Clerk, and signed by the Warden; and that copies be transmitted to Messrs. Shaw, Matheson, Skend, Morris, Bell and McLaughlin, our Representatives, for presentation to Parliament.

Mr. McArthur moved, seconded by Mr. Murray,

Resolved,—That the Clerk of this Council is hereby instructed to write to the Provincial Secretary and request him to furnish a full set of standard weights and measures for the County of Lanark, in accordance with the report of the Special Committee.

The Warden was then requested to leave the chair, and A. McDougall appointed Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Haggart moved, seconded by Mr. Code,

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby tendered to Robert C. Smith, Esq., Warden of these United Counties, for the energetic and efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of his office as Warden during the session.

The Warden resumed the chair, and Mr. McDougall reported the above motion as carried unanimously.

The Warden returned thanks for the honor, and the Council adjourned to the fourth Tuesday in June, being the 23rd day of June next.

The Surrender of the Harriet Lane.

U. S. Flagship Hartford, New Orleans, Jan. 29.

To D. D. Porter, Acting Rear Admiral: Sir,—I herewith enclose the report of Acting Master Hume, of the Harriet Lane, by which you will perceive the exaggerations which have been made in the testimony of the defence of that vessel; also the preliminary conduct of the officer who accompanied the flag of truce and corroborated to Lieut. Law the enemy's statement, that all the officers and crew of the Harriet Lane had perished save ten or fifteen, whereas there were scarcely thirty killed and wounded. I take it for granted that the enemy's wounded the greater part amounted to nothing; so that the testimony of the rebel pilot was very near the truth when he said five killed and six or seven wounded. I think that, but for the death of Commodore Gray, the Harriet Lane would have been captured, and the vessel would have been captured. It is difficult, however, to conceive a more pusillanimous surrender of a vessel to an enemy already in our power, than occurred in the case of the "Harriet Lane."

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
D. W. FARWELL, Rear Admiral.

To Hon. G. Welles, Secretary of the Navy.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN WASHINGTON CITY.—The New York Tribune says that among the whole number—over sixty—of Justices of the Peace in Washington city, there recently could not be found one to issue a writ on the plea of a coloured man for the arrest of a white man who had stolen his property; and it is conceded to be impossible for a coloured citizen to prosecute in either of the courts a claim against a white man. Even their testimony is excluded from the courts in plain violation of the laws passed last summer for their protection. And now the President is urged to nominate officers of the same stripe with those already in office, to fill existing vacancies.

The annual meeting of the Loyal Orange County Lodge for the North Riding of the County of Lanark was held in the Orange Hall, Clayton, on Tuesday the 3rd inst. The proceedings passed off in unity and harmony, to the satisfaction of all present.

The following officers were elected for the current year:

County Master.—Bro. Robert Crampson
Deputy Master, Noble Bennett
Secretary, John Gillan
Treasurer, N. McNeely
Chaplain, W. McNeely
Proxy, Wm. Connerly
Dir. Ceremonies, Richard Gibly.

It was decided to hold the next celebration of the Twelfth of July at Ennisville.

The Annual Meeting of the Renfrew County Loyal Orange Lodge was held in the Public Hall, town of Douglas, on Tuesday the 3rd Feb., 1863. The following are the names of the brethren who were elected County Officers for the ensuing year:

County Master.—Bro. Robert R. Smith
Deputy Master, Bro. A. Douglas
County Secretary.—Bro. John Butler, No. 501, Arnprior.
County Chaplain.—Bro. the Rev. T. S. Campbell, No. 12, Stafford.
County Secretary.—Bro. Geo. Eady, No. 15, Burnstown.
County Treasurer.—Bro. Thos. Culbertson, No. 474, Douglas.
County Proxy.—Bro. James Gill, No. 340, Beasburgh.
County Dir. of Cer.—Bro. John O'Hara, No. 314, Renfrew.

The next annual meeting is to be held in the Lodge Room of L. O. L. No. 314, in the village of Renfrew, on the first Tuesday in February, 1864, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon.

Over 1,000 tons of iron ore were thrown out at a single blast at the Lake Superior mines on the 10th ult. The Marquette News says it is intended to fire a still larger blast on the 4th of July next, as a national salute.

On Saturday morning a man named Wm. Blackwood, a pedlar, died suddenly at Point Levi, from exhaustion and from want of sufficient nourishment.

Montreal Wholesale Produce Prices Current.

Montreal, February 14th, 1863.
Flour.—Pollards, \$2.25 to \$2.75; Middlings, \$3.00 to \$3.50; Pine, \$4.00 to \$4.10; Superior, No. 2, \$4.20 to \$4.25; Superfine \$4.40 to \$4.45; Fancy, \$4.45 to \$4.70; Extra, \$4.95 to \$5.05; Superior Extra, \$5.15 to \$5.25; Bag Flour, \$2.40 to \$2.45.
Oatmeal per bel. of 200 lbs., about \$4.60 to \$4.80.
Wheat, Canada Spring, 91c to 94c; U. S. White Winter, nominal, \$1.05 to \$1.08, extra. None offering in grain.
Peas per 66 lbs., 70c to 72c.
Oats per 34 lbs., 40c to 45c.
Ashes per 112 lbs., Pots, \$6.10 to \$6.20; Pearls \$6.10 to \$6.15.

Butter, per lb., There is now a better demand, and sales can be made at the following quotations:—medium, 11c, to 12c; large, 12c, to 13c; choice, 14c to 15c.
Lard per lb., 7c to 8c.
Tallow per lb., fair demand, 8c to 8 1/2c.
Hams per lb., 8c to 7c; Shoulders, 2 1/2c to 3c; Bacon, 3c to 4c.
Pork, per lb., Mess \$10 to \$10.40; Thin Mess, \$8.50 to \$9; Prime Mess, new, \$8.50 to \$9; old, nominal at \$7; Prime, \$7.
Dressed Hogs per 100 lbs., from \$3 to \$4, according to weight and quality.
Seeds.—Clover, 6c to 7c per lb.; Timothy \$2 to \$2.25 per 45 lbs.

JOHN DOUGALL & CO.,
PRODUCE COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
270 St. Paul Street.

Arrival of the Europa.

Halifax, Feb. 9.
The "Europa," from Liverpool on the 24th and Queenstown on the 25th, arrived here at 5 p.m. to-day.

The "Anglo-Saxon" arrived at Liverpool on the 23rd, the "Hammam" at Southampton on the 23rd and the "Glasgow" at Queenstown on the 23rd.

The Paris correspondent of the London Times has reason to know that official instructions have been sent by the French Government to Washington, suggesting that the Commission be delegated by the Federal Government and by the Southern States, to meet on neutral ground and confer together, without hostilities being suspended, so that they might arrive at mutual concessions, and effect a reconciliation so desirable for the interests of the world.

The "Paris" says:—We believe that we are able to state that the Government of the Emperor has addressed a communication to the Government at Washington, proposing means of arrangement between the belligerents which fully protects the dignity of the Americans.

Mr. Nobles also says that France has proposed the convocation of an American Congress with a view to peace.

The "Times" cannot perceive anything in the tone of the American people to give any very confident hope that the miseries of that nation are drawing to a close. The "Army and Navy Gazette" thinks the Federal success at Murfreesboro is more than counterbalanced by the defeat at Vicksburg.

Provisions steady. Beef steady. Pork steady. Bacon irregular and still declining. Lard firmer but quiet: sales at 37 1/2 to 38 1/2.

London Markets.—Petroleum dull at 20s. Canned closed on Friday at 92 1/2 to 93 1/2 for money. American securities still declining.

Further by the Europa.

Lord Palmerston has issued his usual appeal to his supporters to be present at the opening of Parliament on the 5th of Feb. Mr. Disraeli has issued a similar summons to the opposition.

In the case of Pearson's bankruptcy in the Bankruptcy Court, it was stated that the value of his ships which were seized and condemned in the federal prize courts was £150,000 sterling.

Paris speaks of probable animated debates in the Legislature on Italy, Mexico, and the treatment of the press, with considerable opposition to the Mexican war. The Emperor is reported to have said to a member of the Chambers, "The public do not yet understand the thought which dictated the Mexican expedition. It will be judged later by results, and everyone will see it is one of the most important and glorious acts of my reign."

The Minister denies that the French Consul at New Orleans was superseded. He left merely on leave of absence.

The same journal states that the services of the Egyptian Government in the interests of humanity, they being proof against yellow fever.

A Muratist plot in Naples and the Mazzinian intrigues in the Marches and the Sicilies have been discovered.

The National Congress have issued a manifesto denying that there has been any change of policy, and asserting allegiance to the King.

It is said that Russia has protested against the Duke of Coburg's candidature for the Greek throne on account of his relationship to the English royal family.

The new By-Law establishing a Chamber of Popular Delegates, in addition to the Federal Diet of the German Confederacy, has been rejected by that assembly.

The Magruder Fleet.

The Houston Telegraph gives the following description of the cotton gunboats used by the Texans in the attack upon the Federal fleet. The Telegraph gives the credit of the plan to Gen. Magruder hence the term "Magruder fleet."

Upon the boiler deck, cotton bales two or three deep are piled up and securely fastened to frames built up from the hold of the boats. These extend all around the boilers and machinery. A row of cotton bales is fitted up on the cabin, and another on the hurricane deck, to protect the sharpshooters.

Sharpshooters and swivels from behind their own breastworks are enabled, in perfect safety, to sweep the decks of the enemy, and thus prepare the way for the boats.

These boats are armed with rifled 32's or larger guns. Quite likely some of the guns from the Westfield, of which there are eight splendid Dahlgren, may be put on some of the boats. These large guns are a single one in the bow of each boat, and there are small guns also in the stern. The boats are fitted with the most perfect machinery, very sharp at the end, and furnished with barbs, to enable them to hook on to the enemy's vessel. A steel prow, under water, also, does its work in scuttling the enemy.

The wrought iron bowsprit with barbs are of more importance than the steel prow, inasmuch as they enable our boats to hook on to the enemy's ships until the crews can board. The crews are generally 150 or 200 men, armed with double barrel guns, pistols, cutlasses, and bowie knives, and able to slash their way through anything.

Another Destructive Fire in Belleville.

SIX BUILDINGS BURNED.

This morning about 1 o'clock a fire broke out in a wooden building on Front street, occupied by A. H. McKenzie, grocer, which quickly communicated to the two buildings adjoining, occupied by Jack & Oulton, dry goods, boot and shoe stores; also Thomas Linklater, tinshop; Walters & Watson, tailors; and John Bedford, provision store, all of which were burned to the ground. McKenzie is insured for \$1,500 in the Provincial; nothing saved. Jack & Oulton, \$1,500 in British American; large part of stock saved. Linklater insured for \$600 in the Provincial; large part of stock saved. Bedford insured in the Liverpool and London for \$1,000; nearly everything saved. Walters & Watson, not insured; most of goods saved. The total loss not yet known, but believed to be nearly covered by insurance.

It is in the power of every man to preserve his property, but no person living has it in his power to say that he can preserve his reputation, while there are so many evil tongues in the world ready to blast the fairest character, and so many open ears ready to receive their reports.

A young lady who lately gave an order to a milliner for a bonnet said, "You are to make it plain, but at the same time smart, as I sit in a conspicuous place in church."

An author once wrote an article in Blackwood, signed "A. S." "That," said Jerrold on reading the initials, "what a pity he will tell only two thirds of the truth!"

A dinner was given at Ghazal last week to Alex. McLaughlin, by a number of his friends, to show their respect, and welcome him back to Canada.

American News.

New York, Feb. 10.
A New Orleans letter of the 2nd says:—

Millions of dollars worth of goods are sold here, and returns are made in powder, lead, cloth, coffee, blankets, indeed everything needed in the seceded States. When he wrote, an order was in Monterey for 600,000 blankets, and the cotton to pay for them was there. Wagon trains for the West were being bought in Monterey, and down the country as far as San Antonio. The goods from the interior are generally sent across the Rio Grande at Fort Duncan. One agent has purchased in Europe three vessel loads of arms, and their arrival is daily expected at Matamoros. A cargo of medicines also bought in Europe, is known to be due at that point.

New York, Feb. 10.
A Port Royal correspondent of the Times says the attack by the monitor "Montauk" and the gunboats Seneca, Wissahick and Dawn, assisted by the mortar steamer C. P. Williams, upon Fort McAllister on the Ogeechee river, commenced on Sunday morning, but I have not been able to ascertain that much progress was made in reducing the fortification. Under the guidance of a negro pilot who had escaped from the Nashville, the Montauk was taken on the morning to a point within 600 yards of the battery, and commenced work at once and continued the bombardment until 12 o'clock, when the ebb tide compelled her to retire. She fired in the aggregate about 80 rounds from both her guns, and showed excellent gunnery, but was unable to breach the wall in consequence of the embankments, nearly thirty feet high. The Montauk was struck 46 times, and received no other damage than the starting of six bolts in the pilot house by a rifle shot, and the shattering of her smoke stack. The other vessels took positions at long range and kept up a steady fire until midnight, when the attack was abandoned.

The Seneca and Mortar each received one shot from the battery, but neither vessel or men were injured. In view of more important service requiring the Montauk, I should not be surprised if the attack on Fort McAllister for the present be relinquished.

Running past the Vicksburg Batteries.

Washington, Feb. 11.
Rear Admiral Porter in terms of commendation, communicates to the Navy Department the report of Col. Elliot, commanding the U. S. steam ram, Queen of the West, giving an account of her passage of the batteries at Vicksburg. The following is the report:—

U. S. Steam Ram Queen of the West, before Vicksburg, Feb. 2.—Admiral, in compliance with your order, I started on the morning of the 2nd at half past four this morning, to pass the batteries at Vicksburg, and sink the rebel steamer lying before that city. I discovered immediately on starting that the change of the wheel from its former position to the narrow space behind the Queen's battery did admit the boat to be handled with sufficient accuracy. One hour or more was spent in re-arranging the apparatus, and when we finally rounded the point, the sun had risen, and any advantage which would have resulted from the darkness was lost to us. The rebels opened a heavy fire on us as we neared the city, but we were only struck three times before reaching the steamer. She was lying in nearly the same position that the Arkansas occupied when General Ellet ran the Queen into her on a former occasion. The same cause which prevented the destruction of the Arkansas was, saved the City of Vicksburg. This morning her position was such that if we had run obliquely into her as we came down, the bow of the Queen would have inevitably glanced. We were compelled to partially round, in order to strike.

The consequence was, that at the very moment of collision the current, very rapid and strong at this point, caught the stern of my boat, and acting on her bow as a pivot, swung her round so rapidly that nearly all her momentum was lost. I had anticipated this, and therefore caused the starboard gun to be shot with three of the incendiary projectiles recommended in your order. As we swung round, Sergeant J. H. Campbell, detailed for the purpose, fired this gun. A 64 pound shell crashed through the barricade just before we reached the spot but it did not hesitate. The discharge took place exactly at the right moment, and set the rebel steamer in flames, which they subsequently succeeded in extinguishing. At this moment one of the enemy's shells set the cotton near the starboard wheel on fire, while the discharge of our own gun ignited that portion which was on the bow. The flames spread rapidly and the dense smoke rolling into the engine room suffocated the engineers. I saw that it was impossible to run into the Queen of Vicksburg; again the boat would certainly be burnt. I ordered her to be headed down stream, and directed every man to extinguish the flames. After much exertion we finally put the fire out by cutting the burned bales loose. The enemy of course were not idle. We were struck twelve times, and the cabin door was broken in, and pieces of material injury to the boat or any of those on board was inflicted. About two regiments of rebel sharpshooters in rifle pits kept up a continual fire, but did no damage. The Queen was struck twice in the hull, but above the water line. One of our guns was disabled and ruined. I can only speak in the highest terms of the conduct of every man on board; all behaved with cool determination and courage.

I remain, very respectfully,
CHARLES RIVERS ELLIOT,
Commander Ram Flotilla.

Opening of Parliament.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Legislative Council, in the Parliament buildings, and having taken his seat upon the throne commanded the attendance of the Legislative Assembly, and that House being present, headed by their Speaker.

The Clerk of the Legislative Council stated, on behalf of His Excellency, that he did not think fit to declare the causes for which he had summoned the present Parliament until a Speaker of the Legislative Council had been elected according to law; but that to-morrow at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Speech would be delivered from the Throne.

His Excellency then retired, and the Clerk took the chair and announced the death during the recess, of the late Speaker, Sir Allan MacNab.

Hon. Mr. Hamilton, of Kingston, moved that the Hon. Alexander Campbell of Cataraqui, do take the chair as Speaker of this House.

Hon. Mr. Desmarteau seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Speaker then, at twenty minutes after three, adjourned.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock,

At which hour the House was summoned to attend his Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber.