

cember last, I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to inform you that, inasmuch as you had not received the Writ of Summons, you cannot be held to have forfeited your seat in the Legislative Council of the Province, by reason of your non-attendance during the two past Sessions of the Legislature; and I now beg to enclose the Writ to you, with the request that you will be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the same at your early convenience.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed,) HENRY JARMY.

Depy. C. C. C.

*Ordered*, that the foregoing report be adopted.

*Ordered*, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, laying before His Excellency the proceedings and report of the objections of the Committee of privileges, as adopted by this House, upon the Writ of Summons of the Honorable *Jean Baptiste Taché*, to be a Member of this House.

*Ordered*, that the Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

*Ordered*, that the Honorable the Speaker be requested to communicate the said proceedings and report to the Honorable Mr. *Taché*.

The Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton* and *Dickson* enter.

The House, according to order, proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Whereupon, it was moved that it be Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his Gracious Speech from the Throne, and to express to His Excellency our congratulations on his assuming the Government of this Province, and our happiness at meeting His Excellency for the discharge of the high functions entrusted to us in the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, which various considerations of importance have prevented His Excellency from assembling at an earlier period.

2. That we participate in the joy which the birth of a Royal Princess has diffused throughout the British Empire, and are deeply grateful for the continued protection vouchsafed by Almighty Providence to our Gracious Queen, whose life and health are blessings to Her Subjects.

3. That we participate in the regret which has been felt throughout this Province on the demise of our late Governor, His Excellency's immediate Predecessor, whose heart was devoted to the public welfare, and learn with much gratification that his desolate widow and family, and his mortal remains, in passing through the neighbouring territory of the *United States* to the place of embarkation, at *New York*, were received with marked and affecting tokens of friendly respect, which indicated both the esteem in which he was held in a country where he had been personally well known, and also a generous sympathy worthy of the great Nation by which it was evinced.

4. That we trust with His Excellency, that the Act of the Imperial Legislature which facilitates the introduction of Canadian Wheat and Flour prepared in *Canada*, into the Ports of the United Kingdom, will prove a valuable boon to this Province; and that we thankfully accept it as a further proof of Her Majesty's unremitted care for the prosperity of this portion of Her Dominions; and that we shall have great pleasure in receiving from His Excellency a copy of the Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State on this interesting subject.

5. That we shall consider with earnest attention all measures which may come before us for the improvement of the system of Judicature in *Lower Canada*, of the Municipal Institutions, the Laws relating to Education, and the Jury system of both divisions of the United Province, of the Assessment Laws of *Upper Canada*, as well as on other important subjects.

6. That we gratefully acknowledge the desire of becoming acquainted with the local circumstances of the country requiring attention, which induced His Excellency to make a tour through the Province, such as the exigencies of public business would permit.

7. That we are much pleased to learn His Excellency's gratification in seeing a fine country advancing in improvement, and are grateful for His Excellency's notice of the manifestations of loyalty to our Gracious Sovereign, and of personal kindness to himself with which His Excellency was every where received.

8. That we rejoice that it has been highly satisfactory to His Excellency to witness the great works in progress, which, by means of the loan raised in England under the guarantee of the Imperial Government, the Province has been enabled to undertake or prosecute; and that we hope they are calculated to extend the commerce

The Report adopted.

An Address to His Excellency thereon to be presented.

The proceedings to be communicated to the Hon. Mr. *Taché*.

Consideration by the House of the Speech of His Excellency.

Motion for an Address of thanks to His Excellency.