

Finance Committee chosen. Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the ballot for a Select Committee on Finance, and the following names were drawn :

Committee on Finance.	Messieurs—			
	BERCZY,			
	KETCHUM,			
	CHISHOLM,			
	CROOKS,			
	THOMSON,			
	McMARTIN,			
	ROBINSON.			

Bill to protect Religious worship brought in and read. Agreeably to notice, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. White, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the punishment of persons disturbing the religious ceremonies of any congregation met for the celebration of Divine Worship.

Second to-morrow. Which was granted, and the Bill was read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Message of His Excellency and papers relating to Burlington Bay Canal, referred to a Select Committee. Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, of yesterday, relating to the Burlington Canal, together with all accompanying papers and documents relating thereto, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. Macnab, Shade, Ketchum, and Elliott, and that they have power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon.

Survey Bill brought in and read. Ordered. Agreeably to notice, Mr. Werden, seconded by Mr. White, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to extend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of George III. relating to surveys, and to regulate certain future surveys.

And referred to a Select Committee. Which was granted and the Bill read. Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that the Bill for declaring boundaries of lots of land in this Province be not now read a second time, but that it be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Werden, and Mount, to report thereon; and that two hundred and fifty copies be printed for the use of Members.

An Address to be sent to His Excellency for information relative to medals to Militia men. Ordered. Agreeably to notice, Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr, McMartin, moves that an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he may be pleased to communicate any information he may possess with respect to medals that have been sent out to be distributed to the militia men who distinguished themselves during the late war with the United States, and that Messrs. Magon and Warren be a Select Committee to draft and report the same.

Libel Bill read second time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to amend the law of libel was read the second time.

Motion for referring the Bill to Committee of whole this day 3 months. Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill to amend the law of libel be referred to a Committee of the whole House this day three months.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,			
Yeas 12.	Atty. General,	Elliott,	Macnab,
	Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Robinson,
	Crooks,	McMartin,	Shade,
		Mount,	Sol. General, 12

NAYS.—Messieurs,			
Nays 19.	Buell,	Ketchum,	MacKenzie,
	Campbell,	Lewis,	Werden,
	Clark,	Lyons,	Randal,
	Cook,	Samson,	White,
	Howard,	Thomson,	J. Willson,
		W. Wilson,—	
		A. McDonald,	Warren,
			19.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of seven.

Bill Committed. The House then went into Committee on the Bill. Mr. Ketchum was called to the chair. The House resumed.

Bill amended. Mr. Ketchum reported the Bill as amended.

On receiving report the House divides. On the question for receiving the report, the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs.			
Yeas 19.	Buell,	Ketchum,	MacKenzie,
	Campbell,	Lewis,	Warren,
	Clark,	Lyons,	Perry,
	Cook,	Randal,	Werden,
	Howard,	Samson,	White,
		Thomson,	W. Wilson,

NAYS.—Messieurs,			
Atty. General,	R. Fraser,	Mount,	Sol. General,
	Boulton,	Jarvis,	J. Wilson—
	Crooks,	McMartin,	13.
	Elliott,	Shade,	
	Magon,		

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. John Willson, from the Select Committee, to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking him for his several messages of yesterday, presented a draft, which was received and read twice.

On the question for concurrence, Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves in amendment, that after the word "yesterday," in the Address, the following be added :—"and assure Your Excellency, that we will pay due attention to the important subjects submitted for our consideration."

Which was carried, and the Address, as amended, was concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honourable the Legislative Council, a message accompanied by several resolutions, and also a Bill entitled, "An Act to remove doubts respecting the jurisdiction of Commissioners of Customs in this Province," which that Honourable House had passed and requested the concurrence of this House thereto.

The Speaker read the message as follows :

MR. SPEAKER, The Legislative Council have passed certain resolutions respecting the Library, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER. Legislative Council Chamber, } 1st day of December, 1831. }

The resolutions were then read by the Clerk, and are as follows :

Resolved, that the Library provided for the Legislature in the year eighteen hundred and sixteen, is very insufficient for the purpose of reference, no material addition having been made to it, since that period, and many of the works having been rendered incomplete by the casualties to which the Library has been exposed.

Resolved, that both Houses of the Legislature have from time to time taken into consideration, the necessity of providing a more adequate Library, and several Joint Committees have been formed for that purpose, but nothing final has resulted from their suggestions, which is the less to be regretted, from the circumstance that hitherto the want of proper and permanent accommodation for the Legislature, has exposed the books to injury from frequent removals.

Resolved, that as there is every reason to hope that this inconvenience will terminate after the present Session, it is expedient now to adopt measures for rendering the Library more perfect and extensive, and to provide for its being properly taken care of.

Resolved, that it would be, on several accounts, more convenient, if in accordance with the practice in other Legislatures, each House were to have a Library of its own, as it would avoid inconvenience in the selection and care of the books, and in the use of them during the Session.

Resolved, that if the House of Assembly shall be of the same opinion, an Act might be passed, applying a sum annually, to be appropriated by each House to the gradual formation of a Library, to be disposed of, and superintended according to rules to be made by each House respectively, one of which rules should, of course, be that the Library of each House, should be freely accessible to the Members of the other House during the Session.

Resolved, that it would also be proper to provide, as a part of such an arrangement, that each House should, during the Session, communicate to the other a list of the books which they intend to procure for that year, because with respect to some rare or expensive works, it may be thought sufficient if they are in possession of either House.

Resolved, that in case such a course should be adopted, as is recommended in these resolutions, it might be arranged between the two Houses, that one of them should take the whole of the present Library, and the other receive in