

branches. The result cannot fail to confer the most material benefits upon the whole Province.

The re-organization of the Militia is also a subject to which I shall have to call your attention, as the present seems a favourable opportunity to alleviate unnecessary pressure upon the people, and to place this arm of the public defence upon a sounder and more satisfactory footing.

In perfecting these and other measures which will be brought before you, and in all your labours for the advancement of the welfare of the Province, you may rely upon my cordial co-operation and support. It is my earnest hope that a spirit of moderation and harmony may animate your councils and direct your proceedings. The Province has at length happily recovered from a state of severe trial and danger, and a bright dawn now opens upon its prospects. The promise of peace secured upon an honourable and advantageous basis, the re-establishment of tranquillity and security, the restoration of financial credit and commercial confidence, with the enjoyment of free and permanent institutions, are blessings for which *Canada* has reason to be grateful, and which, I feel assured, it will be your effort to preserve, and your pride to perpetuate.

The Legislative Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

PRAYERS.

An Act for the improvement of the Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*, was read a first time, *pro forma*.

The Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne.

And the same being read by the Clerk;

Ordered, that the House do take into consideration the foregoing Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, to-morrow.

The Honourable the Speaker acquainted the House, that there was a Member without ready to be introduced;

When the Honourable *George Jervis Goodhue*, was introduced, between the Honourable Messieurs *Sullivan* and *McKay*.

Then the Honourable Mr. *Goodhue* presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and it was read as follows:

PROVINCE OF }
Canada. } (CHARLES BAGOT.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c.

To our trusty and well-beloved *George Jervis Goodhue*, and to all to whom these Presents shall come—

GREETING.

KNOW Ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence we have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our Province of *Canada* and the Church thereof concern, we have thought fit to summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province; and we do command you, the said *George Jervis Goodhue*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear, for the purposes aforesaid, in the Legislative Council of our said Province, at all times whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be, in our said Province, convoked and holden; and this you are in no wise to omit.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed:

Witness our right trusty and well-beloved Sir *Charles Bagot*, G. C. B. one of our most Honourable Privy Council, Governor-General of British *North America*, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At *Kingston*, this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and in the sixth year of our reign.

C. B.

By Command,

S. B. HARRISON,

Secretary.

Then the Honourable Mr. *Goodhue* came to the table, and took and subscribed the oath prescribed by law, which was administered by *James FitzGibbon*, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honourable the Speaker signified to the House that, since the last Session, the

Honourable

The Assembly withdrawn, and His Excellency retires.

A Bill read (pro forma.)

Speaker reports a copy of His Excellency's Speech;

Ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Hon'ble. G. J. Goodhue, introduced;

Presents his Writ of Summons.

The Writ.

Sworn and takes his seat.

Speaker informs the House of the decease of a Member.