

On motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Mills,  
*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, any report or recommendation made by *Etienne Parent*, Esquire, *William Henry Griffin*, Esquire, *Robert Shore Milnes Bouchette*, Esquire, *John Langton*, Esquire, and *William Smith*, Esquire, Deputy Heads of Departments, and *Thomas Reynolds*, Esquire, of Montreal, and *Charles S. Ross*, Esquire, of Kingston, who were appointed a Commission, on the 22nd June, last, to enquire into the present state and the probable requirements of the Civil Service; with a statement shewing the expense incurred on account of the said Commission for salaries or otherwise during the deliberations.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

### Thursday, 22nd April, 1869.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By Mr. *Harrison*,—The Petition of the Reverend *S. Rose* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; the Petition of the *Huron and Ontario Ship Canal Company*; and the Petition of *John Gordon* and others, of the Province of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Rankin*,—The Petition of *William Browne*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of *Stafford*; and the Petition of *John Howie* and others, of the Township of *Ross*, both of the County of *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Masson (Terrebonne)*,—The Petition of *Pierre Desjardins*, Mayor, and others, of *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, County of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Stephenson*,—The Petition of *R. H. White* and others; the Petition of *Thomas S. Bell* and others, of *Harwick*; and the Petition of *William Somerville* and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Abbott*,—The Petition of *William Workman* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *H. A. Day*, M. D., and others, of *Trenton*.

By Mr. *Cartwright*,—The Petition of *John Horace Stephenson*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, Merchant.

By Mr. *MacFarlane*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Perth*.

By Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *James A. Miller* and others, of the Town of *St. Catharines*; and the Petition of *D. W. Beadle* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read :—

Of *John Rankin*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of *Ross*, County of *Renfrew*; of *Michael Mulligan*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of *Bromley*, County of *Renfrew*; of *John Dow*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of *Osgoode*, County of *Russell*; of *Martin Casselman*, and others, of the Township of *Cambridge*, County of *Russell*; and of *John Tytler*, and others, of the Township of *Clarence*, County of *Russell*; severally praying that the House will take such measures as to cause the obstructions to the navigation of the *Ottawa River* to be removed, and an uninterrupted line to the full capacity of the leading channel and the supply of water, from the summit level, to be opened throughout.

Of *William Swain*, and others, of *Collingwood*; praying that the clause in the Act which imposes a duty of five per cent upon the importation of Books, Magazines and Pamphlets may be repealed.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; praying for the removal of the Bar at the mouth of the River *Thames*; the improvement of the navigation of the River *Sydenham*; the construction of a Harbor of Refuge at *Rond Eau*; and for the improvement of the entrance to the *Two Creeks Harbor*.

Of the Honorable *John Young*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an