

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session,

The Honorable Mr. *Morris* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Christie*, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

After Debate,

The said motion was by leave of the House withdrawn, and

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the said Speech.

Which being read by the Clerk,

The Honorable Mr. *Armand* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Crawford*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament; and further to assure His Excellency—

That we shall give our earnest attention to the question of the Seat of Government of *Canada*.

That the Legislature of *Canada* having resolved that a fixed Seat of Government should be selected, and having solicited Our Gracious Queen, by an address of either House, to exercise Her prerogative in making such selection,—and an Act, moreover, having been passed adopting beforehand the decision of Her Majesty, and appropriating the necessary funds,—We agree with His Excellency that the Act of the Canadian Parliament and the decision of the Queen are binding on the Executive Government of the Province, and that it will be their duty to carry out the understanding which existed at the time when the reference was made, by which the Government will be transferred to *Quebec* for a fixed period, until the necessary arrangements shall have been completed.

That any Correspondence with Her Majesty's Government which His Excellency may be pleased to lay before us, will receive our most respectful consideration;—That we are prepared to recognize the selection made by Her Majesty at our own request; and that we shall not fail duly to acknowledge Her gracious compliance with the address which we ourselves caused to be presented to Her.

That we have much satisfaction in learning from His Excellency that the Commission for the settlement of the Seigniorial Tenure will shortly close its labours, and that a moderate outlay beyond the appropriation of 1854 will satisfy all reasonable expectations on the part of the Censitaires.

That we agree with His Excellency that the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada* requires revisal and consolidation, and that we shall not fail duly to consider any measure for this purpose which His Excellency may cause to be submitted to us.

That any Correspondence which His Excellency may be pleased to place in our hands, respecting the possibility of uniting, by some tie of a federal character, the British Colonies in *North America*, will receive our attentive consideration;