

ceedings of the Council of Trade, including Representatives from the different Provinces of *British North America*, which His Excellency has informed us that he convened, immediately after the termination of the last Session of Parliament, by instructions, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies; and also papers relating to the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty with the *United States of America*, and to the negotiations on the subject of our Commercial relations with that Country.

To agree with His Excellency that it has now become still more imperative to open, by an extension of the trade of the Country with other Nations, new Markets for the varied products of our Industry.

To assure His Excellency that this House will give its best attention to the Report which His Excellency has been pleased to announce his intention of communicating to Parliament as soon as received from the Deputation representing the Colonies of *British North America*, which in consequence of the notice for the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty, His Excellency deemed it needful, with the assent and approbation of Her Majesty's Government, to send during the Winter to the *West Indies* and *Brazil*, to ascertain the best means of developing and extending Commercial relation with these Countries.

To express to His Excellency the great pleasure with which this House has learned that the threats and preparations for attack on *Canada* constantly and openly made by a body organized in the *United States of America*, and, known as "Fenians" having compelled His Excellency, since Parliament rose, by the advice of his Ministers, to call out for active service a large portion of the Volunteer Militia Force of the Province, the spirit displayed by the people and their ready response to His Excellency's Proclamation have received the well merited approval of Her Majesty's Government.

To agree with His Excellency that the events which have occurred within the last few days afford additional proof of the necessity for the precautionary measures adopted.

To rejoice with His Excellency that the Province having been invaded by a lawless band of Marauders, they were promptly confronted and within twenty-four hours compelled to make a precipitate retreat.

To unite with His Excellency in deploring the loss of life and sufferings which have been entailed upon the gallant body of the Canadian Volunteers, in the engagement which took place in repelling so promptly the Invaders who had attacked the Country; and to assure His Excellency that we shall not omit to alleviate, as far as may be in our power, the miseries so wantonly inflicted on many families.—But while grieving for their individual loss, to express to His Excellency the feeling of pride with which this House accepts his congratulations to the Country on the fact of the first note of danger having shewn that *Canada* possesses in her Volunteers a body of men ready to peril their lives in defence of their Queen and Country.

To concur with His Excellency in the belief that the entire people have been thoroughly aroused by recent occurrences; and that it must now be apparent to all, that the whole resources of the Country, both in men and means, will at any moment be cheerfully given in repelling any Invasion of their homes.

To express to His Excellency the high gratification of this House at being informed that, in the measures of defence which he has been called upon to take, he has received the unremitting support of the Lieutenant General Commanding, and of Admiral Sir *James Hope*, and to assure His Excellency that it is to this House, as well as to him a source of unfeigned pleasure to acknowledge the gallant devotion displayed by the Officers and men of Her Majesty's Military and Naval forces in *Canada*.

To rejoice with His Excellency that the President of the *United States* has issued a Proclamation declaring that serious infractions of the laws of that Country have been and are being committed, by evil disposed persons, within the Territory and Jurisdiction of the *United States*, against the British Possessions in *North America*, and requiring Officers of his Government to exert every effort for their repression; and to unite with His Excellency in trusting that the course thus adopted will ere long prevent this country from being subjected to further attacks from the Citizens of a Nation on terms of amity with *Great Britain*.

To assure His Excellency that the maintenance of the Force on active duty, which the Government has been compelled to call out, having involved an Expenditure to a large amount which was not provided for by the votes of last Session, this House will cheerfully