

Speech of His Excellency at the opening of the session,

The Returns and Reports prepared for your examination clearly point out the effect of the measures which have been adopted to ensure an active prosecution of public works, and to foster the institutions organized with the sanction of the Legislature, and I trust that the course pursued with that view, the encouragement and protection afforded to emigrants of every description, and a judicious application of means to improve, gradually, your internal navigation, cannot fail to accord with the wishes and interests of the people, and greatly to augment a class of settlers who have been accustomed to love and venerate our constitution; and whose labor, enterprise and capital are essentially contributing to advance the prosperity and welfare of the province.

Speech of His Excellency to be taken into consideration on Monday.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that it be resolved that this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor from the Throne at the opening of the present session.

Ordered.

Two hundred copies of speech to be printed.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Maçon, moves that two hundred copies of His Excellency's speech at the opening of parliament, this day, be printed for the use of members.

Ordered.

Petition of Arthur Youmans and others brought up

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Arthur Youmans, and others, freeholders of the county of Prince Edward; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Thos. Whitesides and others bro't up.

Mr. Mackenzie brought up the petition of Thomas Whitesides, William Patterson and Thomas Kennedy, Commissioners of the Kennedy road, and others, of the Township of Scarborough, Home District; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Daniel K. Servos and others brought up.

Mr. John Willson brought up the petition of Daniel K. Servos, and others, of Saltfleet and Binbrook, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Walter Boswell and others brought up.

Mr. Samson brought up the petition of Walter Boswell, and others, magistrates of the Newcastle District; which was laid on the table.

Notice of bill to abolish imprisonment for debt in certain cases.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a bill for abolishing imprisonment for debt in certain cases, and for the amendment of the law in cases of insolvent debtors.

Notice of Select committee on laws respecting the Court of requests.

Mr. Morris gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for the appointment of a select committee, to consider the laws now in force which regulate the court of requests, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Notice of Bill to appoint commissioners to Lower Canada.

Mr. Morris gives notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to appoint commissioners to meet the commissioners on the part of Lower Canada; to treat on matters of mutual interest to both Provinces.

Clerk to report on Monday next, relative to the printing of the Journals.

Mr. MacNab, seconded by Mr. John Willson, moves that it be resolved that the Clerk do report to the House on Monday next, if any contract has been entered into by him for the printing of the journals of the House of Assembly for the last session, and whether the same hath been fulfilled—and why the journals are not now ready to be delivered to the honourable members of this House.

Ordered.

Notice of Ballooting for standing committee on improvements of highways and bridges.

Mr. Jarvis gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for the appointment, by ballot, of a standing committee to take into consideration the most effectual method of improving the highways and bridges in this province together with all matters relating thereto: the said committee to consist of eleven persons.

Notice of Select Committee on expiring Laws.

Mr. McMartin gives notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for a select committee to examine what laws have expired or are about to expire, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Notice of Committee of whole on the administration of Justice in common Law Courts.

Mr. Solicitor General gives notice that he will, on Monday the seventeenth day of January instant, move that the House do resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the administration of justice in the common law courts of this province.

Notice of Felons' Counsel Bill.

Mr. Bidwell gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to allow persons tried for felony the benefit of full defence by counsel.

Notice of Sheriff's appointment bill.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the appointment to, and holding of, the office of Sheriff in the several districts of this province.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1831.

THE House met.

Prayers were read.

The minutes of Friday and Saturday were read.

Mr. Solicitor General brought up the petition of Thomas Markland, Esquire, and eighty-eight others, of the town of Kingston; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Thomas Markland, Esq. and others brought up.

Mr. Beardsley brought up the petition of Jonathan Stevenson, of Caistor, in the Niagara District; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Jon. Stevenson of Caistor bro't up.

Mr. Solicitor General brought up the petition of Barnabas Bidwell, and thirty-one others, of the town of Kingston, which was laid on the table.

Petition of Barnabas Bidwell and others brought up.

Mr. Elliott brought up the petition of John Warren, Esquire, of the Township of Bertie, in the county of Haldimand; which was laid on the table.

Petition of John Warren, Esq. brought up.

Mr. Burwell brought up the petition of Ira Scofield, and one hundred and forty others, of the London District; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Ira Scofield and others brought up.

Mr. McCall brought up the petition of Joseph Ryerson, Esq. and one hundred and forty-nine others, of the county of Norfolk; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Jos. Ryerson, Esq. and others brought up.

Mr. Burwell brought up the petition of Ira Scofield, and one hundred and fifty-four others, of the London District; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Ira Scofield & others brought up.

Mr. Jessup brought up the petition of the Rev'd. Henry Patton, and four hundred and thirty-six others, of the townships of Augusta, Oxford, Woolford, Marlborough and Montague, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Petition of the Rev. Henry Patton and others brought up.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of John Goessman, of the town of York; which was laid on the table.

Petition of J. Goessman brought up.

Mr. Thomson brought up the petition of George Simmons, and three hundred and forty-nine others, of the town of Kingston, and vicinity; which was laid on the table.

Petition of George Simmons & others brought up.

Mr. R. Fraser brought up the petition of Lawrence Baker, of Edwardsburgh, in the county of Grenville; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Lawrence Baker brought up.

Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the postage on all letters and communications to and from members during the session, including those by the mail of the sixth instant, be made an item in the contingent accounts.

Motion for postage of all letters to and from members to be charged in contingent account.

In amendment, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves that all after the word "moves" in the original motion be expunged, and the following inserted, "that the postage of letters to and from each member of this House may be paid each day during the session by the clerk of this House as a part of the contingencies."

In amendment that the postage be paid daily.

Which was lost.

Lost.

The original question was then put and carried.

Original question carried.

Mr. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that it be resolved, that the Executive Government of this province has not been entrusted with the power to control, regulate or prescribe to this House the religious duties, exercises and ceremonies of its members, nor to incorporate the peculiar tenets of any religious sect or denomination with the civil institutions of the country, nor to appoint a chaplain to this House, nor pay a chaplain so appointed; but that this House has a right to appoint its own chaplain.

Motion for resolution that the Executive Government have no power to appoint a chaplain to this House.

In amendment Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. A. Fraser, moves that the whole of the original resolution after the word "Resolved" be expunged, and the following inserted:

Amendment moved.

"That Messrs. Thomson, Samson, Chisholm and Jarvis be a committee to consider how far it is expedient for this House to appoint its own officers, and that the said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to report by bill or otherwise."

That a select Committee be appointed to consider and report on appointment of officers.

Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. MacNab, moves that the question be not now put.

Previous question.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

House divides.

YEAS.			Yeas 23.
Messrs. Atty. General, Brant, Burwell, Chisholm, W. Crooks, Duncombe, Elliott, Ingersoll,	Jarvis, Lewis, A. McDonald, McMartin, MacNab, Maçon, Mount, Robinson,	Roblin, Samson, Solr. General, VanKoughnett, Werden, J. Willson, W. Wilson—23.	

NAYS.			Nays 18.
Messrs. Beardsley Bidwell, Cook, A. Fraser, R. Fraser, Howard,	Jessup, Jones, Ketchum, McCall, D. McDonald, Mackenzie,	Morris, Perry, Randal, Shaver, Thomson, White—18.	

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five, and the main question was not then put.

Question carried, main question not put.