

Thursday, 1st December, 1831.

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

have been formed for that purpose, but nothing final has resulted from their suggestions, which is the less to be regretted from the circumstance, that hitherto the want of proper and permanent accommodation for the Legislature has exposed the Books to injury from frequent removals.

Resolved, That as there is every reason to hope that this inconvenience will terminate after the present Session, it is expedient now to adopt measures for rendering the Library more perfect and extensive, and to provide for its being properly taken care of.

Resolved, That it would be, on several accounts, more convenient if (in accordance with the practice in other Legislatures,) each House were to have a Library of its own, as it would avoid inconvenience in the selection and care of the Books, and in the use of them during the Session.

Resolved, That if the House of Assembly shall be of the same opinion, an Act might be passed, applying a sum annually to be appropriated by each House to the gradual formation of a Library, to be disposed of and superintended according to rules to be made by each House respectively; one of which rules should, of course be, that the Library of each House should be freely accessible to the Members of the other House during the Session.

Resolved, That it would also be proper to provide, as a part of such an arrangement, that each House should, during the Session, communicate to the other a list of the Books which they intend to procure for that year, because with respect to some rare or expensive works, it may be thought sufficient if they are in the possession of either House.

Resolved, That in case such a course should be adopted as is recommended in these Resolutions, it might be arranged between the two Houses, that one of them should take the whole of the present Library, and the other receive in consideration a larger grant for the first year; or that the Books shall be divided between them.

The said Resolutions being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House; then—

His Honor the Speaker moved, that the said Resolutions be communicated to the said Assembly by Message, to be sent by the Master in Chancery, and they be requested to concur in the same, which being seconded—

The question of concurrence was put thereon and carried in the affirmative, and it was—

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed the accompanying Resolutions on the subject matter of the Library, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

His Honor the Speaker reported to the House, that a Deputation from the Commons' House of Assembly had returned the Bill sent down to that House, entitled, "An Act to prevent the operation, within this Province, of An Act of Parliament made in England in the twenty-first year of the Reign of King James the First, entitled, "An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of Bastard Children; and to make other provisions for the prevention and punishment of Infanticide:—and acquainted this House that they had passed the same without amendment.

Several Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, were delivered by Mr. Acting Secretary McMahon, who being retired, the Speaker read the same, and they were again read by the Clerk as follows:

**J. COLBORNE.**

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council a Copy of a Despatch which he has received from His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting the Joint Address of Condolence to the King, from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly.

*Government House,  
30th November, 1831.*

(Copy.)

DOWNING-STREET, LONDON,

24th May, 1831.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd March, enclosing an Address of Condolence to the King, from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Upper Canada; and I have not failed to lay it before His Majesty.

Read 2nd time, and adopted.

Motion for communicating same to Assembly.

Adopted.

Resolutions to Assembly for concurrence.

Speaker reports to the House that the Assembly had passed the 21st James 1st. repeal Bill without amendment.

Messages from the Lt. Governor.

Transmitting the copy of a despatch respecting the Joint address of Condolence to the King.

The Copy.