

Mr. Galt moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Sir Allan N. MacNab, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the following words added instead thereof: "an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to assure His Excellency that this House has viewed with the most profound regret the disturbance of the public peace in the City of Montreal during the last three days, which has resulted in the destruction of the Parliament Buildings, with the Provincial Archives and Library,—the destruction of much private property, and injury to the persons of Her Majesty's Subjects:

"That this House consider it their first duty to tender to the Government their assurance that nothing shall be wanting on their part to restore public tranquillity; and that they are ready to make provision for any measures judged necessary to protect the lives and property of Her Majesty's Subjects:

"That while this House are of opinion that the restoration of peace is the first object to be achieved, they consider that they should be wanting in their duty to the country, if they did not express their opinion that to the advice of the present Executive Government, in recommending His Excellency to assent to the Rebellion Losses Bill, and to the manner in which that assent was given, is to be attributed the disturbances which have resulted so disastrously for the honor and prosperity of this Province; and that this House fully recognizing the constitutional principle that the Administration are to be held responsible for all acts of the Government, desire to express to His Excellency their sincere regret that his Advisers should have taken that course which has caused insults to be offered to the Representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty in this Province, as well as to this House, which are calculated to diminish the respect of the people for the Constitution under which they live."

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs Badgley, Boulton of TORONTO, Christie, Galt, Gagy, Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, M^cConnell, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Sherwood of TORONTO, Smith of FRONTENAC, and Stevenson.—(14.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Solicitor General Blake, Boulton of NORFOLK, Boutillier, Cameron of KENT, Cartier, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Davignon, DeWitt, Solicitor General Drummond, Duchesnay, Dumas, Fergusson, Fournier, Fourquin, Hincks, Holmes, LaTerrière, Lemieux, Marquis, M^cFarland, Merritt, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Polette, Price, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, Thompson, Viger, Watts, and Wetenhall.—(37.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs Attorney General Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Solicitor General Blake, Boulton of NORFOLK, Boutillier, Cameron of KENT, Cartier, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Davignon, DeWitt, Solicitor General Drummond, Duchesnay, Dumas, Fergusson, Fournier, Fourquin, Hincks, Holmes, LaTerrière, Lemieux, Marquis, M^cFarland, Merritt, Nelson, Notman, Polette, Price, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, Thompson, Viger, Watts, and Wetenhall.—(36.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Badgley, Boulton of TORONTO, Cayley, Christie, Galt, Gagy, Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, M^cConnell, Papineau, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Sherwood of TORONTO, Smith of FRONTENAC, and Stevenson.—(16.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. Boulton, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Baldwin, Mr. Solicitor General Drummond, the Honorable Mr. Merritt, and Mr. Cauchon, be appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor General, in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

Committee to draw up Address.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton reported from the Select Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

Address reported.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, have witnessed with feelings of deep sorrow and indignation the proceedings of a mob of riotous and disorderly inhabitants of this City, who, in a time of profound peace and tranquillity, have committed several wanton and disgraceful Outrages, as well upon persons as property, the most prominent of which is the destruction of the Building occupied by the two Houses of Parliament. At such a moment of excitement, we feel it to be due to ourselves and to our Constituents, to assure Your Excellency of the devoted loyalty and attachment of the People of Canada to the Person and Government of our beloved Sovereign, and of their earnest desire to preserve the connection with the Parent State.

We further beg leave to express to Your Excellency our deep sense of the justice and impartiality which has uniformly characterized the constitutional Government of Your Excellency, while assisted by the counsels of your former as well as your present Advisers, without reference to the policy of either.

While we sincerely hope that the tranquillity of the City is now substantially restored, we feel it our duty to assure Your Excellency of our cordial support of any measure which Your Excellency may find it necessary to take for the preservation of the public peace, and we pledge ourselves to make good any expense that Your Excellency may have found it necessary, or may yet find it necessary, to incur for the accomplishment of that object.

The said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by the whole House.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province, do wait upon His Excellency the Governor General to know His Excellency's pleasure when he will be attended by this House with its Address.

Ordered, That Sir Allan N. MacNab have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Hamilton Mercantile Library Association.

Hamilton Mercantile Library Association Bill.