

greater tranquillity cannot well be imagined than that which we now enjoy, and both the kind dispensations of Providence, and the fostering care of a paternal government, hold out to you the strongest encouragement to pursue, in your legislative capacity, such a course as may best secure the present and promote the future happiness of your fellow-subjects in this part of his Majesty's dominions; and I beg you to be assured that nothing is more earnestly the object of my wishes than to contribute, by every means in my power, to the attainment of so desired an end.

Then a committee of seven members was appointed to prepare the draft of an address in answer to the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech. After which the following committees were appointed.

A committee of privileges; a committee of good correspondence between the two houses; a committee of grievances; a grand committee for the Courts of Justice, and a grand committee of Agriculture.

Then the House adjourned.

The Honorable Members present at the opening of the Legislative Council on Saturday were the following, viz:

The Honorable Chief Justice Sewell, Speaker; The Honorable Messrs. Irvine, Hale, Duchesnay, Richardson, Caldwell, Ryland, Rev. J. O. Plessis, R. C. B. Quebec, Percival, Perrault, Burns, Kerr, Bowen, Felton, Bell.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Friday, 14th January, 1825.

This day at two o'clock the House went up to the Castle of St. Lewis, and presented the following address in answer to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech at the opening of the Session:—

To His Excellency the Honorable Sir FRANCIS NATHANIEL BURTON, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Guelphic Order of Hanover, Lieutenant-Governor in and over the

Province of Lower-Canada, &c. &c.
May it please Your Excellency,

We His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Lower-Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to return your Excellency our humble thanks for your Speech from the Throne.

We are fully sensible of your Excellency's attention in calling the Legislature together at a season of the year which is considered as best suited to our private convenience, and as affording the greatest portion of leisure for the dispatch of public business.

We trust that your Excellency will not be disappointed in the hope you entertain of beneficial results from our proceedings, as we can assure your Excellency of our devotion to the best of Sovereigns, and of our earnest desire to promote the public welfare.

Although your Excellency is entering for the first time on the administration of the government, your previous residence in the province has enabled you to acquire a knowledge of the general state of the country, which must be the greatest advantage to the interests of the Crown, and of his Majesty's subjects;—it has, further, not only made you personally acquainted with most of us, but has afforded to us also an opportunity of observing in your Excellency those amiable and conciliatory qualities of mind by which, we trust, the Legislative Bodies may be brought to unite for the purpose of doing away any difficulties which may heretofore have arisen, and for preventing, by an amicable arrangement of the financial concerns of the province, the recurrence of such difficulties in future.

In the abundance of the late harvest and the increasing prosperity of the province, we have indeed subjects of general congratulation, and both the kind dispensations of Providence, and the fostering care of a paternal government, united to a state of perfect tranquillity, hold out to us the