

TUESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1839.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR COLIN CAMPBELL,

Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

May it please Your Excellency ;

Address

The Legislative Council have heard with surprise and regret that an armed force, under the authority of the State of Maine, has forcibly entered into that portion of the Province of New Brunswick, the right to which is in dispute between Great-Britain and the United States, but which is in the actual possession and jurisdiction of Great-Britain. The Legislative Council therefore hasten humbly to pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House any official information thereon, which Your Excellency may be enabled to afford, and may deem it not inconsistent with Your Excellency's duty to communicate to this House.

Adopted

Ordered, That the said Address be received and adopted.

Com. to present Address

Ordered, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Ratchford, be a Committee to present the said Address.

Report of Com.

Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to present the said Address to His Excellency, reported that the Committee had presented the said Address, and that His Excellency was pleased to state to the Committee, that the only official information he had received on the subject of the Address of the Council, was contained in a short Letter from His Excellency Sir John Harvey, Lieutenant-Governor of New-Brunswick, enclosing two Newspapers, (one of which the Courier, a St. John, N. B. Newspaper, of the 23d instant, His Excellency handed to the Committee) for the purpose of communicating to His Excellency a Message from the Governor of the State of Maine to the Senate and Representatives of that State, which is contained in the said Newspaper, by which it appeared that it was the determination of the Governor of that State to support the incursion into the Territory in question, by an armed force; and His Excellency further stated, that he had information that One Thousand Men were ordered out by that State, and that Four Hundred armed Men were actually on the Territory in possession of Her Majesty; and that it appeared the Legislature of the State of Maine had voted Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars to support these proceedings; that Sir John Harvey had earnestly requested His Excellency to send to New Brunswick every disposable man at his command, and in consequence, he would have sent on the 23d Regiment, but he did not do so, for want of a Militia Force here to protect the Arsenal, and other Public and Private Property in this Town; but that he had authorized Sir John Harvey to raise whatever Militia Force was necessary, at the expense of the Imperial Government, and so soon as the proceedings of the Provincial Legislature enabled him to know what Militia Force he could depend upon, he would adopt such measures as regards sending on further Troops as His Excellency might consider desirable.

Com to prepare Resolutions thereon

On motion of Mr. Stewart, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and report such Resolutions, and other measures, as it may be proper to adopt, in consequence of the invasion of the Province of New-Brunswick, by an armed force from the State of Maine.

Committee

Odered, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Ratchford, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Almon, be a Committee to prepare the said Resolutions.

Selection of School Lands Bill read 2d time

A Bill to provide for the selection and appointment of Trustees of Lands, granted, reserved, or otherwise allotted as School Lands, or for Schools, in this Province, was read a second time.

Ordered to Com.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve o'clock.

Wednesday,