

Nays 16.

Messrs. Beardsley,
Bidwell,
Baell,
Burwell,
Cook,
Duncombe,

NAYS.

Howard,
Jarvis,
Ketchum,
Lewis,
McCall,
A. McDonald,

Perry,
Robinson,
VanKoughnett,
W. Wilson—16.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that Messrs. MacNab and Samson be a committee to wait upon the Lieutenant Governor to know when it will be His Excellency's pleasure to receive this House with the address to His Excellency in answer to the speech of His Excellency from the throne.

Committee appointed to know when his Excellency will receive the house with address.

Ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that a standing committee, consisting of eleven members, be formed by ballot to take into consideration the most effectual method of improving the roads and bridges in this province, and all matters relating thereto, with power to send for persons and papers; and that the said committee, when formed, be requested to report to this House at as early a period as possible; which was carried and the ballot proceeded in, when the following members were chosen:

Standing committee on roads and bridges appointed by ballot.

Messrs. Morris, D. McDonald, W. Crooks, Burwell, Thomson, Ketchum, Chisholm, Jessup, A. McDonald, Macon and VanKoughnett.

Names drawn.

Mr. Perry gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal and reduce to one act of Parliament the several laws of this province for the appointment and defining the duties of parish and township officers.

Notice of parish and Township officer's bill.

Mr. Mackenzie gives notice that, on to-morrow, he will move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal so much of the act 31st Geo. 3d, chap. 31, as excludes from seats in this House Quakers, Methodists and Tunkers.

Notice of Quakers relief bill.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that the clerk do read that part of the journals of last session which relates to the petition of Samuel P. Jarvis, and the report thereon.

Notice of reading Journals on petition of S. P. Jarvis.

Mr. Elliott gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a bill for dividing, in certain cases, estates held by tenants in common, joint tenants, and tenants in coparcenary.

Notice of joint tenants bill.

Mr. Jarvis gives notice that he will, to-morrow, move for the reading of that part of the journals of last session, relating to the petition of Alexander Wood and Thomas Stoyell, of the Town of York, for vesting in trustees the market square, in the said town.

Notice for reading Journals on petition of Alex. Wood & Thos. Stoyell.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that he have leave to bring in a bill to allow persons tried for felony the benefit of full defence by counsel, and to regulate, in some other respects, the criminal practice in the courts of this Province.

Felon's counsel bill read a first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Which was granted and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Berczy gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a bill for establishing in this province, a registry of baptisms, marriages and deaths.

Notice of bill for Registry of Baptisms &c.

Mr. Berczy gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a bill for establishing a market in the town of Amherstburgh, and also wharfage fees whensoever a public wharf shall be erected in the said town.

Notice of Amherstburgh market bill.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1831.

THE House met.

Prayers were read.

The minutes of Yesterday were read.

Mr. Macon brought up the petition of Charles Berczy and fifteen others, of Amherstburgh, which was laid on the table.

Petition of Chas. Berczy and others brot up.

Mr. Ingersoll brought up the petition of Roswell Mount, Esquire, of the Township of Carrodoc, in the London District; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Roswell Mount, Esq. brot up.

Mr. William Wilson brought up the petition of Gabriel Colver, and 356 others, of the Eastern section of the London District; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Gabriel Colver & others brot up.

Mr. Samson brought up the petition of Daniel Lobdell, and nineteen others of the County of Hastings; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Daniel Lobdell & others, brot up.

Mr. MacNab, from the Select Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when his Excellency would be pleased to receive this House with its address in answer to his Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present session, reported that his Excellency was pleased to name the hour of one P. M. this day.

Committee reports that his Excellency will receive the house with address in answer to speech at one P. M. this day.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Thomas Markland, Esq. and eighty-eight others of the Town of Kingston, praying that authority may be given by law for the establishment of a Bank in the said Town of Kingston. The Petition of Jonathan Stevenson, of Caistor, in the Niagara District; praying for a pension, in consequence of his services in the militia during the late war with the United States of America. The Petition of Barnabas Bidwell, Esq. and thirty-one others of the Town of Kingston, praying that an Act may be passed incorporating said Town. The Petition of John Warren, Esq. of the County of Lincoln, com-

Petitions of Thos. Markland and 88 others, Jonathan Stevenson, B. Bidwell, Esq. and 31 others, and of John Warren, Esq. read

Question carried.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eight.

Motion for appointment of J. M. A. Cameron as such Clerk.

Mr. John Wilson, seconded by Mr. MacNab, moves that it be resolved, that John M. A. Cameron, of Hamilton, in the county of Wentworth, in the District of Gore, be the clerk of committees to this House during its pleasure, agreeably to the resolution just adopted.

An amendment proposed to the foregoing motion.

In amendment Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves that after the word "resolved" in the original motion, the whole be expunged, and the following inserted, "that a select committee be appointed to examine and report to this House who in their opinion is a fit and proper person to fill the office of under clerk in this House, and that Messrs. Bidwell, Jarvis, W. Wilson and Beardsley do compose said committee."

Previous question moved.

Mr. Bidwell moved the previous question, viz. that the question be not now put.

Amendment Lost.

Which was lost.

Original question put and carried.

The original question was then put and carried.

Address in answer to speech read third time and passed.

Agreeably to the order of the day the address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his speech from the throne at the opening of the present session, was read the third time, passed, and signed, and is as follows:—

Address in answer to speech.

To His Excellency Sir John Colborne, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, in thanking your Excellency for the gracious Speech with which it has pleased your Excellency to open the present session of the Legislature, beg leave to assure your Excellency that we participate in the deep sorrow and affliction which the demise of our late most gracious Sovereign has spread through the British Empire; an affliction which finds its greatest solace in the reflection that an illustrious member of that House, which for more than a century has wielded the sceptre of that Empire, whereof we are proud of being a part, has succeeded to the throne of his ancestors, declaring his resolution to rely upon the advice and zealous co-operation of Parliament in His Majesty's anxious endeavours, under the blessing of divine providence, to protect the liberties of his people, and to promote their happiness; a declaration which will long be borne in grateful remembrance by His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects.

We also desire to assure your Excellency that it will be our constant endeavour to advance, by every means in our power, the progress of our commercial intercourse with the parent state, which, with the tide of emigration which has recently turned to Upper Canada, is so eminently calculated to advance the prosperity of the Province.

We are fully sensible of the necessity which exists of introducing without delay such an improved system in the mode of constructing our highways as will enable the agriculturists of the more remote townships to participate in that rapidly increasing commerce which is now carried on by an inland navigation capable of being rendered, by the completion of those extensive public works now in progress for connecting the great waters upon our frontier, second to none on the face of the habitable globe.

Our most attentive consideration will be applied to the estimates and expenditure of the present year, so soon as the public accounts shall be laid before us, and the several acts which are about to expire will also receive our particular attention.

The returns and reports prepared for our examination, shewing the effect of the measures which have been adopted to ensure an active prosecution of the public works, and to foster the institutions organized with the sanction of the Legislature, will likewise engage our best deliberations; and we participate in the hope expressed by your Excellency, that the course pursued with that view, the encouragement and protection afforded to emigrants of every description, and a judicious application of means to improve gradually the internal navigation of the Province, will be found to accord with the wishes and interests of the people, and greatly to augment a class of settlers who have been accustomed to love and venerate our constitution, and whose labor, enterprise and capital are essentially contributing to advance the prosperity and welfare of this portion of His Majesty's dominions.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,
Speaker.

Commons' House of Assembly,
11th day of January, 1831.