

1st & 2nd December, 1831.

SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. *Lieutenant Governor.*

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion made and seconded the House adjourned.

House adjourns.

Friday, 2nd December, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,	<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> BALDWIN,
<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> CLARK,	" " HAMILTON,
" " CROOKSHANK,	" " JAMES KIRBY,
<i>The Hon. & Ven.</i> THE ARCHDEACON OF YORK,	" " JOHN KIRBY,
<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> WELLS,	" " CROOKS,
" " MARKLAND,	<i>The Hon. & Rt. Rev.</i> BISHOP MACDONELL,
" " ALLAN,	<i>The Honorable Mr.</i> GRANT.
" " M'DONELL,	

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

His Honor the Speaker laid before the House a declaration which was—

Ordered, to be entered on the Journals, and is as follows :

Speaker lays before the House a declaration respecting a despatch on the subject of the Judges Commissions. Read and ordered to be entered on the Journals.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN—

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to transmit to this House, yesterday, the substance of a despatch from the Rt. Honorable Lord Goderich, Secretary of State for the Colonies, upon the subject of a proposed change in the terms of Commissions to be given to the Judges of this Province ; and in the concluding passage there is an observation of which it may seem doubtful whether it was intended by His Lordship to refer only to injunctions proposed to be given to Judges to be appointed hereafter, or whether it was not also designed to be applied to myself, as being at the time of writing that despatch Chief Justice of this Province, and a Member of the Legislative Council.

Not knowing what construction may be generally placed upon the passage, I am impelled by respect for my own character, and by a sense of duty towards this House as an independent branch of the Legislature, to declare that no such communication as is there spoken of, has ever been made to me.—If any had been, fully as I concur, and fully as all my predecessors must have concurred in, the propriety of the sentiments expressed by His Majesty's Secretary of State, I could have felt no other course open to me than to have laid such a communication upon the table of the House, or to have returned it with a respectful remonstrance. I beg leave further to assure the House, that in my acts and deliberations here, I shall ever hold myself as free as any individual in whom our Sovereign has reposed the same honorable trust, and that continuing to be guided by my own judgment and discretion, the conduct which I shall hereafter pursue can be no other than I have maintained during the two years in which I have had the honor of serving among you.—What that has been is of course known to you. It need not have been unknown to His Majesty's Government ; and as I am very confident it has afforded no ground for a desire to convey a public assurance of restrictions intended to be imposed upon me as the Speaker of this House—so I trust I am correct in believing that a measure so unusual was not intended.

The Declaration.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Tuesday next, on His Excellency's Message received yesterday, respecting the independency of the Judges of this Province.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Petition of Thomas Markland, and others, inhabitants of the Town of Kingston, praying to be established as a Banking Company, under the style and title of "The Commercial Bank of Upper Canada," was read.

Petition praying to be established as a Banking Company under the style and title of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada, read.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank, from the Select Committee appointed to present an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking him for his several Messages transmitted to this House yesterday, reported that they had done so.

Report of Sel't. Committee appointed to present Address to Lt. Governor, thanking him for his Messages of yesterday.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of "the President, Directors and Company of the Commercial Bank of Upper

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