

The best effects might be expected from a legislative body constituted upon those bases, if, whilst its principle of action was found in the interests of Your Majesty's subjects in this province as a general and common motive, it found itself, in its formation and its proceedings, independent of the popular assembly. It would undoubtedly be thus with the above qualifications, and with a different mode of renewal, so as to give more permanence to the body that is now in question.

It is upon these several considerations that we most respectfully submit the following details:

That an elective Legislative Council be established, chosen by land-holders, having net annual income of 10*l.* in the country, and 20*l.* in cities; and who have been residents for at least one year within the circle where the election takes place.

The eligibility to be restricted to the subjects of Your Majesty having attained the age of at least 30 years, residents in the province, and having resided therein at least 15 years, and possessing an annual freehold income arising from property situated within the province, of at least 100*l.* for those elected for the country, and of at least 200*l.* for those for the cities of Quebec and Montreal.

The duration of the body to be limited to six years; the renewal to be made by one-sixth part every year; it being to be determined during the first five years by lot, which of the members chosen at the general election shall have to retire. When there shall happen to be any vacancies, those who succeed them to be members only for the period which would have remained to their predecessors.

The number of the members to be equal to that of the counties, cities and divisions thereof, or other circles, sending members to the House of Assembly, with the exception of boroughs, whose population does not amount to 2,000 souls, who would only have to vote in the counties of which they make part; so that the number of councillors would be nearly half of that of the members of the Assembly.

The speaker or chairman of the body to be chosen by the members, subject to the approbation of Your Majesty.

The judges to be ineligible, as well as the clergy.

The members of the present Legislative Council not to belong to the new Council, unless they are elected; yet, nevertheless, should Your Majesty in Your gracious royal intention think proper to retain them therein, they should only be considered as supernumerary members, and would have to justify their qualifications in landed property, and resign their places of profit.

The Legislative Council not to be subject to dissolution.

The members not to accept, otherwise than by Bill, places of profit or honour during good pleasure, excepting those of justice of the peace and in the militia, nor become accountable for public money, nor receive any from the Executive Government, under whatever denomination, without subjecting themselves to re-election.

The individuals who offer themselves as candidates, to make oath as to their qualifications; if the candidates are not present, three electors must make affirmation as to that qualification to the best of their knowledge. The members elected shall, before they take their seats, take the same oath, and shall be bound to renew it at all times, upon order of the body.

When it happens that members are elected at the same time both for the Legislative Council and for the Assembly, they shall make choice of either one or the other of the Houses within a prescribed time.

We cannot close our present humble Address to Your Majesty without expressing how much we should have desired to have received the particular statement of the views of Your Majesty's Government on this important subject, as announced by the Right Hon. Lord Viscount Goderich, Your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in his Despatch of the 7th July 1831, addressed to his Excellency the Governor-in-chief of this province, and that the same has not yet been communicated to us, so-as to aid us in our endeavours to remedy an acknowledged and instant evil.

Wherefore we, the faithful subjects of Your Majesty, do most humbly pray, that Your Majesty will be pleased to take these our representations into Your gracious and favourable consideration, and grant such remedy therein as to Your Majesty in Your wisdom may seem proper.

And as well from inclination as from a sense of duty, we shall not fail ever to pray for Your Majesty's sacred person.

House of Assembly, Quebec, }
Wednesday, 20 March 1833. }

(signed) *L. J. Papineau,*
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of the Province of Lower Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, having had under our serious consideration the dangerous and unconstitutional proceedings adopted by the Assembly, are impelled by a sense of duty to Your Majesty and Your Majesty's faithful Canadian people, humbly to approach Your Majesty's throne with a representation of the alarming posture