

We desire to convey to Your Excellency a sense of the profound respect with which this House has received the assurance of your conviction that with the public men of *British North America* it now rests to decide whether the vast tract of country which they inhabit shall be consolidated into a State, combining within its area all the elements of National greatness, providing for the security of its component parts, and contributing to the strength and stability of the Empire; or whether the several Provinces of which it is constituted shall remain in their present fragmentary and isolated condition, comparatively powerless for mutual aid, and incapable of undertaking their proper share of Imperial responsibility.

We unite with Your Excellency in fervently praying that in the discussion of an issue of such moment, our minds may be guided to conclusions which shall redound to the honor of our Sovereign, and to the welfare of Her subjects.

Which said Address being read by the Clerk, was unanimously agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed, and that the same be signed by the Honorable the Speaker of this House.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by the whole House.

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will please to appoint to be attended with the said Address.

The Honorable Sir *E. P. Taché* reported that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, to know what time His Excellency would please to appoint to be attended with the Address of this House, and that His Excellency had appointed to-morrow, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Government House in this city.

The Honorable Mr. *Alexander* presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act further to amend the Act respecting Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Roads and other Works in *Upper Canada*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *E. P. Taché*,

The House adjourned