

from the groundless imputations contained in the petition to which Lord Goderich refers, he should deem it proper to call the attention of the Secretary of State to the circumstance, that the instructions of which this house now so warmly approve, do but suggest a measure, which, in whatever form proposed, was rejected by the house in the second Session of this Parliament, in a desire to obtain a declaratory law, which Your Majesty had determined to be wholly inadmissible."

Thus apprised of His Excellency's intention to represent to your Majesty our conduct in this House two years ago, and to ascribe to us feelings and motives which we utterly disclaim, but which in our opinion some evil disposed persons have induced His Excellency to believe; we felt it to be our duty, from an anxious desire to preserve Your Majesty's favour and confidence, to pass certain resolutions explanatory of the critical and embarrassing situation in which we were placed in the second session of this Parliament, and the course which, under such circumstances, we pursued, in the exercise of our honest and upright discretion. To these resolutions, now transmitted to Your Majesty, we most humbly pray your royal attention and that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, through your principal Secretary of State for the colonies, to give us an opportunity of laying before Your Majesty such further explanations, as from the nature and extent of the charges preferred against us, may be required for our full justification in Your Majesty's sight.

Permit us, most Gracious Sovereign, humbly to beg Your Majesty to be pleased to put the most favourable construction upon the conduct of your faithful Commons, and notwithstanding any misrepresentation which may be transmitted to the prejudice of the people in this Province or of their representatives, we humbly beg to offer our assurance that we shall not cease to repose, as we have full reason to do every confidence in the exalted justice of Your Majesty and Your Majesty's Government.

(Signed)

JOHN WILLSON, *Speaker.*

Commons' House of Assembly, }
12th February 1828. }

YEAS---Messrs. Baby, Beasley, Bidwell, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Leferty, Lyons, Matthews, McBride, McCall, McDonald, Perry, Peterson, Randal, Rolph, Thomson of Frontenac, White, Wilkinson, and Wilson, 20.

NAYS---Messrs. Attorney General, Furnham, Cameron, Clark, Coleman, Gordon, Ingersol, Charles Jones, Jones of Grenville, Morris, Scollick, Thompson of York, Vankoughnett, and Walsh, 14.

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ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable 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