

Thursday 8th December, 1831.

SECOND SESSION 11th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 2nd. WILLIAM IV.

affairs which may the State and defence of our said Province of Upper Canada and the Church thereof concern. We have thought fit to summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province; and We do therefore command you the said Arthur Lloyd, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, at the Legislative Council of our said Province, at all times, whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be therein hereafter convoked and holden,—and this you are in no wise to omit.

In Testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well beloved Sir John Colborne, K. C. B., Lieutenant Governor of our said Province; and Major General Commanding our Forces therein, at York, this sixth day of December, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-One, and in the second year of our reign.

By Command of His Excellency.

J. C.
H. J. BOULTON,
Attorney General.
D. CAMERON,
Secretary.

Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st Geo. 3d. Cap. 31., administered to him.

He takes his seat.

Office test Bill read 2nd time.

Then the Honorable Mr. Lloyd came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st Geo. 3d. Cap. 31., which was administered by Grant Powell, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to dispense with the necessity of taking certain Oaths, and making certain Declarations in the cases therein mentioned; and also, to render it unnecessary to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as a qualification for offices, or for other temporal purposes, was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the same into consideration.

A Member enters the House.

Message of Lieutenant Governor respecting the Independency of the Judges, recommended.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank enters.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole. on the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, transmitted to this House, respecting the Independency of the Judges.

The Honorable Mr. Markland took the Chair.

A message being announced, the Chairman left the chair, and the House formed.

Messages from Lieut. Governor.

Several Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, were delivered by Mr. Acting Secretary McMahon, who being retired, the Speaker read the same, and they were again read by the Clerk as follows:

J. COLBORNE.

Transmitting School Reports.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council Copies of such reports respecting District and Common Schools, as have been received since the last Session of the Provincial Legislature.

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J. COLBORNE.

Transmitting Population Returns.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council copies of the returns received from the several Clerks of the Peace of the Population of the respective Districts of this Province, for the year 1831.

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J. COLBORNE.

Transmitting the copy of a Despatch on the subject of the Revenues, arising from the 14th Geo. 3d. Cap. 88.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the Legislative Council, a copy of a Despatch, which he has this day received from his Majesty's Secretary of State, for the Colonies, with a copy of an Act of the Imperial Parliament therein referred