

1818
Gourlay

At a Meeting of the Representatives from the different Townships, assembled in General Convention, for the redressing of all public grievances in the Province, held at York, at Mr. Forest's Hotel, on Monday, the 6th of July, 1813:

Present,

Robert Gourlay	Lewis Ketchum	John Clap	George Hamilton	
William Brushum	Peter Hogboom	John Wright	Abel P. Forward	
Robert Hamilton	Henry Segar	David Damwood	Benoni Wells	Adam
Dills	Daniel Washburn	George Yocum	William Kerr	John Rose
John Clark	John Diokhout	Hugh C. Thompson	Peter Snitzer	Lieut.
Col. Richard Beasley.				

Resolved, that the thanks of this assembly are due to Mr. Gourlay for all he has done and suffered in the great Cause; for the industry with which he has circulated his calumnies, and the patience with which he has borne chastisement for them.

Resolved, that for the perfect security of the public money, collected for the defraying the expences of the Commissioners to and from England, it be placed in the hands of our right trusty friend Barnabas Bidwell, Esquire; who shall proceed with the Commissioners as their travelling Treasurer. And it is farther resolved that the said Barnabas Bidwell be particularly advised, for certain reasons, not to proceed with it to England through the United States.

Resolved, that Mr. Amos Ansley, as the most respectable in appearance of our body, be selected to present the petition to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, at the foot of the Throne. And that before the said Amos Ansley proceed on his mission, a commission of Lunacy be appointed, to enquire whether there are any immediate symptoms of approaching madness.

Resolved, that Mr. Robert Hamilton, Mr. John Clap, Mr. William Kerr, Mr. Peter Hogboom, Mr. John Clark, Mr. George Yocum, and Mr. George Hamilton son of the late Hon. Robert Hamilton, be a committee to accompany the said Amos Ansley, and that they be particularly careful for the credit of the Representatives, that the said Amos Ansley do not run naked about the streets of London, blowing horns or trumpets, as he has been occasionally wont to do.

Resolved, that the Convention being rather short of grievances, will defer sending home their Petition, for two months, during which time, any person who will furnish them with any general grievance, or with any particular lie against any person in office (or otherwise respectable,) sufficiently scandalous to be unanimously adopted by the representatives, shall be paid Twenty Dollars out of the Public Fund, so long as it lasts; and if the said particular lie shall concern the Reverend Dr. Strachan, they shall be paid five dollars additional—or any of his pupils, two dollars and a half.

Resolved, that Mr. Gourlay shall be at liberty to make up a contingent account for plasters and bandages, and shall be allowed 3s. 6d. for every kicking, and 5s. for every horsewhipping: and it is further Resolved, that an Address of condolence be presented to our loyal and patriotic captain George Hamilton, for the additional loss recently sustained in the wreck of his curricule, on the road between Bellville and little York, from want of his horses having the accomplishment he so elegantly recommends "of giving a long pull, a strong pull and a pull both together" which deprived this committee of the benefit of his transcendent abilities, and himself the opportunity of displaying his dignified oratory.

Resolved,