

Thursday 8th December, 1831.

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

to, which places at the disposal of the Legislature of this Province, the revenues arising from the Statute of the 14th Geo. 3d. Cap. 88.

*Government House,
7th December, 1831.*

No. 42.

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DOWNING-STREET,
30th September, 1831.

SIR,

With reference to my Despatch of the 23d May last, No 26,—I have the honor to transmit to you an Act of Parliament passed in the present Session, to amend the Statute 14th Geo. 3d. Chap. 88.; which places at the disposal of the Legislature of Upper Canada the revenues of that Province, arising from the Statute of Geo. 3d.

The Act having been passed on the 22nd Instant, it has not been practicable since that time to issue the necessary order of His Majesty in Council, for confirming the Provincial Statute of the first year of His Majesty's Reign, Cap. 14. That order will however be issued by the earliest possible opportunity.

The Provincial Act will in the mean time have its operation.

I have the honor, &c.

(Signed)

GODERICH.

A true Copy.

(Signed)

E. McMAHON.

A. Sec'y.

Ordered, that an Address be presented to the Lieutenant Governor, respectfully thanking His Excellency for his several messages received this day, transmitting copies of Reports respecting District and Common Schools, Population Returns from the several Clerks of the Peace, and the copy of a Despatch, on the subject of revenues arising from the Statute of the 14th Geo. 3d. Chap. 88.

Address, ordered to be presented to the Lieutenant Governor, thanking him for the foregoing messages.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Hamilton and Crooks be appointed the Committee to present the same.

Committee appointed therefor.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, transmitted to this House, respecting the Independency of the Judges.

Message of Lieut. Governor respecting the Independency of the Judges, recommit-
ted.

The Honorable Mr. Markland took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the said Message, and had agreed to certain resolutions, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

Resolutions reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

The said Resolutions were then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Read first time.

Resolved. That the attention of this House has been called to that part of a Despatch transmitted to them by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Independence of the Judges, which signifies, that His Majesty will not fail to recommend to the Chief Justice of this Province a cautious abstinence from all proceedings by which he might be involved in any political contention of a party nature.

The Resolutions.

Resolved. That as the Chief Justice is also the Speaker, and a member of the Legislative Council, this House would feel much concern if they supposed that the above expression could be understood to convey any reflection upon the conduct of the individual who fills those high offices, with so much advantage to the Country and honor to himself.

Resolved. That while this House has the fullest sense of the gracious consideration of His Majesty, in continuing to them the invaluable services of their present Speaker, they feel persuaded that the high honor and sound discretion of that Officer, will be the best security that can be offered to his Majesty's Government, for his continuing to pursue the upright course which has so distinguished him, and render any recommendation on that subject wholly unnecessary.

Resolved. That a copy of these Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in order that by transmitting them to the Colonial Department His Majesty's