

*Subjects recommended in the Message.*

Suggesting the adoption of measures for the security of monies in the hands of the Receiver-General and the Sheriffs.

Respecting the distribution of the duties of Customs collected at Quebec between the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada.

The appointment of an agent in England, and recommending an indemnity to the present holder of that Office.

*Proceedings that have taken place upon them.*

No proceedings whatever in either House on this recommendation, the plan being considered objectionable. It was therefore deemed proper to communicate to the Legislative Council and Assembly the instructions given by the Lords of the Treasury for the security of Monies in the hands of the Receiver-General; as communicated in Mr. Hill's letter to Mr. W. Horton, of 30th October 1826, and to inform them that these Regulations would be carried into effect if no provincial enactment was made upon the subject. An Act for the better regulation of the office of Sheriff has passed the Legislature.

A Bill has passed the Legislature, appointing Commissioners to confer with Commissioners similarly appointed by Upper Canada, on all matters of common interest to both provinces. The honourable Mr. Debertych, of the Legislative Council, and Messrs. Papineau and Neilson, of the House of Assembly, are the Commissioners from Lower Canada, and they are to meet in the month of June next. The proportion of duties to be paid to Upper Canada, for four years from the 1st of July 1828, has been settled by arbitration under the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 3 Geo. IV. c. 119, as reported already to the Secretary of State.

The House of Assembly passed a Bill late in the Session, appointing Sir James Mackintosh and Mr. Labouchere, members of the House of Commons, and Mr. Neilson, member of the House of Assembly, agents for the province, but it was not agreed to in the Legislative Council. A copy of the bill, as passed in the Lower House, accompanies this statement. The Council objected to the appointment of so many agents. They would have agreed to the appointment of two, but in that case they conceived that they ought to have the nomination of one of them, or at least to have been consulted by the Assembly. The Legislative Council also conceived that provision ought to have been made in the bill for an indemnity to the present agent, as recommended by His Majesty. The session was advanced when the bill went up to the Legislative Council, and there was not sufficient time to come to an understanding with the Assembly on several provisions in the bill which required explanation.