

Wednesday, 21st January, 1835.

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

The Honorable Mr. P. Robinson brought up the Petition of William Purdy, and others, inhabitants and proprietors of Land in the Townships of Ops, Mariposa, Cartwright and Reach; which was laid on the table. Petition of William Purdy, and others, brought up.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

House adjourns.

WEDNESDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1835.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER.	<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> MARKLAND,	
<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> CLARK,	" "	P. ROBINSON,
" " DICKSON,	" "	GORDON,
" " CROOKSHANK,	" "	CROOKS,
<i>The Hon. & Ven. The</i> ARCHDEACON OF YORK,		

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Address to the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session was read a third time and passed ;

Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech read third time and passed. Same Signed.

Whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it is as follows :—

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, return our most respectful thanks for your Excellency's Speech from the throne. The Address.

In being convened to take into consideration the welfare of the people, we have the satisfaction of feeling assured, from the activity with which every description of improvement proceeds throughout the Province, that the general interests of the Colony are greatly prospering.

We concur with your Excellency in thinking, that the advantages arising from the flow of Emigration to the Province, and from the useful public works which have been directed and completed by the Parent State, and the Legislature of this Country, are to be obviously seen in the exertion, perseverance, and spirit of enterprise in each District, and in the independence and comfort which the more industrious portion of the population have speedily obtained.

In deciding on the means that can prudently be applied to encourage the present ardor for improvement, and to carry into effect the undertakings which have been projected to connect more extensively the navigable waters of the most flourishing Districts, these considerations will engage much of our attention.

We are gratified to learn from your Excellency, that the internal commerce carried on by the Welland Canal increases, and will be extended by the improved communications in progress on the Grand River ; and also that the completion of the Grenville Canal, and of the Public Works on the River Ottawa, have brought the Rideau navigation fully into operation.

We shall not fail to give our attention to the Laws which are about to expire, and to the recommendation of His Majesty's Government suggested by the several Acts passed by the Provincial Legislature to protect the interest of individuals in cases in which the local tribunals could not interpose, from which it has appeared to them expedient that such a revision should be made of our legal institutions as will prevent a delay in the administration of Justice in similar cases which may constantly occur. We shall feel obliged by any communication from your Excellency by which we can ascertain the views of His Majesty's Government on this