

Wednesday, 21st January, 1835.

FIRST SESSION TWELFTH PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 5th WILLIAM IV.

subject, and relative to the arrangements proposed for the re-organization of the Post-Office in these Colonies.

We learn with much satisfaction that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to declare, that he has received with high gratification the assurances of the devoted attachment of the people of this Province to their Sovereign, and of their sincere and earnest desire to maintain and perpetuate their connection with the Great Empire of which they form an important part.

It is worthy of consideration, that these assurances were not contained in addresses merely congratulatory, transmitted upon any such occasion as the ordinary current of affairs naturally presents, but were called for by the public disclosure of a treasonable correspondence carried on with an inhabitant of this Province by a Member of the Imperial Parliament, representing the Metropolitan County of England. In this correspondence, the person referred to, disregarding his duty of allegiance, and the obligations peculiarly incumbent upon him in his responsible public station, avows his satisfaction in the conviction, that the Inhabitants of Upper Canada are fast approaching to that crisis when they will deliver themselves from what he traitorously calls "the baneful domination of the Mother Country"; and in language which can neither be misapprehended nor explained away, he encourages the people of this Province to throw off their allegiance to their Sovereign.

It is not surprising that His Majesty's Subjects in this Colony, than whom none are more faithfully and affectionately attached to His Crown, have deeply resented this insult; and we are convinced, that the numerous addresses spontaneously transmitted to be laid at the foot of the Throne, and which His Majesty has been pleased graciously to notice, speak the sincere sentiments of a people eager to deliver themselves from the reproach of the basest ingratitude, and from the suspicion of participating in the feelings and projects of any individual who can exhibit so unnatural an hostility to his Country.

On motion made and seconded, it was,

Committee appointed to know when the foregoing address would be received.

Ordered, that a Select Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when His Excellency would be pleased to receive this House with the foregoing address, and,

Members composing same.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Dickson and Crooks do compose the same for that purpose.

Petition of John Bennett, and others; And of William H. Merritt, and others, read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the petition of John Bennett, and others, of the Town of Cobourg, suggesting the plan of placing a light on the top of a Wind-mill erected by the said John Bennett, to answer the purpose of a Light-house, and praying the Legislature to accede to their proposition, by an Act to be passed for that purpose, &c.; and also the petition of William Hamilton Merritt, and others, Trustees of the Grantham Academy, praying for an amendment to their Act of Incorporation—were severally read.

Petition of John Hamilton, and others, brought up.

The Honorable Mr. Clark brought up the petition of John Hamilton, and others, being a Committee appointed to represent a numerous body of Freeholders resident on the Niagara frontier; which was laid on the table.

Petition of John Kilborn, and others, brought up.

The Honorable Mr. Markland brought up the petition of John Kilborn, and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Wolford, in the District of Johnstown; which was laid on the table.

Writ of Error Bill brought in.

His Honor the Speaker brought in a Bill to allow the issuing of Writs of Error from the Court of King's Bench.

Read first time.

The same was then read, and it was,

Ordered, that it be read a second time on Friday next.

Report of the Select Committee appointed to know when the address of this House, in answer to His Excellency's Speech, would be received.

The Honorable Mr. Crooks, from the Select Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when this House would be received with their Address, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint the hour of two of the clock, P. M., tomorrow, for that purpose.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.