

*Friday, 23rd November, 1821.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Present:—The Hons. Wm. D. Powell, Speaker, James Baby, John McGill, Thomas Scott, William Dickson, John Strachan, Joseph Wells and Duncan Cameron. Prayers were read.

The Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive this House with the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency had appointed this day at two o'clock, P.M. for that purpose.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was read a third time, and on motion made and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to take the same into consideration.

House in Committee, Mr. Baby in the Chair. The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the Address into consideration, and had made some amendments thereto, which they recommended to the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be accepted.

And on motion made and seconded, the Address was read as amended; ordered to be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Pursuant to the order of the day the Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was read a third time; and the question if it do now pass being put it was carried in the affirmative. Whereupon the Speaker signed the same.

At half past one o'clock, the Speaker, attended by the Members and Officers of this House, proceeded to the Government House, and presented their Address in the following words:—

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c., &c., &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency:—We, His Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our thanks to Your Excellency for Your Excellency's Speech to both Houses at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature.

We regret that our Commissioners for adjusting our financial interests with Lower Canada found it impossible to establish a new agreement on just and reasonable terms; and that the suspension of such a large branch of our revenue as that arising from our proportion of the duties collected at the Port of Quebec is thus occasioned.

We receive with grateful acknowledgements the fresh proof of Your Excellency's successful labours for the benefit of the Province, in providing the means for obviating the difficulties flowing from this embarrassing result until the Legislature could be assembled without public inconvenience.

Our relations with our Sister Province of Lower Canada shall command our earliest attention, as soon as the proceedings of the Commissioners are laid before us and we are not without hope that the interruption to the receipt of our principal revenue, by which the means of advancing public improvement must necessarily be much circumscribed, will be speedily removed by the reasonable interference of the Parent State.