

business during that time; also, for a similar Return of Writs issued, Verdicts rendered, and Judgments entered in the several District Courts of *Upper Canada*, and of the emoluments received by the various Clerks thereof, including their fees in Bankruptcy for that year.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Speech considered.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature, being read;

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. Fergusson moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, thanking His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session of Parliament:

To assure his Excellency that this House cordially unites with him in deeply regretting the death of the Queen Dowager, a Princess whose many virtues endeared her to all classes of Her Majesty's subjects:

That the occurrences of the past year, and the necessity which had arisen for providing suitable accommodation for Parliament while in Session, having imposed on His Excellency the duty of considering during the Recess, the important subject contained in the Address of this House of last Session, relating to the places for holding the future meetings of the Legislature, His Excellency in giving effect to the prayer of that Address by summoning Parliament to meet at this place, has given additional proof of his desire to meet the wishes of the People, as expressed through their Representatives:

That this House trusts with His Excellency, that the important changes recently made in the Imperial Navigation Laws, and the improvements effected in the Provincial Canals, will tend to promote materially the commercial interests of the Province, and to attract to the route of the *St. Lawrence*, a considerable portion of the Emigration from *Europe* to this Continent:

That it affords this House much gratification to learn from His Excellency that recent advices from *England* indicate a marked improvement in the value of Canadian Securities in the British market, and they assure His Excellency that nothing shall be wanting on their part which may have a tendency to encourage such reviving confidence:

That this House is fully sensible of the great importance to these Colonies of placing the Trade between the British North American Provinces on the most unrestricted footing, and they rejoice to learn that His Excellency has, during the Recess, been in communication with the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and *Prince Edward Island*, and with the Governor of *Newfoundland*, upon this subject, and to assure His Excellency that they are fully prepared to place such powers in the hands of the Executive Government as may enable it to meet the advances of the Sister Colonies in a liberal spirit:

That this House is pleased to learn that a measure for the establishment of free trade between *Canada* and the *United States* in certain articles the natural products of each, corresponding to that passed by the Legislature of this Province at its last Session on the same subject, is now under the consideration of the Congress of that country:

That this House is glad to learn that by an Act passed during the last Session of the Imperial Parliament, the entire control of the internal Posts in

*British North America* is vested in the Provincial Authorities, and they are prepared to take such further action on this subject as may be necessary in order to secure for the inhabitants of this Province, the benefit of a cheap and uniform postage rate:

That the expediency of effecting an increase in the Parliamentary Representation of the Province shall not fail again to engage their attention:

That this House will give its best attention to any measure that may be submitted for its consideration, founded on the Report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the conduct, discipline, and management of the Provincial Penitentiary, and they feel that the increasing wealth and population of the Province, and the growing aversion to Capital Punishment, render it highly important that the system of discipline established in that Institution, and in the Gaols, should be made as far as possible effectual for the prevention of crime and the reformation of offenders:

That they will be happy to receive the communications from Her Majesty's Commissioners for the promotion of the Exhibition of the Works of Industry of all Nations, to be held in *London*, in 1851, transmitted to His Excellency through Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and they feel the fullest confidence that the hope expressed by His Excellency that Canadian industry and produce will be fittingly represented on that occasion, will not be disappointed:

That this House is happy to find that the practice and proceedings in the Court of Chancery in *Upper Canada* have been placed upon an improved footing, calculated to facilitate the business of the Court and lessen expense to suitors:

To assure His Excellency that they will not fail to take into their most deliberate consideration, as of analogous, and perhaps even equal importance, the jurisdiction and practice of the Inferior Courts in that part of the Province, with a view to the extension of their sphere of usefulness, and the lessening as much as possible the expense of litigation:

That the regulation of Municipalities, and the construction of Gaols and Court Houses in *Lower Canada*, and the laws for the selection and return of Jurors, and those for the Assessment of property for local purposes in *Upper Canada*, shall also engage their best attention:

That this House will not fail to give their most careful consideration to the Accounts of the past, and the Estimates for the present year, whenever they shall be transmitted to them by His Excellency:

That this House receives with peculiar satisfaction the recommendation of His Excellency to direct their attention to an enquiry into the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province, and trust that the consideration of this important subject thus introduced under the highest sanction, will not fail to be attended with beneficial results, as well in dispelling illusory expectations, as in leading to the adoption of every practicable retrenchment that the efficiency of the public service will permit.

To assure His Excellency that he may fully rely on the readiness of this House to grant the necessary Supplies for the public service, and for the maintenance of the Provincial credit, than which they feel no duty connected with the discharge of their legislative functions to be more sacred:

That this House fully concurs with His Excellency that in the exercise of the Prerogative with which he is entrusted, it was his duty to mark Her Majesty's disapprobation of the course taken by persons holding Commissions at the pleasure of the Crown, who formally avowed the desire to bring about the separation of this Province from the Empire of which it is a part:

To assure His Excellency that the views put for-