

concur in passing a Bill indemnifying the Government for this unavoidable departure from the provisions of the Audit Act.

To thank His Excellency for having invited the immediate attention of this House to the consideration of a measure for extending to *Lower Canada* the Act, chapter ninety-eight of the Consolidated Statutes for *Upper Canada*, to protect the Inhabitants of that section of the Province against lawless aggression from subjects of Foreign Countries at Peace with Her Majesty, of which recent occurrences have shewn the necessity, and also of a measure similar to that enacted in the present Session of the Imperial Parliament for the temporary suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus, which had become necessary for the preservation of law and order.

To express satisfaction at being informed by His Excellency that he has fixed, by Proclamation, the first day of August next as the time at which the Civil Code of *Lower Canada*, passed in the last Session of Parliament, shall come into operation; and that the Code of Civil Procedure of *Lower Canada* as reported by the Commissioners, will be submitted for adoption during the Session.

To convey to His Excellency a sense of the gratification with which this House has learned from His Excellency, that the position which the great question of the Union of the Provinces of *British North America* has assumed is now such as to induce the expectation that the measure will be shortly carried into effect; and that His Excellency therefore hopes and believes that it will be found practicable during the present session to adopt such proceedings as may be necessary for completing the details of the scheme as regards this Province, and entertains the confident expectation that the next Parliament which will be held within these walls will not be confined to an assembly of the Representatives of *Canada*, but will embrace those of all the Colonies of *British North America*.

To thank His Excellency for his congratulations on the general prosperity which pervades all classes of the Community in the Province, and to unite with His Excellency in praying that our Councils may be guided by Divine Providence to secure that which is the true end of all Government, the moral and material advancement of the great body of the people.

The first paragraph of the said Resolution being again read,

The Honorable Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armand*, That the same be adopted.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence being put thereon the same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

The remaining paragraphs of the said Resolution being again read and the question of concurrence put on each they were unanimously agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Sir *N. F. Belleau* and the Honorable Messieurs *Christie* and *Armand* be appointed a Committee to draft an Address founded on the said Resolution.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Sir *N. F. Belleau* reported an Address prepared by the said Committee as follows:

To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES STANLEY, Viscount MONCK, Baron Monck of *Ballytrammion*, in the County of *Wexford*, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick* and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency for Your Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session.