

**2d Session, 9th Parliament, 5th Geo: IV.**

*To His Excellency SIR PEREGRINE MAITLAND, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
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**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,**

We His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons House of Assembly, in Provincial Parliament, assembled humbly thank Your Excellency for your several messages of the 29th ult. communicating the account of casual and territorial revenue, the statement of debentures, the arbitrators' report, the Canal Commissioners' accounts, and the returns of population for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.

**JOHN WILLSON, Speaker.**

*Commons House of Assembly, 16th December, 1825.*

Mr. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that Messrs. Morris and VanKoughnett be a committee to wait upon His Excellency to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House and to present the same.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. J. Jones, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole upon the several reports of the select committee upon the petitions, relating to the Welland Canal.

Which was carried, and Mr. Beasley was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Beasley reported that the committee had agreed to a resolution which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

The report was ordered to be received.

The resolution was then put, on which the House divided and the yeas and nays being taken, were as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Attorney General, Beasley, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Fothergill, Gordon, Hornor, Ingersol, C. Jones, D. Jones, J. Jones, Leftery, Lyons, Matthews, McBride, McCall, McDonell, Morris, Perry, Playter, Scollick, Thompson, Thomson and VanKoughnett—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Hamilton and Randal—2.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty three, leave was granted, and it was Resolved that it is the opinion of the House that it would undoubtedly be expedient to authorise by law the deviation from the route of the proposed Canal from the mountain to the Twelve Mile Creek, as prayed for in the petition of the President and Directors of the Company, and surveyed and reported upon, by Mr. Clowes and Mr. Roberts, Engineers.

The House then adjourned.

*Saturday, 17th December, 1825.*

Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Peter Lossing and others.

Which was granted, and the petition brought up.

Agreeably to the order of the day the petition of Leonard Soper, praying to be allowed to traverse a certain inquisition; the petition of the inhabitants of the county of Middlesex, praying to be erected into a separate District; and the petition of George Ward and others, inhabiting the Long Woods, praying for the privilege of erecting a dam across the River Thames—were read.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole upon the petition of the agents of the Honourable the East India Company, for the sale of their Tea in Canada.

Which was carried, and Mr. Clark was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Clark reported that the committee had agreed to a resolution which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

On the question for receiving the report the House divided and the yeas and nays being taken, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Attorney General, Beasley, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Fothergill, Gordon, Hornor, Ingersol, C. Jones, J. Jones, Leftery, Lyons, Matthews, McBride, McCall, McDonald, Playter, Scollick, Thompson, VanKoughnett, Wilkinson, and White—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Hamilton, Perry, Randal, and Rolph—4.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of 19. the report was received, and it was resolved, that it is the opinion of this House that it is expedient to address His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, stating the willingness of this House to concur in such enactments as may be made by the Legislature of Lower Canada, in respect to the several objects stated in the petition of the agents to the Honourable the East India Company for the sale of their Tea in Canada.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the resolution of this House upon the petition of the agents to the Honourable the East India Company, for the sale of their Tea in Canada, be communicated to the Honourable the Legislative Council, and the concurrence of that House be requested therein.

Which was ordered.

Messrs. Gordon and Leftery, were ordered by the Speaker to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council, a message communicating the resolution of this House founded on the petition of the Agents of the Honourable the East India Company, and to request their concurrence therein.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. Charles Jones, moves that his name and the name of Beardsley be struck off all committees upon which their names may stand, except the Welland Canal committee, and to insert other names therein.

In amendment Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that after the word "moves" the whole be expunged, and the following be inserted, "that the decision of the House in allowing the Attorney General's name to be struck off the committee on the petition of John Matthews, Esq. was not intended to imply a censure upon the other members of the committee on the bill entitled, "An Act to confirm and quiet in the possession of their estates, and to admit to the civil rights of subjects, certain classes of persons therein mentioned."

On which the House divided and the yeas and nays being taken were as follows:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Atkinson, Beasley, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Gordon, Hamilton, Hornor, D. Jones, Lyons, Leftery, Matthew, McBride, McCall, McDonald, McDonell, Morris, Perry, Playter, Randal, Scollick, Thompson, Thomson, Walsh, Wilkinson, and White—26.

NAYS.—Messrs. C. Jones, J. Jones, and VanKoughnett—3.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-three and ordered accordingly.

The original question as amended, was then put and carried.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, moves that Messrs. VanKoughnett, Wilkinson, and McDonald, be a committee to enquire if any and what laws are about to expire, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Which was ordered.