

Thursday, 4th January, 1827.

SIR PEREGRINE MAITLAND, K. C. B. *Lieutenant Governor.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Legislative Council return their Respectful thanks to your Excellency for your Excellency's Message transmitting the copy of a Report, with Plan and Estimate, which has been made to your Excellency by the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the last Session, for providing for the future accommodation of the Legislature.

Relative to the future accommodation of the Legislature.

(Signed,)

WILLIAM CAMPBELL,
Speaker.

*Legislative Council Chamber, }
4th January, 1827.*

TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR PEREGRINE MAITLAND, *Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Legislative Council return their respectful thanks to your Excellency, for your Excellency's Message, communicating the Copy of a Despatch, from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting the Welland Canal; and of a Communication from the Directors of that Company.

Relative to the aid granted by His Majesty towards completing the Welland Canal.

They beg to express their grateful thanks to His Majesty's Government for its very liberal assistance towards the completion of this desirable undertaking, and to assure your Excellency that they will not fail in giving due attention to the subject matter of your Excellency's recommendation.

(Signed.)

WILLIAM CAMPBELL,
Speaker.

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Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled, "An Act to continue the Laws now in force providing a Salary for certain Sheriffs in this Province," was read a second time, and—

Sheriff's Salary Bill read second time.

On motion made and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to take the same into consideration.

House in Committee.

Mr. Crookshank in the Chair.

Committed.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, and recommended the Bill without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Adopted.

Ordered that the Report be accepted, and—

On motion made and seconded the said Bill was ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion made and seconded, the Honorable Messrs. Crookshank, and Ridout were appointed a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he would be pleased to receive the Addresses of this House in answer to His Excellency's Messages of 28th December, and to present the same.

Committee to present Addresses.

The Honorable Mr. Wells presented a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the incorporated Counties of Lennox and Addington, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Petition Presented.

The Honorable Mr. Dunn presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of Gore, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ditto.

The Honorable Mr. Ridout presented a Petition from the President and Directors of the Welland Canal Company, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ditto.

The Honorable Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from the Magistrates, and the Grand and Petit Jurors at the last October Sessions, in and for the Eastern District, which was ordered to lie on the table: and also, a Petition from certain Inhabitants and Freeholders of the County of Lanark, in the Bathurst District, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ditto.

On motion made and seconded, ordered that the House do on to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take the Bill entitled, "An Act to enable Religious Societies to hold Lands for certain purposes," into further consideration.

Religious Societies' Bill to be re-committed tomorrow.