

11th & 12th January, 1831.

SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. *Lieutenant Governor.*

before the close of the next Autumn, suggest the expediency of adopting such a system of constructing the Highways of the Province as will best enable the Agriculturists in the more remote Townships to participate in its Commerce, and prevent the public and individual loss which must be sustained by their exclusion from a Market where the supply of the produce of this Country is quite unequal to the demand.

The Acts which are about to expire shall receive our early attention.

We shall not fail to examine the Returns and Reports prepared for us to shew the effect of the measures which have been adopted to ensure an active prosecution of Public Works, and to foster the Institutions organized with the sanction of the Legislature ; and we feel assured that the course pursued with that view, the encouragement and protection afforded to Emigrants of every description, and a judicious application of means to improve the Internal Navigation, will not fail to accord with the wishes of the people, and greatly to augment a class of Settlers who have been accustomed to love and venerate our Constitution, and whose labour, enterprise and capital, are essentially contributing to advance the prosperity and welfare of the Province.

[Signed,]

JOHN B. ROBINSON,
SPEAKER.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
11th day of January. 1831.*

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York enters,

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Allan and Gordon be appointed a Select Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when this House would be received with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of J. G. Bethune and others, praying for an Act authorising the erection of a new Gaol and Court House for the District of Newcastle, at Cobourg, and the appropriation of the District Funds for that purpose, which was laid on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Allan from the Select Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when this House would be received with its Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency had appointed the hour of eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow for that purpose.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until half past ten o'clock to-morrow A. M.

Wednesday, 12th January, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER. *The Hon. Messrs.* DUNCAN CAMERON,
The Hon. Mr. GEORGE CROOKSHANK, " " GEORGE H. MARKLAND,
The Hon. & Ven. the ARCHDEACON OF YORK, " " WILLIAM ALLAN,
The Hon. Mr. JOSEPH WELLS. " " PETER ROBINSON,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

At eleven o'clock A. M. the House proceeded to the Government House, and returned.

The Honorable Messrs. Baby and Gordon enter.

Then the Speaker reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to receive their Address, and to return an answer thereto of which he had obtained a copy, which he read, and it was again read by the Clerk as follows:—

Honorable Gentlemen :

I return you my thanks for this Address, and receive the assurances expressed in it with much satisfaction.

A Member enters the House.

A Committee appointed, to know when His Excellency would receive this House with their Address.

Petition of J. G. Bethune and others presented.

Report of the Select Committee appointed to know when His Excellency would receive this House with their Address.

The House adjourns.

The House meets.

Members present.

The House proceeds with its Address to the Government House.

Members enter the House.

The Speaker reports the Answer of Lieutenant Governor to the above Address.

The answer read.