

Geo. Macdonell,
and others.

Resolved. That the Petition of *George Macdonell*, and others, Inhabitants of the *Eastern and Ottawa* Districts, be referred to a Special Committee, to examine the contents thereof, and to report from time to time; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered. That Mr. *McLean*, Mr. *Chesley*, the Honourable Mr. *Neilson*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Cook*, and Mr. *Boswell*, do compose the said Committee.

Bank of Upper
Canada.

Ordered. That the Petition of the President, Directors and Company, of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, presented to the House on the fourteenth instant, be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of the President, Directors and Company, of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District.

Talbot Municipal
Council.

Ordered. That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Talbot*, be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *James Wilson*, and others, of the township of *Bayham*.

L. L. Hutchison,
and others.

Ordered. That the Petition of *L. L. Hutchison*, and others, of *Bayham*, be referred to the said Committee.

T. Ward, and
others.

Ordered. That the Petition of *T. Ward*, and others, of the town of *Port Hope*, in the County of *Durham*, in the *Newcastle* District, be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *George Macdonell*, and others, Inhabitants of the *Eastern and Ottawa* Districts.

Township of
Lochiel.

Resolved. That the Petition of divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the township of *Lochiel*, and other places, be referred to a Special Committee to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered. That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, Mr. *D. McDonald*, Mr. *McLean*, Mr. *Johnston*, and Mr. *Foster*, do compose the said Committee.

Rev. T. Cooke,
and others.

Resolved. That that part of the Petition of the Reverend *T. Cooke*, *S. B. Hart*, and others, Inhabitants of the District of *Three Rivers*, praying for the application of the Jesuits' Estates to the purposes of Education, in *Canada East*; and for the concession of the Lands of the Crown, in the rear of the town of *Three Rivers*, be referred to a Special Committee to inquire into the same, and to report thereon from time to time; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered. That Mr. *Kimber*, Mr. *Turcotte*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffat*, the Honourable Mr. *Neilson*, Mr. *Berthelot*, the Honourable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Honourable Mr. *Viger*, do compose the said Committee.

Address in
answer to
Speech.

The Honourable Mr. *Viger* reported, from the Special Committee appointed yesterday to draw up an Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:

To His Excellency, the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Bagot*, G. C. B. one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor-General of British *North America*, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

May it please your Excellency—

Address in
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Speech.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to thank Your Excellency for Your most gracious Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, and to convey to Your Excellency, with an assurance of our regret at the painful circumstances under which the Government of Your Excellency's Predecessor was brought to a close, our hearty congratulation on Your Excellency's assumption of the Government of this Province; and to assure Your Excellency that, in the discharge of the high and important duties to which Your Excellency has been called, you will at all times receive from us a cordial and constitutional support. We feel confident that Your Excellency's exercise of the Royal Prerogative, in selecting the present as the period for calling the Legislature together, was with a view to the benefit of the public service.

We assure Your Excellency, that we sincerely rejoice to learn that several events of interest to this Province and the British Empire have, since the last meeting of the Legislature, been, in their issue, mercifully directed by Providence for the security and advantage of both.

The birth of a Prince, destined, under God's protection, to occupy the British Throne, is to us, as it must be to all Her Majesty's faithful subjects, a source of the sincerest joy, and it will afford to us the highest gratification to join in cordial congratulations to the Queen and her August Consort upon this event, so conducive to their domestic happiness, and so auspicious for the nation.

We unite, with one voice, in thanksgiving to Almighty God, that He has been pleased to avert from our beloved Sovereign the danger to which she has been exposed by the treasonable attempt of an assassin, and by the malice of the reckless and wicked; and we cordially join in the prayer that the same Providence will continue to watch over, and long preserve a life so justly dear to all classes of Her Majesty's subjects.

We receive with great satisfaction the information that a Treaty between *Great Britain* and the *United States of America* has been signed on the part of Her Majesty, and since ratified by the Federal Senate, by which the important questions affecting this Province and the *United States* have been adjusted; and we augur the most favourable consequences from the assurance thus afforded, that peace will be maintained, and our undivided energies left to be directed to the advancement and development of those resources which a merciful Providence has so bountifully bestowed upon us.

We feel a just confidence that the accomplishment of such happy results has been among Her Majesty's chief objects in the negotiation of the Treaty; and we receive with the most profound respect and sincere affection the assurance which Your Excellency has, by the Royal Command, conveyed to us, that no wish is nearer to Her Majesty's heart, than that, under her rule and the protection of her Crown, all her faithful subjects in *Canada* may rest in undisturbed peace—may feel themselves to be one people with their fellow subjects in the British Islands—and may increase in wealth, prosperity, and contentment; and we assure Your Excellency that for the preservation of those blessings, Her Majesty's faithful Commons of *Canada* desire no other guarantee than the enjoyment of the British Constitution in all its integrity, as applicable to its condition as one of the Colonial Dependencies of that mighty Empire to which it is its pride to belong:

The high character of the British Government for fidelity to its pecuniary engagements, gave this House a full assurance of its promise to guarantee a Loan for