

2d Session, 9th Parliament, 5th Geo : IV.

Mr. Morris, from the joint committee of conference to draft an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the loan of £70,000, reported a draft of the same, which was read as follows :

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein—

&c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament Assembled, humbly beg leave to approach your Excellency to express our grateful sense of the solicitude entertained by His Majesty's Government to promote the prosperity and welfare of the inhabitants of this Province, evinced in the dispatch of the Right Honourable Earl Bathurst, respecting the improvement of the internal navigation of this Province, which your Excellency was pleased to transmit to both Houses of the Legislature at the commencement of the last session.

The procuring for this Province, in the manner proposed, a loan of seventy thousand pounds for the purpose of opening a canal between the Ottawa River and Kingston, on Lake Ontario, would very greatly facilitate the accomplishment of that object ; but important as an inland navigation from Montreal to the Lakes undoubtedly is, and munificent as is the assistance which it has thus been proposed to extend to this valuable undertaking, so limited is the revenue of Upper Canada, that unless the Legislature of the Lower Province will consent to co-operate in carrying on a work of such vast importance to the safety and commercial advantage of so considerable a portion of His Majesty's dominions it will be extremely difficult for His Majesty's loyal subjects of Upper Canada to avail themselves of this most gratifying offer.

Should the British empire be again involved in war with the United States of America, the proposed canal would with the same exertions which were so promptly afforded by the Mother Country during the last contest, place the safety of these Provinces almost beyond the reach of doubt, by insuring a safe and less expensive mode of conveyance for naval and military stores of all descriptions to the upper portions of the Province, when the temporary occupation of a part of the frontier by the enemy, might otherwise interrupt these indispensable supplies.

Under the peculiar situation of the inhabitants of this Province, as respects the intercourse with Lower Canada in the event of a war, and the consequent obvious necessity of improving an inland navigation between that Province and the Lake, we venture to hope that His Majesty may be graciously pleased to recommend to the government of the sister Province the adoption of such measures, in conjunction with Upper Canada, as will best answer the object in view, and to this end, we beg leave to request that your Excellency will be pleased to have such communication with His Majesty's government as may appear to your Excellency most expedient and proper.

We also beg leave to request that your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the accompanying resolutions to the government of Lower Canada to be laid before the Parliament of that Province.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that the joint address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the loan of seventy thousand pounds, be concurred in.

In amendment, Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, moves that after the word " that " all be expunged and the following words inserted, " the address be read again on Monday next."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays being taken, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Beardsley, Beasley, Bidwell, Hamilton, Hornor, Leflerty, Matthews, McCall, Perry, Playter, Randal, Rolph, Scollick, Walsh, White, and Wilkinson—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Attorney General, Burnham, Burke, Cameron Clark, Crysler, Gordon, Ingersol, C. Jones, D. Jones, J. Jones, Lyons, McBride, McDonell, Morris, and Van Koughnet—16.

The question was carried in the affirmative by the casting vote of the Speaker, and ordered accordingly.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Matthews, moves that Messrs. Ingersol and Cameron be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House, and to present the same.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Leflerty gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that the Sergeant at Arms be instructed to rent two pews in the Presbyterian meeting House, for the use of the members of the House of Assembly.

Adjourned.

Thursday, 5th January, 1826.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves for leave to bring in a bill for the more ready recovering of estrays. Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the bill just read, be read a second time on Monday next.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the state of the Province.

Mr. Crysler in the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Crysler reported that the committee had risen on a question of order.

Mr. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burke, moves that it be resolved, that when in committee of the whole House a resolution is proposed for adoption and debated, a motion to withdraw such resolution is not in order if objected to, and the original motion pressed.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays being taken, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Attorney General, Beasley, Burnham, Burke, Cameron, Crysler, Gordon, C. Jones, D. Jones, J. Jones, McDonell, Morris, Perry, Thompson, and Van Koughnet—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Atkinson, Baby, Beardsley, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Leflerty, Lyons, Matthews, McBride, McCall, Playter, Randal, Rolph, Scollick, Thomson, Walsh, Wilkinson, and Wilson—19.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of four, and lost accordingly.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that it be resolved, that it is unparliamentary for any member to withdraw from the chairman of a committee of the whole House a resolution which has been proposed, read, and debated upon, without leave of the committee.

In amendment, Mr. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves that after the word " that " the whole of the original resolution be expunged and the following inserted, " a resolution which has been proposed, read and discussed in a committee of the whole House, cannot be withdrawn by the person moving it, without the consent of the committee."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays being taken, were as follows :