

Know all men by these presents, that I, William Stanton, Serjeant at Arms of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, duly appointed under the Great Seal of the Province, have, by virtue of my commission as such, nominated, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do nominate, constitute and appoint Stephen Jarvis, of the town of York, Esquire, to be my Deputy as Serjeant at Arms aforesaid during pleasure.

Given under my hand and Seal, at York in Upper Canada, this first day of February, in the Year of Our Lord 1812.

(Signed) WM. STANTON, Serjt. at Arms.

The Speaker then desired the Deputy Serjeant at Arms to attend in his duty.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Gough, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their consideration His Honor the President's Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, at the opening of this Session of the Provincial Parliament. The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee. Mr. Speaker left the Chair. Mr. Dorland was called to the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Dorland reported that the Committee had come to several resolutions, which he was directed to report to the House whenever it should be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received. The Report was accordingly received, and is as follows: Resolved, that it is the opinion of the Committee that an Address be presented to His Honor, the President, to return the thanks of this House for His gracious Speech to both Houses of the Legislature at the opening of this Session of the Provincial Parliament, congratulating him upon his succeeding to the administration of the Government of this Province, and expressing our confidence in the wisdom of his Measures.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of the Committee, that in the present state of alarming preparation and insulting threat, made by the Government of the United States, this House will use every exertion in its power to enable His Honor to put this Province in a state to defend themselves against every hostile aggression.

That it is the opinion of this Committee that a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Honor's Speech.

Mr. Willcocks moved, seconded by Mr. Mallory, that Messrs. Gough, Elliott and Rogers be appointed as a Select Committee to draft an Address to His Honor, the President, in answer to His Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, agreeably to the resolutions of the Committee of the Whole House upon that subject. Ordered accordingly.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moved for leave to bring in a Bill, on Thursday next, for repealing an Act, passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, for appropriating money for Public Buildings for the use of this Province. Leave was accordingly granted.

On motion of Mr. Dorland, seconded by Mr. Elliott, the House adjourned.

*Wednesday, 5th February, 1812.*

Prayers were read.

Mr. Gough, from the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address in answer to His Honor, the President's Speech to both Houses at the opening of the present Session, reported that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which he was directed to submit to the House whenever it should be pleased