

Sir P. Maitland, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor.

- Ministers have avowed, that the people of this Province would alone desire to rest their hope of this great measure being placed upon a system more permanent and more beneficial, since they can neither be so ungrateful, nor so insensible to their own interest, as not to feel that nothing ought to be desired by them which would be inconsistent with the vital interests of that great and glorious Empire, from which they have descended, and to which they owe the great blessings of security and freedom.
- That this House learns with much satisfaction, that the direct importation of Tea from China has been attended with those very desirable consequences which it was hoped would result from it.
- That this House will bestow their attention upon the Public Accounts and Estimates which His Excellency will cause to be laid before them, and that they beg to assure His Excellency of their readiness to make the necessary provision for the Public Service.
- That this House will direct its attention to the laws which are about to expire, and will not fail to take into their early consideration the act which governs the payment of Militia Pensions, as it concerns an object for which it must be equally grateful to all branches of the Legislature to provide.
- That this House, sensible how much it is in the power of the Legislature to advance the improvement of the Colony by a judicious application of public aid, entertains with great satisfaction the expectation of a rapid increase of revenue from the causes to which His Excellency has adverted. And that they are much gratified to learn that the Arbitrators appointed under the statute of the Imperial Parliament have awarded to this Province a share of the duties, which are received at Quebec, more in proportion to the consumption of our people than that which we have hitherto received.
- That under these circumstances we may confidently expect that our revenue will be soon relieved from those incumbrances which, in less prosperous times, it was found necessary to incur, and that we rejoice particularly in this prospect of more abundant means at a moment when a prevailing ardor for public improvement cannot fail to present ample opportunities for their beneficial employment.
- That His Excellency does this House justice in supposing that they should learn with much pleasure that His Majesty has, within the present year, directed a survey to be made of the British North American Provinces; for the purpose of ascertaining the state of their defences, and by what means their security can be most effectually provided for.
- That this House does very greatly rejoice in every such demonstration that the safety and welfare of this Colony are objects constantly present to the attention of our most Gracious Sovereign, and more particularly in those measures which are calculated to impress upon the people of this Province that entire conviction which this House entertains, that their interests, as a portion of the British Empire, will never be abandoned in compliance with the suggestions of an ungenerous policy; but that so long as they and their posterity continue to exhibit that loyal attachment to the Crown, which has already been proved on the part of this Province, the strength of the British Empire will constitute their security, and they will be allowed to the latest times to share in the glories of the British name.
- That as one branch of the Legislature, this House readily and fully avows its obligation to contribute their best exertions towards the advancement of a Colony which, under the blessing of Providence, enjoys so many advantages, and they trust they will evince their sense of that obligation by a zealous and cordial application to the public interests; that experience of his Excellency's administration will not permit us to doubt of His Excellency's desire to give effect to all such Enactments as may appear to His Excellency to promise benefit to the country.
- That this House will await, with much interest, the communication which His Excellency intends to make to the Legislature respecting a measure so important in its character as that to which His Excellency alluded to in his most Gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that a Committee be appointed to prepare an address in conformity to the Resolutions of the Committee of the whole House upon the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of this Session, and that Messrs. Rolph, McDonell, and Ingersol, be a Committee to prepare the same.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Fothergill gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill for the gradual augmentation and preservation of the Library belonging to this House, and for the appointment of a Librarian.

Mr. Fothergill gives notice that he will move, on Monday the twenty-first of November, instant, for a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of addressing His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor relative to a consolidation, or bringing nearer together, the various Offices connected with the Land Granting Department, and to report by address, or otherwise.

Mr. Fothergill gives notice that he will move, on Monday the twenty-eighth of November, instant, for leave to bring in a bill for the purpose of establishing a Turnpike Road from York to the mouth of the River Trent, and to the carrying place in the Bay of Quinte, and for the incorporation of a Joint Stock Company, to carry the same into effect.

Mr. Rolph gives notice that he shall, on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to continue and amend an act, entitled, "An Act for assigning Limits to the respective Gaols in this Province."

Mr. Rolph gives notice that he shall, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to grant a sum of money to the Sufferers in New Brunswick.

The House adjourned.

Saturday, 12th November, 1825.

Mr. Attorney General, from the Committee appointed to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session, reported that the Committee had agreed to an address, which he was ready to submit to the House whenever it would be pleased to receive the same.

The Report was ordered to be received, and the address was read the first time.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Thompson, moves that the address of this House in answer to the speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the present Session be read a second time this day.

Which was carried, and the address was read a second time.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Thompson, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to His Excellency's speech, be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Which was carried.

Mr. Rolph gives notice that he will, on Friday next, move for leave to bring in a bill for the punishment of open and common adultery in certain cases.

Mr. Scollick gives notice that he shall, on Thursday next, move that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respecting the importation of Flour, as well as Wheat, into the ports of Great Britain from this Province.

Mr. Hamilton gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move that on Monday the 28th instant, there be a call of the House.

Mr. Thompson gives notice that he will, on Thursday the seventeenth instant, move for leave to bring in a bill to encourage the destruction of Wolves in this Province; and to repeal the law now in force for that purpose.

Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that the Clerk of this House be directed to furnish to every member of this House, during the present Session, one copy of each of the periodical or weekly newspapers, published in this town, and to charge the same in his Contingent Account.

Which was carried.

The House adjourned till three o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session, was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, and is as follows: