

Political
Offences.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, as representing the Crown in this Province, expressing the gratitude of this House to Her Majesty, for having graciously pardoned several of the unfortunate and misguided individuals who were convicted of political offences, committed in this Province, in the years 1837 and 1838, (and for which they were transported to some of Her Majesty's penal Colonies), and humbly praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend that Her Majesty may be graciously pleased further to extend Her merciful consideration to such of those individuals as have not the means of returning to their native land, by affording them a passage to *England*, or some of the British Isles, from whence they may be enabled, with the assistance of friends, to reach their homes in *North America*, and be thus restored to the bosom of their friends.

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

Registry Laws.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly *Upper Canada*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday, the thirteenth day of January next.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

Provincial
Customs.

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday, the tenth day of January next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of repealing certain Acts and Ordinances, relative to the management and regulation of the Provincial Customs, and to duties of Customs, and other duties imposed by Provincial Acts; and to the licensing of tavern keepers, and venders of spirituous and other liquors: auctioneers, distillers, hawkers and pedlars; and keepers of billiard tables for hire, with a view to the substitution of other enactments for the purposes aforesaid, respectively.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

Shipwrecked
and Destitute
Seamen.

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday, the tenth day of January next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of amending the Act of *Lower Canada*, 6 *William* 4, chapter 35, to provide for the medical treatment of sick mariners, by authorizing the appropriation of a certain portion of the monies collected under that Act, for the relief of shipwrecked and destitute seamen.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

Trinity Houses
Quebec and
Montreal.

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday, the tenth day of January next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of repealing the Acts and Ordinances of *Lower Canada*, establishing the Trinity Houses of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and regulating pilots and pilotage, with a view to the substitution of further enactments on the said subjects.

Rights of
British Planta-
tion Vessels.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, have leave to bring in a Bill to secure the right of property in British Plantation vessels navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's Reign, *William* the Fourth, 28th August, 1833, and intituled, "An Act for the Registering of British vessels, and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels."

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time.

Orders of the
Day.

Ordered, That all the Orders of the Day, that now stand fixed for those days intervening between Friday, the twentieth day of December, instant, and Tuesday, the seventh day of January next, being the time which this House doth stand adjourned, shall be called on respectively in the order in which they now stand, after this House shall meet on the said seventh day of January.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, for the more equal distribution of the property of persons dying intestate, in that part of the Province called *Upper Canada*, being read, Intestate Estates.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January next.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee of Contingencies have leave to sit, notwithstanding the adjournment of this House.

Then on motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 7° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

WILLIAM HAMILTON MERRITT, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, having previously taken the oath according to law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the roll containing the same, took his seat in the House. Member for North Riding Lincoln.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid on the table:— Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Foster*, the Petition of *John Williams* and others, agriculturists, residing in the county of *Shefford*.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Petition of Messieurs *Freeland* and *Taylor* and others, manufacturers of soap and candles, in the city of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *William C. Keele*, of the city of *Toronto*, Attorney at Law.

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, the Petition of *Adam Irvine* and others, of the village and township of *Ancaster*, in the district of *Gore*.

By Mr. *Merritt*, the Petition of *Richard M. Boyle* and others, contractors on the macadamized road, leading from *Queenston* to *Grimshy*, in the district of *Niagara*.