
And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House standing and being uncovered), and is as followeth:—

Lorne.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, the accompanying Copy of a Despatch from The Right Honourable The Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, from the Senate and the House of Commons, presented to His Excellency in May, 1882.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 12th February, 1883.

The Right Honourable The Earl of Kimberley to Governor General the Marquis of Lorne, K.T., G.C.M.G.

DOWNING STREET, June 12, 1882.

MY LORD,—I have received and laid before the Queen the Address to Her Majesty from the Senate and House of Commons of *Canada* in Parliament assembled, which was transmitted in your Lordship's despatch of the 16th of May.

I am commanded by Her Majesty to request that you will convey to the Senate and House of Commons Her appreciation of the renewed expression of their unswerving loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty's person and Government.

Her Majesty will always gladly receive the advice of the Parliament of *Canada* on all matters relating to the Dominion, and the administration of its affairs; but with respect to the questions referred to in the Address, Her Majesty will, in accordance with the constitution of this country, have regard to the advice of the Imperial Parliament and Ministers, to whom all matters relating to the affairs of the *United Kingdom* exclusively appertain.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

KIMBERLEY.

The Marquis of Lorne.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Tuesday, 13th February, 1883.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By Mr. *Smyth*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*.

By Mr. *McCraney*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Halton*.

By Mr. *Davies*,—The Petition of the President, Directors, and Shareholders of the Farmers' Bank of *Rustico, Prince Edward Island*.

By Mr. *Rykert*,—The Petition of *Charles Linter* and others, Steamboat Engineers, of *Canada*.