

Amendment moved—  
(Mr. Small.)

Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, of the eminent talents of Your Majesty's present Governor General of these Provinces, we view with feelings of gratitude an additional pledge, on the part of Your Majesty, of your determination to maintain unimpaired, the connexion which happily subsists between these colonies and the mother country. Our attention during the present Session of the Provincial Parliament having been called by His Excellency, in pursuance of the commands of Your Majesty to the subject of the re-union of Upper and Lower Canada, a subject of more importance than any other that has ever engaged the attention of the representatives of the people. We lost no time in taking into our most serious consideration, the three distinct propositions submitted to us, as the basis on which the Union might be established, and are happy to acquaint Your Majesty that after the most patient investigation of their several bearings, found them to embrace provisions as little at variance with the diversity of interests to be affected, as the nature of the measure would admit of. We have accordingly adopted resolutions assenting to the re-union, which have been transmitted to Your Majesty's Governor General, to be by him communicated to Your Majesty, and the Imperial Parliament. We trust Your Majesty and the Imperial Parliament, will view our having thus assented to the measures of Your Majesty's Government upon this important question, without insisting upon any conditions in the details of a Union which may vitally affect the best interests of the people of Upper Canada, as a renewed declaration of our confidence in the integrity of Your Majesty's Councils, and of our reliance upon Your Majesty's sincere desire to do equal justice to all classes of Your Majesty's Canadian subjects. We feel, however, that we should be wanting in our duty to Your Majesty and the people of this Province, whom we represent, did we not respectfully submit for Your Majesty's most serious consideration, that in our opinion, much greater advantages than can otherwise be anticipated to both Provinces, will flow from the Union, should the seat of government of the United Provinces be established within the present limits of Upper Canada, which we confidently anticipate will have a tendency ultimately, to make this portion of Your Majesty's dominions, British in fact, as well as in name."

Division on amendment

On which the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

Y E A S .

Yeas—17.

Messrs. *Chisholm of Glengarry, Cook, Duncombe, Manahan, Mathewson, McCargar, McDonell of Stormont, McIntosh, McKay, McMicking, Merritt, Moore, Parke, Shaver, Small, Thorburn, Woodruff*—17.

N A Y S .

Nays—29.

Messrs. *Aikman, Attorney General, Bockus, Boulton, Burrill, Burwell, Caldwell, Dettor, Elliott, Ferrie, Gamble, Gowan, Hotham, Hunter, Jarvis, Lewis, Malloch, McDonell of Glengarry, McLean, Powell, Richardson, Robinson, Ruttan, Rykert, Shade, Sherwood, Solicitor General, Thomson, Wickens*—29.

Amendment lost—  
majority 12.

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

Division on original  
question.

On the original question the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

Y E A S .

Yeas—23.

Messrs. *Aikman, Attorney General, Bockus, Boulton, Burrill, Burwell, Caldwell, Dettor, Elliott, Ferrie, Gamble, Gowan, Hotham, Hunter, Jarvis, Lewis, Malloch, McLean, Powell, Richardson, Robinson, Ruttan, Rykert, Shade, Sherwood, Solicitor General, Thomson, Wickens*—23.

N A Y S .

Nays—17.

Messrs. *Chisholm of Glengarry, Cook, Duncombe, Manahan, McCargar, McDonell of Glengarry, McDonell of Stormont, McIntosh, McKay, McMicking, Merritt, Moore, Parke, Shaver, Small, Thorburn, Woodruff*—17.