

of Nova Scotia, who had sought redress for the value of some timber they had been unjustly deprived of, by suing the aggressors, had, through a conspiracy, been impressed and carried away in the *Thetis* frigate, to the West Indies, and praying that the House would take action in order to procure their release, and to punish the conspirators; whereupon the House passed an address to the Lieutenant-Governor for their relief. The Assembly of New Brunswick did not meet for despatch of business during the year 1809.

1810. January 12th. Mr. William Allan, Deputy-Postmaster at York, announces in the *York Gazette*, that 'A regular intercourse with Lower Canada once a fortnight, by post, has now commenced, and will be continued for the ensuing six months, or even for the whole year should it be found necessary.'—The second Session of the 5th Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada was opened at York on the 1st February, by His Excellency Francis Gore, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor. In his opening speech, Mr. Gore thus alludes to the unsatisfactory state of the relations between Great Britain and the United States: "It would have been an additional source of satisfaction to me to have been enabled to announce to you the restoration and renewal of friendship and amity between Great Britain and the United States of America, which, until of late, have so happily existed. And should the repeated efforts of His Majesty to accomplish so desirable an end not succeed, I trust that his brave and loyal subjects in this Province will evince, as many of them have already done, an unconquerable attachment to their King and Constitution." Thirteen Acts were passed during this session. The laws respecting the making and repairing of public highways and roads were amended and consolidated; provision was made to prevent the forg-

ing and counterfeiting of foreign bills of exchange and promissory notes; an act was passed for levying a duty upon billiard tables; an alteration was made in the law respecting the barring of dower, and sundry other minor matters were attended to. The session terminated on the 12th March. On the 8th March, an address to the King was voted by the Legislative Council of Upper Canada, congratulating His Majesty on his having attained the fiftieth year of his reign, and a similar address was voted by the House of Assembly on the 9th. His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, was requested to transmit the same. During this session, the attention of the Legislative Assembly had been called to a pamphlet, published over the signature, "John Mills Jackson," and on the 10th March, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Crowell Wilson, seconded by Mr. James McNabb, "that the pamphlet entitled 'A View of the Province of Upper Canada,' signed 'John Mills Jackson, contains a false, scandalous and seditious libel; comprising expressions of the most unexampled insolence and contumely towards His Majesty's Government of this Province, the grossest aspersions upon the House of Assembly, the Courts of Justice therein, and the officers of the civil establishment of the said Government, and most manifestly tending to alienate the affections of the people from His Majesty's Government of this Province; to withdraw them from their obedience to the laws of the country, and to excite them to insurrection." An address was also presented to the Lieutenant-Governor expressing the abhorrence and detestation of the Assembly at the aforesaid libel. A presentment was made by the Grand Jury against Mr. Willcock's, a member of the Assembly, and publisher of the *Upper Canada Guardian*, for seditious libel against the Government and the Lieutenant-Gover-