

R E S O L U T I O N S

INTENDED TO BE PROPOSED BY

LORD JOHN RUSSELL,

IN A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE,

RELATIVE TO THE

AFFAIRS OF CANADA.

1.—THAT, since the 31st day of October, in the year 1832, no provision has been made by the Legislature of the Province of Lower Canada, for defraying the charges of the Administration of Justice, and for the support of the Civil Government within the said Province, and that there will, on the 10th day of April now next ensuing, be required for defraying in full the charges aforesaid to that day, the sum of 142,160*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*

2.—THAT at a Session of the Legislature of Lower Canada, holden at the City of Quebec, in the said Province, in the months of September and October 1836, the Governor of the said Province, in compliance with His Majesty's commands, recommended to the attention of the House of Assembly thereof the Estimates for the current year, and also the Accounts, showing the arrears due in respect of the Civil Government, and signified to the said House His Majesty's confidence that they would accede to the application which He had been commanded to renew for payment of the arrears due on account of the Public Service, and for the Funds necessary to carry on the Civil Government of the Province.

3.—THAT the said House of Assembly, on the 3d day of October 1836, by an Address to the Governor of the said Province, declined to vote a Supply for the purposes aforesaid, and by the said Address, after referring to a former Address of the said House to the Governor of the said Province, declared that the said House persisted, amongst other things, in the demand of an Elective Legislative Council, and in demanding the repeal of a certain Act passed by the Parliament of the United Kingdom in favour of the North American Land Company; and by the said Address the said House of Assembly further adverted to the demand made by that House of the free exercise of its control over all the branches of the Executive Government; and by the said Address the said House of Assembly further declared, that it was incumbent on them in the present conjuncture to adjourn their deliberations until His Majesty's Government should by its Acts, especially by rendering the second branch of the Legislature conformable to the wishes and wants of the People, have commenced the great work of Justice and Reform, and created a confidence which alone could crown it with success.

4.—THAT in the existing state of Lower Canada, it is unadvisable to make the Legislative Council of that Province an Elective Body; but that it is expedient that measures be adopted for securing to that branch of the Legislature a greater degree of public confidence.

5.—THAT while it is expedient to improve the composition of the Executive Council in Lower Canada, it is unadvisable to subject it to the responsibility demanded by the House of Assembly of that Province.