

Friday 9th January, 1829.

FIRST SESSION, OF THE 10th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 9th GEORGE IV.

Measures will be adopted, I hope, to reform the Royal Grammar School, and to incorporate it with the University recently endowed by His Majesty, and to introduce a system in that Seminary that will open to the youth of the Province the means of receiving a liberal and extensive course of instruction. Unceasing exertion should be made to attract able Masters to the Country, where the population bears no proportion to the number of Offices and Employments, that must necessarily be held by men of education and acquirements, for the support of the Laws, and of your free Institutions.

The expense already incurred in carrying on the Works in the Gore and Niagara Districts has been considerable, but few will regret that they have been undertaken. Such enterprises can, at first, be seldom duly appreciated. It is obvious, however, that the value of the productions of your soil can never be known, unless you have Canals, and good Internal Communications to facilitate your Commercial intercourse with the vast Empire of which you form a part.

From the observations of the Deputy Post Master General, at Quebec, to which I shall draw your attention, respecting the impossibility of forwarding the Mails with either expedition or safety, I am persuaded that some better expedient than Statute Labor must be resorted to for maintaining the Roads in a proper state.

The sums expended on the useful works now in progress, circulate in their natural channels, remain in the Province, enrich it, and promote industry. On the extent of protection and encouragement afforded to projects of this kind;—and on your being prepared, by means of the essential aid of well organized Institutions, for the reception and location of every description of settlers, the Agricultural Interests of the Colony, and the advance of its Commerce, will be found chiefly to depend.

The House was informed that Peter Robinson, Esquire, was in attendance with a Commission appointing him a Member of the Legislative Council of this Province.

Mr. Robinson being introduced by the Honorable Mr. Clark, and the Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York, delivered his Commission to the Speaker, by whom it was given to the Clerk, and read as follows:—

UPPER CANADA.

J. COLBORNE.

GEORGE the FOURTH by the Grace of GOD of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c.

To our trusty and well beloved Peter Robinson, Esquire.

GREETING:—

KNOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence that we have manifested in you as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our said Province of Upper Canada, and the Church thereof concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province; And we do therefore command you the said Peter Robinson, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear, for the purposes aforesaid, at the Legislative Council of our said Province, at all times, whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be therein hereafter convoked and holden;—and this you are in no wise to omit.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed—Witness our trusty and well beloved Sir JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of our said Province, and Major General Commanding our Forces therein, at York, this Sixth day of January, in the year of our

Peter Robinson Esq.
appointed a Member
of the Legislative
Council,

He presents his Com-
mission.