

**Sir P. Maitland, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor.**

*To His Excellency SIR PEREGRINE MAITLAND, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
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**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,**

We His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, having under our most serious consideration measures for affording relief to those classes of His Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province, mentioned in Your Excellency's message recommending to our particular attention the state of their Civil Rights, and being most anxious to have before us every information which relates to so very important a matter, humbly request your Excellency to direct the proper officer to lay before this House the correspondence, and all other communications to and from his Majesty's Government in England on that subject, as well as any past instructions relating to it.

On the question for passing the address, the House divided and the Yeas and Nays being taken were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Beardsley, Beasley, Bidwell, Clark, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Ingersol, Lafferty, Lyons, Matthews, McBride, McCall, Perry, Playter, Randal, Rolph, Scollick, Thompson, Thomson, Wilkinson and White.—22.

Nays—Messrs. Burke and Walker.—2.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty and the address was signed.

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves that Messrs. Lafferty and Perry do form a committee to wait upon his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to receive the address requesting information on the subject of his message relative to the civil rights of certain inhabitants of this Province and to present the same.

Which was carried.

Mr. Perry gives notice that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in being for raising and training the Militia of this Province.

The House adjourned.

*Wednesday, 30th November, 1825.*

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Thompson, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Justices of the Home District, praying for assistance in the erection of a Gaol and Court House.

Which was granted and the petition brought up.

Agreeably to the order of the day the petition of certain Magistrates, gentlemen of the grand jury, & others, inhabitants of the District of Gore, praying for authority to borrow on the credit of the said District, the sum of five thousand pounds for the purpose of erecting a Gaol and Court House in the Town of Hamilton—the petition of John Matthews, Esq. praying that his case may be taken into consideration, and such proceedings adopted thereon, as may in the wisdom of the House seem good—the petition of Henry Murney of the Town of Kingston, praying that Lot No. 25 in the first Concession of Kingston may form a part of the said Town—and the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Township of Townsend, in the London District, praying that an act may be passed establishing a certain survey in said Township made in 1823—and the petition of certain inhabitants of the said Township of Townsend, praying that the above mentioned survey may not be established, were read.

Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves that the petition of the Magistrates, Grand Jury, and Inhabitants of the District of Gore, be referred to a select committee, and that Messrs. Scollick, Beasley, Thomson of Frontenac, and Matthews, do compose the same.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Rolph, moves that the Petition of Henry Murney be referred to the Committee appointed to take into consideration the Petition of Thomas Markland and others.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, moves that the Petition of John Matthews, Esq. complaining of the conduct of the Commissioners for the sale of confiscated Estates, be referred to a select committee to report thereon, and that Messrs. Attorney General and Bidwell do form such committee with power to send for persons and papers.

In amendment, Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Thomson moves that the name Attorney General be struck out, and the name Mr. Hamilton be inserted.

On which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays being taken were as follows:—

Yeas—Messrs. Attorney General, Baby, Beasley, Burnham, Burke, Cameron, Clark, Gordon, Ingersol, C. Jones, J. Jones, Lyons, McBride, McDonald, McDonell, Thompson, Thomson, Walker, Walsh and Wilkinson—20

Nays—Messrs. Beardsley, Bidwell, Hamilton, Hornor, Lafferty, Matthews, Mc Call, Perry, Playter, Randal, Rolph and Scollick—12

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eight and ordered accordingly.

The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Mr. Gordon, from the committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking His Excellency for his several messages of yesterday reported a draft which was received and read the first time.

Mr. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the address to his Excellency, be read a second time this day.

Which was carried, and the address was read a second time.

Mr. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves, that the House do on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the address to His Excellency.

Which was ordered.

Mr. J. Jones gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that a committee of seven be appointed to take into consideration all petitions upon divisions of districts, counties, or townships, and upon all surveys and lines.

Mr. Hamilton gives notice that he will on Monday next move for leave to bring in a bill to alter and amend the act now in force relative to Assessments.

Mr. Rolph gives notice that he shall to-morrow move for leave to strike the names of Rolph and Beardsley off the committee upon the Welland Canal and petitions connected with it or dissolve the committee.

The House adjourned.

*Thursday, 1st December, 1825.*

Mr. Lafferty, from the committee to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the address of this House relative to communications to and from his Majesty's Government respecting Aliens, reported delivering the same, and that his Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following reply:—