

for the gracious manner in which he has exercised His Royal Prerogative upon the Bills respecting the civil and political rights of the people of this Province, and request your Excellency to transmit the same to His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the colonies, that the same may be by him presented to His Majesty.

*Commons' House of Assembly,* }  
5th February, 1828.

J. WILLSON, *Speaker:*

( No. 2. )

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

I shall take an early opportunity of transmitting your Address to His Majesty, and in order to vindicate the Government of this Colony from the groundless imputations contained in the petition to which Lord Goderich refers, I shall deem it proper to call the attention of the Secretary of State to the circumstance, that the instructions of which you now so warmly approve, do but suggest a measure which in whatever form proposed, was rejected by the House of Assembly in the second Session of this Parliament in the desire to obtain a declaratory Law, which His Majesty has determined to be wholly inadmissible.

( No. 3. )

*Friday, 8th February 1828.*

THE HOUSE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE REPLY

MR. ROLPH, seconded by Captain Matthews, moved a series of resolutions, which being read, Mr. Jones of Grenville seconded by Mr. Morris, moved, as an amendment to the same, the following resolution:

*Resolved*, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, thanking His Excellency for his uniform exertions in favour of a considerable portion of the inhabitants of this Province, who labor under serious disabilities in exercising the civil rights of Subjects of His Majesty, since the Question first arose in the Assembly of this Province, in the Session of 1817—18, by which it appeared that many inhabitants of this Province claiming to be subjects, could not be legally so regarded.

On which the House divided, and the YEAS and NAYS were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Attorney General, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Coleman, Gordon, Ingersol, C. Jones, Jones of Grenville, Morris, Thompson of York, Vankoughnet, & Watson,—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Baby, Beardsley, Beasley, Bidwell, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Lafferty, Lyons, Matthews, McBride, McCall, Perry, Peterson, Randal, Rolph, Scollick, Thomson of Frontenac, White, Wilkinson, & Wilson,—21.

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