

Sir P. Maitland, K. C. B. Lieut. Governor.

Mr. Attorney General, from the committee to confer with the committee of the honourable the Legislative Council on the subject of the resolution of this House relative to the sufferers by the late war, report as follows:

The committee of conference appointed to confer with the committee of the honourable the Legislative Council upon the subject of the resolution sent up from the House of Assembly respecting the claims of the sufferers during the late war, met the said committee in the joint committee room at the time appointed, and were informed by them that the said resolution appeared to the Legislative Council to be incorrect, in so far as it asserts that the sufferers have long looked in vain for relief, without adverting to the very considerable grants which have been already made by His Majesty, and without noticing that an offer has been made by His Majesty to contribute equally with this Province to pay the whole amount.

Mr. Morris gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that his Excellency will be graciously pleased to make known to His Majesty's government the expediency of establishing sales of the East India Company's Tea within this Province.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 20th December, 1825.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Isaac Rall.

Which was granted and the petition brought up.

Mr. Playter, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves for leave to bring up the petition of John Willson of the township of Markham.

Which was granted and the petition brought up.

Agreeably to the order of the day the petition of Peter Lossing and others of the township of Norwich, praying that certain roads made in said township may be confirmed by law, was read.

Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that the petition of Peter Lossing and others be referred to a select committee to be composed of Messrs. Rolph and Hamilton, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the absconding debtors' attachment bill was read the second time.

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, moves that the House do go into committee on the absconding debtors' bill.

Which was carried and Mr. Lyons was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Lyons reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the colonial trade.

Mr. Hornor in the chair.

The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Boulton, master in chancery, brought down from the honourable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to dispense with the necessity of actually pronouncing sentence of death in certain cases of capital conviction," which they had passed without amendment; also, the bill entitled "An Act to enable societies professing christianity to hold lands for certain purposes," to which the honourable the Legislative Council had made some amendments, and to which he was desired to request the concurrence of this House, and having retired, the amendments made by the honourable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled "An Act to enable societies professing christianity to hold lands for certain purposes," were read the first time as follows:

In the title—after the word "enable," expunge "societies professing christianity," and insert "certain denominations of christians within this Province."

Press. 1, line 1—After the word "Whereas," expunge the remainder of the bill and insert "certain denominations of christians within this Province are desirous of obtaining legislative authority to hold, in a corporate capacity, land whereon to erect places of worship, and for burying grounds; and also for a place of residence for their respective ministers or teachers; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled "an Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled "an Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America," and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province, and by the authority of the same," That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, by and with the advice of his Executive Council for the affairs thereof, to grant to any congregation or body of Christians professing to be Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Congregationalists, Baptists, Methodists, Quakers, Menonists, Tunkers, or Moravians, having a settled Minister or Teacher, regularly ordained, according to the rights and ceremonies of such denomination respectively, and being a natural born subject of His Majesty, or a subject of His Majesty naturalized by act of the British Parliament, or a subject of His Majesty, having become such by the conquest and cession of the Province of Canada, requiring the same by petition, a Charter under the great seal of this Province, enabling them to receive a conveyance of land by grant or purchase, for the purposes aforesaid, and to appoint trustees to whom, and their successors to be chosen or appointed in such manner and form as shall be specified in such charter, the land requisite for the site of a church and burying ground and residence for their respective ministers or teachers may be conveyed or granted, and such trustees and their successors in perpetual succession shall be made capable, by the same charter, of taking possession and enjoying the same, and of conveying and maintaining in their personal names, as joint trustees, any action or actions in law for the protection thereof and of their rights thereunto.

2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no one congregation of christians of the denominations aforesaid shall have power under the charter granted as aforesaid by the authority of this act to hold a greater quantity of land than five acres in any one township of this Province.

3. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this act contained shall make it lawful for the governor, lieutenant governor, or person administering the government, by and with the advice of his Executive Council as aforesaid, to grant more than one charter to any of the denominations aforesaid for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, in one and the same township or place.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Legislative Council Chamber,
20th day of December, 1825.

Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Beasley, moves that the bill entitled "An Act to enable societies professing Christianity to hold lands for certain purposes," sent down from the honourable the Legislative Council with the amendments, be read a second time this day six months.

In amendment, Mr. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Thompson, moves that the words "this day six months" be expunged, and "Monday next" be inserted.

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

YEAS—Messrs. Atkinson, Bidwell, Burnham, Burke, Cameron, Clark, Fothergill, Gordon, Hamilton, Hornor, Ingersol, D. Jones, J. Jones, Matthews, McCall, McDonald, Morris, Playter, Rolph, Scollick, Thompson, Thomson, Van Koughnett, Walsh, Wilkinson, and White—26.

NAYS—Messrs. Beasley, Lefferty, Lyons, McBride, Perry, and Randal—6.