

May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Special Council for the affairs of Lower Canada, at a meeting convened by your Excellency, under the authority, and in pursuance of the Statute in this behalf provided, beg leave respectfully to return to your Excellency our thanks for your considerate care of the interests of this province, in having called our attention to Her Majesty's gracious message to both houses of the Imperial Parliament, relative to the re-union of the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, upon which important subject your Excellency has been pleased to desire the opinion of the Special Council.

In conformity with the desire of your Excellency, we have applied our deliberate consideration to the various complex interests and objects involved in the measure of re-uniting the two provinces: and we most heartily express our humble gratitude to Her Majesty for having granted her high sanction to a measure, which, from our local knowledge, and the experience we have had of the government of these Provinces, and of their past and present political state, we deem to be essential to their future peace and welfare, and to the good, constitutional, and efficient government of them, under the protecting care and authority of Her Majesty; and the adoption of which we are intimately convinced, has become of indispensable and urgent necessity.

In considering this contemplated measure, we have directed our attention to a few of the more prominent and important provisions, fit, as we conceive, to be embraced in it; and the views entertained by us on these, as well as on the measure itself, we have embodied in certain resolutions, which we have now the honour humbly to submit to your Excellency, as containing our opinion on the important subject respecting which it has pleased your Excellency to consult us.

The Honourable Mr. Moffatt moved, seconded by Mr. Gerrard,

That the Address to his Excellency, the Governor-General, now submitted, be adopted by this Council.

The Council divided on the motion.

YEAS.

The Honourable the Chief Justice.

Messrs. Pothier.

De Léry.

Moffatt.

McGill.

De Rocheblave.

Gerrard.

Christie.

Walker.

Molson.

Austin.

Harwood.

Hale of Sherbrooke.

NAYS.

Mr. Neilson.

Mr. Quesnel.

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved accordingly, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Moffatt, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Neilson.

Ordered, That the said address be presented to his Excellency the Governor-General by the whole Council, and that three of its members do wait on his Excellency, humbly to know when his Excellency will be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Honourable Messrs. Pothier and Moffatt, and Mr. Gerrard, be the said members.

The Council was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the Council was resumed.

The Honourable Mr. Moffatt reported that the Honourable Mr. Pothier, Mr. Gerrard, and himself, had, according to order, waited on his Excellency the Governor-General, humbly to know at what time his Excellency would be pleased to be attended by the whole Council with their address; and that his Excellency had been pleased to say that he would receive the same immediately after the passing of the Ordinances.

His Excellency the Governor-General, having entered the council chamber, he took his seat at the head of the table.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Neilson, seconded by the Hon. Mr. De Léry,—

Ordered,—That an Ordinance to continue for a limited time, a certain Ordinance relative to the seizing and detaining for a limited time of gunpowder, arms, weapons, lead, and munitions of war, be now read for the third time.

The said Ordinance was accordingly read for the third time.

His Excellency having put the question—“That this Ordinance do now pass,”

It was

Resolved in the affirmative.

His Excellency then signed the said Ordinance, and the Great Seal of the Province was affixed thereto by the secretary of the province.

No. 33.
Right Hon.
C. P. Thomson
to Lord John Russell.
November 18, 1839.
Enclosure No. 3.