

tions within their respective cities, towns, townships, and other localities, for the purpose of general concert, and that the Select Committee appointed to draft a Constitution for this Convention be further instructed to prepare a Constitution and all other necessary forms for all such Associations. Carried.

Mr. Gowan moved, seconded by Mr Wetenhall, that it be Resolved—

That this Convention seizes the present opportunity of declaring its attachment to the crown, and the unfaltering desire of all its members that the administration of the public affairs of the country may be such as to root more firmly in the hearts of the loyal inhabitants a settled purpose and desire to secure the lasting connection of the colony with the parent State; and that it is the firm and deliberate opinion of this Convention that the longer continuance of the Earl of Elgin as the representative of the crown in Canada cannot conduce to that attachment to the Sovereign, or that peace in the country, which is essential to the unity and integrity of the empire.

The motion was carried.

It was then moved by Mr Vankoughnett, seconded by Mr Glassford, that it be Resolved—

That this Convention is of opinion that the Bill passed during the last Session for the payment of the Losses incurred in the unnatural Rebellion of 1837-38, involves (notwithstanding the interpretation put upon it by the British Government) a principle so insulting to those who have at the risk of life and property maintained their loyalty to Great Britain—a principle so subversive of all order and good government, that it must receive the unqualified condemnation of all men, whatever may be their political opinions or party prejudices, who agree in opinion with this Convention that the effect of the Bill will be but to carry out the intention and objects of those who framed it, viz., to reward the treason of rebels out of the pockets of the loyalists. That though this Convention entertains the view above expressed, it has yet received with great satisfaction the declaration drawn forth from the British government, on the appeal lately made to her Majesty, that the Bill referred to would not receive her Majesty's sanction, could her Majesty understand that its effect would be to pay rebels, while at the same time this Convention regrets that her Majesty should have been advised to adopt so erroneous a construction. Carried.

Moved by Mr Langton, seconded by Mr Throop—

That the first question to-morrow morning shall be the Union of the British American Provinces. Carried.

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