

**Sir P. Maitland, K. C. B. Lieut. Governor.**

"An act to repeal part of and amend the law now in force assigning limits to gaols in this province."

"An act to authorise James Atkinson to convey to trustees a lot of land for purposes therein mentioned."

"An act for the relief of James Radcliffe."

"An act to enable the president and directors of the Welland Canal Company to accept an aid from his majesty's government towards the completion of the said canal and to secure to his majesty the free use thereof."

"An act to authorise the rev'd John McLaurin to convey to the Ottawa district school trustees a lot of land, for the purposes therein mentioned."

"An act granting to Chauncey Beedle the exclusive privilege of establishing and running a line of public stages between the village of Ancaster in the Gore district and the town of Sandwich in the Western district."

"An act to continue and amend the law now in force for the trial of controverted elections."

"An act to require the magistrates of the several districts of the province to publish a statement of their district accounts."

"An act to incorporate certain persons, therein mentioned, under the stile and title of the Cataraqui Bridge Company."

"An act to amend the law regulating the practice of physic, surgery and midwifery, in this province."

"An act for affording public aid towards the completion of the Welland Canal."

"An act to confer upon his majesty certain powers and authorities necessary to the making maintaining and using the canal intended to be completed under his majesty's direction for connecting the waters of lake Ontario with the river Ottawa, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

"An act to make good certain monies advanced by his excellency the lieut. governor pursuant to the addresses of the house of assembly, at the last session of parliament."

"An act to provide for the construction of a harbour at the mouth of Kettle Creek, in the London district."

"An act to provide for the erection of a gaol and court house in the district of Gore."

"An act to provide for a further survey of the works done at the Burlington Bay canal and also to afford further aid to complete the same."

"An act for the further relief of insolvent debtors."

"An act to provide for the erection of a gaol and court house in the Eastern district."

"An act for granting to his majesty a supply for the support of the civil government for the year 1827."

"An act granting a sum of money to aid in the erection of a bridge across the Otonabee river in the Newcastle district."

And was pleased to reserve for the signification of his majesty's pleasure, the bill entitled "an act to provide for the more easy recovery of estrays," the bill entitled "an act to repeal part of an act passed in the fourth year of his present majesty's reign, chapter fifth, entitled 'an act to divide the county of Carleton in the Bathurst district,'" the bill entitled "an act to provide for the naturalization of such persons resident in this province at the period therein mentioned, as may not now be entitled by law to be regarded as natural born subjects of his majesty," the bill entitled "an act to confirm British subjects in their titles to real estates in this province, derived through aliens," and the bill entitled "an act to authorise the holding the inferior courts in the different counties of this province where the same are not now by law holden."

His excellency was then pleased to address the two houses with the following most gracious speech.

*Honorable gentlemen of the legislative council, and gentlemen of the house of assembly.*

In closing the present session, I have much pleasure in observing the several objects of public interest, to which you have directed your attention.

The last few years have been happily distinguished from the preceeding, by that spirit of enterprise in public improvements, which the increasing intelligence and number of our population have naturally produced. I am sensible how much of your time has been necessarily given to deliberations upon matters of this nature, and I most sincerely trust, that the aid which you have so liberally applied to the several public works now in progress connected with navigation, may produce that return of benefit to the province, which is now expected from them. I feel the responsibility which you have assumed, in thus giving so great additional support to the Welland Canal Company, but I am convinced that you have seen the necessity, and I very cheerfully share with you that responsibility.

*Gentlemen of the house of assembly.*

I thank you in his majesty's name for the supplies granted for the civil service of the province.

You may be assured that considering how small our revenue is, in proportion to the many objects which in a country so new and extensive, press for the assistance of the legislature, I have ever felt it to be my duty, to guard strictly against any unnecessary augmentation in the expenditure of the government, and so long as a just economy is observed, I am confident I shall continue to receive from you the support necessary for the public service.

*Honorable gentlemen and gentlemen.*

The bills which you have passed for the relief of persons requiring to be naturalized, and for confirming titles to real estate, are necessarily reserved for his majesty's consideration.

If among that portion of the people for whose relief alone these measures are intended, there are any who do not readily perceive and thankfully acknowledge, the unremitting efforts of the government for their security, it ought to be sufficient for them to know, that if they do not require the relief intended by these acts, none of their provisions can affect them; and that if they do, the want of any other remedy in some cases, and their own omission in others, to comply with the requisitions of the only statute under which they could be naturalized, will be repaired by the measures you have passed, in the manner best calculated for their security.

The powers and facilities provided by the act which you have passed, in relation to the projected Rideau Canal, will I doubt not, be entirely satisfactory to his majesty's government.

I trust that in the interval which may elapse before you are again convened, this province will continue to be favored with the abundant blessings which have long distinguished it. When you return to your several counties, your presence and exertions may be of much use, in giving a right direction to that enterprise and intelligence, which it is most satisfactory to see increasing with the growth of the colony; and it is my earnest hope, that each succeeding session may add a new impulse to the prosperity of Upper Canada, and strengthen the claims of the legislature, to the gratitude and confidence of its inhabitants.

After which the honorable the speaker of the legislative council declared that it was his excellency's pleasure that this parliament be prorogued to Saturday the 28th day of April next, and declared the parliament prorogued to the said 28th day of April, to be then and here holden.