

**Sir P. Maitland, K. C. B. Lieut. Governor.**

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven, and ordered accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day the house went into the consideration of his excellency's speech at the opening of the present session.

The speech was read.

Mr. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Thompson, moves that this house do on tomorrow resolve itself into a committee to take into consideration his excellency's speech, at the opening of the present session.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves for leave to bring in a bill to provide for the appointment of guardians in certain cases.

Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Bidwell seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the guardian bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the postage on all letters to and from members during the present session be paid by the clerk of this house and charged in the contingent accounts.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Rolph seconded by Mr. Bidwell moves for leave to bring in a bill for the relief of religious societies.

Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Rolph, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the religious society relief bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Burnham moves that a select committee be appointed to consider and report on the expediency of amending the laws now in force which regulate the fees of the clerks of the peace of the different districts of this province, and that Messrs. Jones of Grenville, Thomson of Frontenac, and Ingersol, do compose the said committee, with power to send for persons and papers and report by bill or otherwise.

Which was carried.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will move tomorrow for the appointment of a committee of seven members by ballot, for the purpose of examining and considering the laws respecting assessments upon land, in order to suggest whether any and what alterations are necessary in order to ensure the collection of such assessments with the least injury and inconvenience to private interests, and generally to suggest any amendments that may appear necessary in the said laws, with power to send for persons and papers and to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Thomson of Frontenac, gives notice that he will tomorrow move that the president and cashier of the Bank of Upper Canada shall be required to make an immediate return of the funds and property of the said bank pursuant to the twenty-third clause of the bank act.

Mr. Jonas Jones gives notice that he will on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to continue the law now in force for the trial of controverted elections.

Mr. Jonas Jones gives notice that he will on Monday next move for the appointment of a committee to report upon the expiring laws.

Mr. Bidwell gives notice that he will on tomorrow move for leave to bring in a bill allowing persons tried for felony the benefit of full defence by council.

Mr. Perry gives notice that he will on Monday next move for leave to bring in a bill for the more easy recovery of estrays.

Mr. Matthews seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that the clerk of this house do place in the lobby the votes of this house.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Thomson of Frontenac, gives notice that he will on Thursday next move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal an act passed in the 56th year of the reign of his late majesty granting £2500 towards the support of the civil administration of the government of this province.

Mr. Morris gives notice that he will on Saturday next move for the appointment of a select committee to consider the several laws now in force for the summoning of juries.

Mr. McBride gives notice that he will on Wednesday next move for leave to bring in a bill to amend the law now in force relative to the granting of ale and beer licences.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will on Wednesday next move for leave to bring in a bill regulating the fees which shall be taken by justices of the peace in criminal proceedings.

Adjourned.

*Friday, 8th December 1826.*

Agreeably to the order of the day the petition from the inhabitants of the county of Prince Edward praying to be erected into a separate district, was read.

Mr. Peterson gives notice that he will to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill to form the county of Prince Edward into a separate district.

Agreeably to the order of the day the house went into committee on his excellency the lieutenant governor's speech, at the opening of the present session.

Mr. Thompson was called to the chair.

The house resumed.

Mr. Thompson reported that the committee had agreed to a series of resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the house.

The report was ordered to be received and the resolutions were read as follows :—

RESOLVED—That an humble address be presented to his excellency the lieutenant governor thanking him for his speech from the throne at the opening of the present session.

RESOLVED—That in the said address this house do assure his excellency that they fully feel the high responsibilities attached to them upon being convened in provincial parliament to discharge those duties of which the correct and diligent performance is most essential to the welfare and happiness of the people, to whom they can with confidence and satisfaction appeal for the zeal, diligence, and caution, with which they have served them.

RESOLVED—That they regret to find that the commercial and agricultural interests of Great Britain have experienced so severe a depression; and rejoice to hear that a confident hope may be entertained that the calamity is fast passing away; and when they find the excellent civil institutions of that great and glorious nation remaining unshaken amidst so unprecedented a pressure and extending still to every portion of her dominions the blessings of her liberality and protection, they feel additional reason to admire and imitate her illustrious examples.