

sum required to discharge the arrearages due on that head, I was grateful to find that the negotiation of the loan was immediately effected within this Province.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen:—The important matter I have already alluded to as inducing me to call you thus early together will demand your first and chief consideration; for until we are relieved from the interruption in the receipt of our principal revenue, the means of advancing public improvement must necessarily be much circumscribed.

There are doubtless other matters, however, on which your deliberations may be occupied with advantage to your fellow subjects. Looking to the situation of our Agricultural Interests, I cannot but feel desirous it might be found possible to afford some effectual encouragement to the experiment of cultivating hemp, and such other productions as would find a more constant and profitable demand in the Parent State.

You may be assured that I am always inclined to co-operate heartily with you in every measure in which my duty and judgment will allow me to concur; and I desire to impress upon you that a continuance of unanimity between the different branches of the Legislature is necessary to create confidence in our measures, and to give weight to our representations.

The Speaker and members of the Commons House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor retired; whereupon the House formed. Prayers were read.

The Speaker informed the House that he had a copy of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, which he read, and it was again read (*pro forma*) by the Clerk at the table.

On motion made and seconded, Messrs. Baby, Dickson and Strachan were appointed a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock, P.M.

*Monday, 22nd November, 1821.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Present:—The Hons. Wm. D. Powell, Speaker; James Baby, John McGill, William Dickson, John Strachan, Joseph Wells, and Duncan Cameron. Prayers were read.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, reported that they had done so; and now submitted it to the consideration of the House. Ordered that the said report be accepted, and

On motion made and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to take the same into consideration.

House in Committee, Mr. Baby in the Chair. The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the address, and recommended it to the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be accepted, and,

On motion made and seconded, the Address was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The Hon. Messrs. Baby and Strachan were appointed a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the House with their Address.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock A.M.