

lief from this incumbrance. In the mean time you will find me always disposed to confine our expenditure within the narrowest limits which a prudent regard for the essential interests of the province will permit; and I fully confide in your readiness to make just provision for the maintenance of the Public Service.

Honourable Gentlemen & Gentlemen,

You are met to deliberate on the affairs of the province at a moment when happily for the interests of mankind, a variety of circumstances have concurred in raising the Great Empire to which we belong, to a height of power and prosperity, not exceeded at any period of her history. Under the auspicious reign of a beloved Monarch, the Royal Councils and the measures of an United Parliament, have, by the favor of Divine Providence, placed our Parent State in a situation, which claims the respect and admiration of other countries; and which, while it displays in a remarkable degree the blessings of internal happiness and tranquility, holds forth the best assurance of security and peace to the remotest portion of her dominions.

The King views with lively interest the efforts which the colony has directed to the improvement of its internal communications, and it is a

great satisfaction to me to inform you, that his Majesty's government is disposed to afford its co-operation in a manner that would materially facilitate the completion of those great works projected by the commissioners for the improvement of our inland navigation, whose report, with my recommendation, I was happy to transmit at the request of the Legislature, to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the colonies. The details of the correspondence which has passed on this subject shall be laid before you. They will exhibit an additional proof of the favorable disposition with which his Majesty's government regards this province; and I cannot forbear expressing the persuasion which experience permits me to indulge, that from the continuance of unanimity in your proceedings, and from a mutual confidence between the government and the people, His Majesty will receive the most convincing assurance that the advantages extended to you, are duly appreciated, and will be judiciously and effectually improved.

Nothing of moment occurred this day except the Petitions presented to the House to make void the elections of Messrs. Boulton and Lyons; the first was presented by Mr. Hamilton, the latter by Mr. Rolph.

The following is a General Return of the Population of Upper-Canada, as per District Returns made for 1824:—

Districts.	Under 16.		Above 16.		Total.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Eastern,	2,908	2,727	4,799	4,445	14,879
Ottawa,	564	550	915	551	2,560
Johnstown,	3,739	3,472	4,147	3,864	14,741
Bathurst,	2,441	2,304	2,813	2,544	10,121
Midland,	6,861	6,637	7,927	6,270	27,695
Newcastle,	2,335	2,263	2,653	2,041	9,292
Home,	3,980	4,227	4,611	3,791	16,609
Gore,	3,531	3,135	3,257	3,184	15,157
Niagara,	4,573	4,238	3,564	3,158	17,552
London,	4,591	4,203	4,704	3,851	17,559
Western,	1,785	1,650	1,964	1,553	6,952
	37,346	35,606	41,393	36,762	151,097

Total number of Males, — 75,739
ditto ditto Females, — 73,353

Less Females, 6,391