

*Vicount Melbourne* had no objection to do all in his power to meet the wishes of his Lordships; but only let their Lordships consider what he was asked to do. He was asked to give a letter effect to the address which it really had not. After the 30 days had expired, the address on this subject would be no more than an address on any other subject, and was it then for him to say that if the house agreed to an address he would advise the crown to accede to it? [hear, hear.] He would say that such a thing had never been done since the time of the long parliament [hear, hear]—such a proceeding would be very much like the proceedings of that body [hear, hear.] When the noble Duke said it was owing to him (*Vicount Melbourne*) that the house did not had sufficient time to consider this subject, he was not aware of what he meant; for the set as soon as it had arrived from Canada was laid on the table; and he did not see that the government could have pursued any other course.

*The Duke of Wellington* said that what he meant was this—