

Original
question as
amended.

Resolved, that Francis Collins, John Carey, and George Gurnett, be Reporters, to report the Debates and Votes of this House; that they shall report on successive days; that each reporter shall leave a fair copy of his report with the Clerk on the ensuing morning, after each Debate, to which all proprietors of newspapers may have access.

House goes in-
to Committee
to consider His
Excellency's
Speech.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. White, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, at the opening of the Session.

Which was carried, and Mr. McMartin was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Progress re-
ported.

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

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER, 1831.

Petitions
brought up.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Of President
Directors of
U. C. Bank.

Mr. Attorney General brought up the petition of the President Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada, which was laid on the table.

Arad Smalley
and others.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the petition of Arad Smalley, and fourteen others, of North Gwillimbury, in the County of Simcoe, which was laid on the table.

Thomas Bar-
nett.

Mr. Warren brought up the petition of Thomas Barnett, of the Township of Stamford, in the District of Niagara, which was laid on the table.

James Coates.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of James Coates, and one hundred and forty-one others, of Albion, in the County of York, which was laid on the table.

William De-
venish and
others.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of William Devenish, and two hundred and forty-four others, of Scarborough, in the County of York, which was laid on the table.

Thomas Mark-
land and
others.

Mr. Solicitor General brought up the petition of Thomas Markland, and one hundred and six others of the Town of Kingston, in the County of Frontenac, which was laid on the table.

Petitions read.
of Daniel
McCall and
others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Daniel McCall, jun'r. and one hundred and forty others, inhabitants of the Eastern parts of the London District, praying for a division of said District. The petition of Hugh Richardson and thirty-eight others, proprietors or masters of Steamboats, and other craft navigating Lake Ontario, and of certain inhabitants of the Town of York, praying for the erection of a Pier and Lights at the entrance of York Harbour, for the safe navigation of the same; and the petition of Charles Baker, Ulick Howard and Cornelius Flummerfelt, debtors, on the limits of the Gaol in the Home District, praying that the said limits may be extended to the Bounds of the Town of York—were read.

And of Charles
Baker U. How-
ard and C.
Flummerfelt.

Notice of
Resolution
relative to
Clergy Re-
serves.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move that it be resolved, that by the Act of the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, 31st. George III. one-seventh of the Lands of this Province was set apart for the support of a Protestant Clergy.

That under that Act appropriations have, from time to time, been made, and which appropriations are in this Province, known by the name of "The Clergy Reserves," that these appropriations having been generally made in Lots of two hundred acres, throughout the several Townships of this Province, the value of the same has been much enhanced by the settlement of the Country, and principally from the improvement of the lands in the neighbourhood of such appropriations, by the labour of inhabitants composed of various denominations of Christians. That these Reserves being so interspersed with the lands of actual settlers, have materially retarded the improvement of the Country. That by an Act passed in the Reign of His late Most Gracious Majesty, provision was made for the sale of a portion of the said Reserves. That it is unjust as well as impolitic to appropriate the said lands to the support of any one Church, exclusively; and it is extremely difficult, if not altogether impracticable, to apportion or divide the same among the Clergy of all denominations of Protestants. That a large majority of the inhabitants of this Province are sincerely attached to His Majesty's person and Government, but are averse to the establishment of any exclusive or dominant Church. That this House feels confident, that to promote the prosperity of this portion of His Majesty's Dominions, and to satisfy the earnest desire of the people of this Province, His Majesty will be graciously pleased to give the most favourable consideration to the wishes of His faithful subjects. That to terminate the jealousy and dissension which have hitherto existed on the subject of the said Reserves, to remove a barrier to the settlement of the Country, and to

provide a fund available for the promotion of education; it is extremely desirable that the said lands, so reserved, be sold, and the proceeds arising from the sale of the same, placed at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature, to be applied exclusively for those purposes. That an humble address be presented to His Majesty, setting forth the subject of this resolution, and praying His Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to His Majesty's Parliament, of Great Britain and Ireland, to pass an Act to authorise the sale of the Clergy Reserves, remaining unsold, and to enable the Legislature of this Province to appropriate the proceeds thereof, in such manner as may be considered most expedient for the advancement of Education, and in aid of erecting places of Public Worship for various denominations of Christians.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move that it be resolved, that while this House fully appreciates His Majesty's gracious intention, in granting a Royal Charter for the establishment of an University in this Province, we would most humbly beg leave to represent, that as the great majority of His Majesty's subjects in this Province are not members of the Church of England, we regret that the Charter contains provisions which are calculated to exclude from its principal offices and honours, all who do not belong to that Church.

Notice of resolu-
tion relative
to charter of
King's College.

In consequence of these provisions, its benefits will be confined to a few individuals of one religious denomination, while others of His Majesty's subjects, equally loyal and deserving, will be excluded from participating in advantages which should be open to all. Its influence as a Seminary of learning on this account, must be limited, and will be looked upon with jealousy by a large majority of the inhabitants of this Province. That, therefore, it is expedient to present an humble address to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause the Charter of King's College to be cancelled, and to grant another free from the objections to which our duty to the people of this Province has induced us to advert.

Mr. Thomson gives notice that he will, on Thursday, the first of December next, move for the reading of so much of the Journal of last Session, as relates to the Report of the Select Committee, on the expediency of erecting a Penitentiary within this Province.

Notice for
reading Jour-
nals relative
to Penitenti-
ary.

Mr. Thomson gives notice that he will, on Friday, the second of December next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the navigation on the Rideau Canal.

Notice of Ri-
deau Canal
Bill.

Mr. Berczy gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an humble address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to lay before this House, an account of the aggregate number of acres of land sold in each Township by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, with the average prices thereof; stating whether in their valuation, they have been rated in proportion to the improvements made by the occupier, and what number of acres have been sold at public auction, in pursuance to the instructions of that officer, dated, Whitehall Treasury Chambers, eighteenth July, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven. And that His Excellency may be pleased to communicate to this House, any further instructions, if any, the officer may have received from His Majesty's Government.

Notice of ad-
dress for
return of
Crown Lands
sold.

Mr. Bidwell gives notice that he will, to-morrow, move for the reading of that part of the Journals of this House of twelfth day of March last, relative to the Clergy Reserves.

Notice for
reading Jour-
nals on Clergy
Reserves.

Mr. Bidwell gives notice that he will, to-morrow, move for the reading of that part of the Journals of this House of twelfth day of March last, relative to the King's College.

Notice of read-
ing Journals
on King's
College.

Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. White, moves that the petition of Daniel McCall, junior, and others, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Bidwell and Wm. Wilson, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Petition of
Daniel McCall
and others
referred.

Ordered.

Mr. McKenzie, seconded by M. Ketchum, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the law providing a salary for the Chaplain of the House of Assembly.

Bill to repeal
the Chaplain's
Salary
Law, brought
in and read.

Which was granted, and the Bill was read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into a Committee of the whole, on the Speech of His Excellency, at the opening of the present Session.

House in
Committee on
His Excellen-
cy's Speech.

Mr. McMartin in the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. McMartin reported, that the Committee had agreed to a series of resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

Several
resolutions
reported.

The Report was received.