

Thursday, 1st December, 1831.

SECOND SESSION, 11th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 2nd. WILLIAM IV.

It gives me very great satisfaction to acquaint you, that His Majesty was pleased to receive this Address in the most gracious manner; and it has been peculiarly gratifying to His Majesty's feelings to learn from His faithful Subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Upper Canada, that there is not a Colony or Country in which the people are enjoying a greater degree of prosperity and happiness than in that peaceful and flourishing Province.

His Majesty has no object so near his heart as the good of his people; and His Majesty commands me to assure you, in the strongest terms, that no distance, however remote from the immediate seat of Government, can weaken the interest which His Majesty takes in the well-being of those faithful and loyal Subjects, whose Address of Condolence it has been my duty to lay at His Majesty's feet.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GODERICH.

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council a return of Debentures redeemed and outstanding.

Government House,
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J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor has already communicated to the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, that he has received the Commands of His Majesty to propose to them the enactment of a Bill, declaring that the Commissions of the Judges of the Supreme Courts shall be granted during their good behaviour; and he now acquaints the Legislative Council, that in further pursuance of the general design of imparting to this Colony the benefit of the important principal of the British Constitution—the Independence of the Judges—it is His Majesty's settled purpose to nominate, on no future occasion, any Judge as a Member either of the Executive or of the Legislative Council; and that the single exception to this general rule, will be that of the Chief Justice of Upper Canada, who will be a Member of the Legislative Council, in order that they may have the benefit of his assistance in framing Laws of a general and permanent character. But that His Majesty will not fail to recommend, even to that high Officer, a cautious abstinence from all proceedings by which he might be involved in any political contention of a party nature.

Government House,
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Ordered, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respectfully thanking him for his several messages of this day, transmitting a return of Debentures;—the copy of a Despatch respecting the Address of Condolence to His Majesty; and on the subject of the Independence of the Judges; and assuring His Excellency, that the Legislative Council will not fail to give their serious consideration to the same.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Crookshank and Wells be appointed the Committee for the above purpose.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Ordered, that the report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada, praying for an increase of the Capital Stock of said Institution, was read.

The Honorable Mr. Crooks brought up the Petition of George Adams, and others, Inhabitants of the District of Niagara, which was laid on the table.

Pursuant to notice, His Honor the Speaker brought in a Bill to facilitate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and to afford to such Justices reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty.

The said Bill was then read, and it was—

Transmitting a return of Debentures.

On the subject of the Commissions of the Judges of the Supreme Courts.

Address ordered to be presented, thanking His Excellency for the above Messages.

Committee appointed therefor.

Quebec Ordinance repeal Bill committed.

Reported and leave asked to sit again.

Petition praying for an increase of the Capital Stock of the Bank of Upper Canada read.

Petition of George Adams and others, presented.

Justices protection Bill brought in.

Read first time.