

Report of Committee on searching Journals of Legislative Council on Seat of Government.

It was moved that there be a call of the House on Monday the thirtieth instant, for the purpose of taking into consideration the last mentioned Message of His Excellency, and the Documents accompanying the same.

Which being objected to—

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the negative.

Then it was moved that there be a call of the House on Monday the twenty-third instant, for the purpose last aforesaid.

Which being objected to—

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the negative.

Whereupon it was moved that the said Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, together with the documents accompanying the same, be committed to a Committee of the whole House presently,

Which being objected to—

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That the House be now put into a Committee upon the said Message and Documents.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the same.

After some time the House was resumed.

And the Honourable Mr. *Sullivan* reported, from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Message and Documents into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted accordingly, and that the said Message and Documents do stand as the first item on the Order of the Day for to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Members in Town who have absented themselves this day from the House be specially summoned to attend the service of this House to-morrow, at the hour of one o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 13th October, 1843.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was again put into a Committee of the whole House on the subject of His Excellency's Message of Tuesday last, in answer to the Address of this House, relative to the place where the Legislature is in future to assemble in this Province. After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honourable Mr. *Sullivan* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Message, and had directed him to report several Resolutions, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

It was moved that the said Report be now received, but that the said Message of His Excellency be again referred to a Committee of the whole House on Monday, the twenty-third instant.

Which being objected to—after debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the negative.

Then it was moved, That the Report be now received—which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was carried in the affirmative, and it was ordered accordingly.

The said Resolutions were then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

*Resolved*, That in assenting to the Union of *Upper and Lower Canada*, the inhabitants of the former Province were greatly influenced by a confidently cherished expectation, that the very reason of policy which induced Her Majesty's

Ministers to advise that important measure, would have a decided weight on the determining the locality of the Seat of Government.

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*Resolved*; That the Imperial Parliament, in giving to the Governor General, or the Representative of our Most Gracious Sovereign, the power to determine in what place or places the Legislature of this Province should assemble, evinced their desire that Her Majesty's Ministers should have ample authority to carry out their policy in that respect, in settling the future Government of this Province.

*Resolved*, That His Excellency, the late Lord *Sydenham*, the first Governor General of this Province, did, by the selection of a place in *Upper Canada* at which the first Provincial Parliament should assemble, act in accordance with the policy which brought about the Union, and in compliance with the wishes of the people of the Upper Province, as expressed through their Representatives.

*Resolved*. That, although many objections may have, from time to time, been strongly urged against the locality of *Kingston*, neither public or private interests appear to have weighed sufficiently in favour of any one other place, so as to unite a majority of the people of the Province in its favour.

*Resolved*, That the only proposition in which a majority of either branch of the Legislature concurred for removing the Seat of Government, united the supporters of two different Cities; and, though eloquently supported, and based on many public and patriotic considerations, yet nevertheless, the arguments advanced in its favour not only failed to convince Her Majesty's Ministers of the propriety of adopting and carrying it into effect, but drew from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies the expression of an opinion "that a change, involving, among other consequences, largely increased expenditure, ought not to be sanctioned, except upon the clearest necessity, and the general sense of the Province unequivocally expressed in its favour."

*Resolved*, That although Her Majesty's Executive Council of this Province did, in consequence of a reference to them by His Excellency, the late Governor General, adopt a Report, embodying the arguments in favour of a removal of the Seat of Government to *Montreal*, and such Report was transmitted to *England* for the information of Her Majesty's Ministers, the considerations therein advanced appear to have been insufficient to induce the *British* Cabinet to advise Her Majesty to act upon the conclusions of the Provincial Advisers of the Governor General.

*Resolved*, That in ignorance of any other reasons which have influenced the judgment of Her Majesty's Ministers in not adopting the views recommended in the Report of the Executive Council, this House naturally concludes that they continue to entertain the same opinions, both as to the general policy of the Union, and the locality of the Seat of Government, as were avowed and acted upon in carrying that measure through the Imperial Parliament, and bringing it afterwards into practical operation in this Province.

*Resolved*; That the Legislative Council have not, upon any of the grounds presented for their