

17th & 21st November, 1831.

SECOND SESSION 11th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 2nd. WILLIAM IV.

prepared, assuming that the Civil List Bill passed last Session will come into operation on the first of January next. I trust that you will make the necessary provision for the Public Service.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen :

The King, persuaded that the Judges should now be established in this portion of His Majesty's Dominions, independent of the Royal authority, and on the pleasure of the popular branch of the Legislature, has commanded that the enactment of a Bill shall be proposed to you, declaring that the Commissions of the Judges of the Supreme Courts shall be granted to endure during good behaviour, and not during the Royal pleasure.

I shall avail myself of the earliest opportunity to acquaint you, by Message, with the further instructions transmitted to me, referring to this additional proof of His Majesty's desire to promote the welfare of the Colony.

In every District much benefit has been derived from the last grant to improve the Highways ; but you can neither give activity and perseverance to an advantageous internal Commerce, nor render immediate value to the industry and capital gained by the recent extensive Emigration to this Province, without establishing a system for ensuring the effectual repair of Road and Bridges, and the improvement of the principal communications of the back Townships. Your exertions and local experience, in considering this subject ; the measures proposed to guide the future periodical Emigrations, and the aid intended to be granted by His Majesty's Government, for the encouragement of District and Township Schools, and the advancement of the purposes of Education, will gradually prepare the Colony for the reception of the Agricultural classes leaving the Parent State, which soon, I hope, we shall see spreading over the most fertile tracts of the Province, and enjoying a competence that few industrious Settlers in this prosperous Country of their adoption do not attain.

Committee appointed to draft an Address in answer thereto.

Members composing same.

House adjourns.

Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to His Speech at the opening of the Session : and—

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Wells, Markland and Hamilton, be appointed the Committee for that purpose.

On motion made and seconded the House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 21st November, 1831.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

Members' present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,
The Honorable Messrs. POWELL,
" " WELLS,
" " CAMERON,
" " MARKLAND,

The Honorable Messrs. ALLAN,
" " M'DONELL,
" " BALDWIN,
" " HAMILTON,
" " JOHN KIRBY.

Prayers were read.

The minutes of Thursday were read.

Speaker acquaints the House that a Member waits to be introduced.

Introduction of the Hon. and Rt. Reverend Bishop MacDonell.

Presents his Writ of Summons.
Same read.

His Honor the Speaker acquainted the House that there was a Member without, ready to be introduced.

When the Honorable and Right Reverend Bishop MacDonell was introduced between the Honorable Messrs. Powell and Cameron.

Then the Honorable and Right Reverend Bishop MacDonell presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and is as follows :—

J. COLBORNE.

UPPER CANADA.

WILLIAM the FOURTH by the Grace of GOD of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c.