

General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament.

*Resolved.* That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, Mr. *Bellerose*, Mr. *Gibb*, and the Honorable Mr. *Howland*, to prepare and report the Draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, to both Houses of the Legislature, in conformity with the said Resolution.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* reported, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read, as followeth :—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES STANLEY, Viscount MONCK, Baron MONCK of *Ballytrammon*, in the County of *Wexford*, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for Your Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament.

We are grateful to Your Excellency for the expression of your desire to avail yourself of our advice in carrying on the Government, and of your hope that we shall find, in the magnificent Buildings erected in the City chosen by Her Majesty as the Seat of Government, increased facilities for the despatch of public business, while they will prove adequate to the great future of this country.

We learn with satisfaction that, immediately after the termination of the last Session of Parliament, Your Excellency convened, by instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a Council of Trade, including representatives from the different Provinces of *British North America*; and we thank Your Excellency for having directed the proceedings of this body to be laid before us.

We shall consider, with the attention their importance deserves, the papers relating to the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty with the *United States of America*, and to the negotiations on the subject of our Commercial relations with that country, whenever Your Excellency shall cause them to be laid before us.

We share with Your Excellency the conviction that it has now become still more imperative to open, by an extension of the trade of the Country with other Nations, new markets for the varied products of our industry.

We learn with much interest that, in consequence of the notice for the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty, Your Excellency deemed it needful, with the assent and approbation of Her Majesty's Government, to send a deputation, representing the Colonies of *British North America*, during the winter, to the *West Indies* and *Brazil*, to ascertain the best means of developing and extending commercial relations with those countries; and we thank Your Excellency for the assurance that, so soon as the Delegation, who have but recently returned from their mission, shall have presented their Report, it will be communicated to us.

We are fully convinced of the wisdom of the course pursued by Your Excellency, in view of the threats and preparations for attack on *Canada*, constantly and openly made, by a body organized in the *United States of America*, and known as "Fenians," in calling out for active service, a large portion of the Volunteer Militia Force of the Province.

We are proud to learn that the spirit displayed by the people, and their ready response to Your Excellency's Proclamation, have received the well-merited approval of Her Majesty's Government.

We agree with Your Excellency, that the events which have occurred within the last few days, afford additional proofs of the necessity for the precautionary measures adopted.

We heartily unite with Your Excellency in congratulating the country, that the Province having been invaded by a lawless band of marauders, they were promptly confronted, and within twenty-four hours compelled to make a precipitate retreat,