

Lower Canada, to establish a firm, impartial, and vigorous government for both, and to unite the people within them in one common feeling of attachment to British institutions and British connexion; the Legislative Union of Upper and Lower Canada has been recommended by Her Majesty to the Imperial Parliament; and His Excellency the Governor General has invited the assent of this House to certain specified terms, upon which the Union may be established. It, therefore, becomes the duty of the representatives of the people of this Province, carefully to consider the provisions by which this measure may be carried into effect, with the greatest security to their future peace, welfare, and good government, and the permanent connexion of these Colonies with the British Empire.

Amendment moved,  
(Mr. Robinson.)

*In amendment*—Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Murney, moves that all after the word “Resolved” be expunged, and the following inserted: “That while this House feels truly grateful to Her Majesty for causing the subject of the Re union of Upper and Lower Canada to be submitted to the Representatives of Her Majesty’s loyal subjects in this Province, for their consideration, before finally adopting a measure calculated so materially to change their social and political situation—it cannot, after mature deliberation, give its sanction to any proposition, having for its object the Re-union of these Provinces, which they humbly submit, will, if carried into effect, have no other result than to render the difficulties in Lower Canada in a short time more formidable, while it would endanger the security and advantages which Upper Canada has hitherto enjoyed.”

Division on amendment.

On which the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

Y E A S .

Yeas—10.

Messrs. *Attorney General, Boulton, Caldwell, Cartwright, Elliott, Gamble, Jarvis, McCrae, Murney, Robinson,*  
—10.

N A Y S .

Nays—45.

Messrs. *Aikman, Armstrong, Bockus, Burrill, Burwell, Chisholm of Halton, Chisholm of Glengarry, Cook, Dellar, Duncombe, Dunlop, Ferris, Gowan, Hotham, Hunter, Kearnes, Lewis, Malloch, Manahan, Marks, McCargar, McDonell of Glengarry, McDonell of Northumberland, McDonell of Stormont, McIntosh, McKay, McLean, McMicking, Merritt, Moore, Morris, Parke, Powell, Richardson, Ruttan, Rykert, Shade, Shaver, Sherwood, Solicitor General, Small, Thomson, Thorburn, Wickens, Woodruff.*—45.

Amendment lost—  
majority 35.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of thirty-five.

Another amendment  
moved, (Mr. Cart  
wright.)

*In amendment*—Mr. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. Boulton, moves that after the word “Resolved” in the original, the whole be expunged and the following inserted: “That His Excellency the Governor General, in his message to this House, transmitted on the 7th instant, has declared “That it was with great satisfaction Her Majesty’s Government had learnt that upon the question of the Union itself, the House of Assembly had pronounced their decided judgement during the last Session,” this House feels it due to the wishes of their constituents—the best interests of the Province, and its connexion with the Parent State, to protest against any other construction being put upon the Resolutions of this House respecting the Union, other than a decided opposition to that measure, except upon the conditions which are set forth in these resolutions of the 27th March last, which this House, in its deliberate and mature consideration, feels it its duty to assert to be essential and indispensable.

Division on amendment.

On which the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

Y E A S .

Yeas—21.

Messrs. *Armstrong, Bockus, Boulton, Burrill, Burwell, Cartwright, Dellar, Elliott, Gamble, Gowan, Jarvis, McCrae, McDonell of Northumberland, McLean, Murney, Richardson, Ruttan, Rykert, Shade, Sherwood, Thomson,*—21.

N A Y S .

Nays—34.

Messrs. *Aikman, Attorney General, Caldwell, Chisholm, of Halton, Chisholm, of Glengarry, Cook, Duncombe, Dunlop, Ferris, Hotham, Hunter, Kearnes, Lewis, Malloch, Manahan, Marks, McCargar, McDonell, of Glengarry, McDonell, of Stormont, McIntosh, McKay, McMicking, Merritt, Moore, Morris, Parke, Powell, Robinson, Shaver, Solicitor General, Small, Thorburn, Wickens, Woodruff.*—34.