

A deputation from the Commons House of Assembly being announced, it was admitted, and brought up and delivered the following message and certain resolutions of that House.

Mr. Speaker,—The Commons House of Assembly have come to several resolutions, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, respecting the financial concerns of this Province with Lower Canada, with which they request the concurrence of the Honorable Legislative Council, and invite the Honorable the Legislative Council to join with this House in forming a select Committee of both Houses to consider and report upon the subject matter of the said resolutions.

Commons House of Assembly, 7th December, 1821.

(Signed) LEVIUS P. SHERWOOD.

Resolved, That upon examination of the report of the Commissioners appointed on the part of this Province to treat with those of Lower Canada respecting the establishing of such regulations as may regard the collection of duties or payment of drawbacks to be imposed or allowed on goods passing from one Province into the other by the Legislature of each Province respectively, and of and concerning any proportion of drawbacks to be received and paid of any equal duties already imposed by the said Legislature respectively on any article or commodity passing from one Province into the other, and of and concerning any regulations, provisions, matters and things which may regard the commerce, manufactures or produce of the said Province, it is the opinion of this House, considering the principles assumed and the obstacles presented by the Commissioners on the part of the Province of Lower Canada at the last meeting, that any further effort to adjust by amicable arrangement between the Commissioners the amount of arrearages which this Province claims, or to establish any agreement for the future would be certainly fruitless; and that to attempt it would only lead to further disappointment and delay, without any prospect of a beneficial result.

Resolved, That it appears clearly to this House that large arrearages on account of duties received at the British Port of Quebec, before the year 1817, are due to this Province from Lower Canada, under the express terms of Provisional Agreements, ratified by the Legislatures of both Provinces; which arrearages the Commissioners of Lower Canada peremptorily decline entering into the consideration of, alleging that the executions of agreements when concluded is properly the Province of the Executive Government.

Resolved, That it appears to this House that applications for the payment of these arrearages have been made to the Executive Government of Lower Canada by the Government of this Province, which have afforded no prospect of a final adjustment.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the means by which alone the Commissioners of Lower Canada would consent to ascertain the amount of drawbacks due to this Province upon goods imported from Lower Canada since the expiration of the last Provincial Agreement were not such as it was practicable to adopt, or as could possibly lead to a just and satisfactory result. And that the insisting upon such means after a lapse of two years, during which Upper Canada had been solely, by the omission of the necessary provisions on the part of the Lower Province, deprived of the opportunity of renewing their agreement, and during which it was known no means had been taken to ascertain the amount of the debt