SKETCHES, &c.

THE First Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada was called together, by Proclamation of Governor Simcoe, and assembled at Newark, (now called Niagara) on the 17th of September, 1792; the manuscript journals in the office of the Clerk of the House, give no list of the members, who were in number, I believe, 17. Nine were declared to be a quorum. The chief business seems to have devolved on two or three members, as their names appear appended to almost every resolution. John Macdonell, of Glengarry, Esq., was unanimously elected Speaker. For the District of Prince Edward, one Philip Dorland, a Quaker, being elected, addressed a letter to the Speaker, stating that as by his persuasion he was prevented from taking the necessary oaths, he wished a new writ to issue, which was accordingly done. The Rev. Mr. Addison was appointed chaplain to the House, which office continued in effect, till abolished by the " Liberal Parliament," in 1828. On Monday the 15th of October, I find an entry—"there were prayers and a sermon." The Assembly was prorogued the same day. During this session, which was held under a tree, a large stone serving for the Clerk's table, eight acts were passed.

The Second Session of this Parliament assembled on Friday, the 31st of May, 1793, and was prorogued 9th July, 1793; during this session thirteen acts were passed, among which I find an act to prevent slavery, or the introduction of Slaves into Upper Canada. The journals of the remainder of this Parliament are not to be found; I see, however, that it sate for five sessions. The next journals that I find are those for the second session of the second Parliament, which it appears assembled at the town of York, (now Toronto) on Tuesday, the 5th June, 1798; Peter Russell administering the government. The house in which the Parliament assembled was situated near the spot where the new jail now stands, at the east end of the town. This building was destroyed by fire, in 1824, by which conflagration almost all the journals were destroyed