

The Honorable Sir *E. P. Taché* informed the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

MONCK.

The Governor General informs the Honorable the Legislative Council that he has granted leave to the Honorable *James Morris* to be absent from his place in the House during the present Session.

Quebec, 17th February, 1865.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* (*Drummond* and *Arthabaska*) and others, in the following words :

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Friday, 17th February, 1865.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting that their Honors will give leave to the Honorable *J. Bte. Guévremont*, one of their Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of this House, appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *St. Hyacinthe*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dorion* [*Drummond* and *Arthabaska*] do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

WM. B. LINDSAY.
Clerk, L. A.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *E. P. Taché*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Resolved, That the Honorable Mr. *Guévremont* do have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, as required in their Message of this day, if he thinks fit.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Legislative Assembly by one of the Masters in Chancery.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resumed the adjourned Debate on the motion of the Honorable Sir *E. P. Taché*, to *Resolve*—That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She may be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament for the purpose of uniting the Colonies of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island*, in one Government, with provisions based on the Resolutions which were adopted at a Conference of Delegates from the said Colonies, held at the City of *Quebec*, on the 10th of October, 1864.

And after farther Debate,

The Honorable Mr. *Currie* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sanborn*,

To *Resolve* :—That upon a matter of such great importance as the proposed Confederation of this and certain other British Colonies, this House is unwilling to assume the responsibility of assenting to a measure involving so many important considerations, without a further manifestation of the public will than has yet been declared.

At six o'clock, P. M., the Honorable the Speaker left the Chair, and resumed the same at half-past seven.