

14th & 16th. November, 1825.

2nd Session of the 9th Provincial Parliament, 6th Geo. 4th.

to the inconvenience of finding those rights denied which they have hitherto enjoyed, but which whenever they may be questioned, must be decided upon by those to whom the administration of justice is committed, according to law, and without regard to inconveniences which might be much regretted.

There are also in this province a number of Emigrants from other foreign countries and many discharged Soldiers of foreign corps, who, not having strictly complied with the provisions of those British statutes under which they might have been entitled to the privileges of subjects, are equally by law, exposed to the danger of being regarded as Aliens.

Of all the persons thus situated the greater part became inhabitants with the knowledge of the government: between those and others it does not appear necessary to discriminate. In the persuasion that they might all be safely received and acknowledged as subjects, with no other qualifications than those which the legislature of this province has from time to time thought it expedient to impose. The Lieutenant Governor has earnestly pressed the subject upon the consideration of His majesty's government, and has it now in his power to communicate to the Legislative council, that he has received His majesty's express sanction to assent to an enactment, which may afford relief to such persons as are now in the province; and the Lieutenant Governor doubts not that a subject so important, will receive the early and attentive consideration of the Legislative council.

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P. MAITLAND.

Message from His Excellency respecting the sufferers in New Brunswick.

The Lieutenant Governor feeling persuaded that the sympathy of the Legislative council will have been excited by the distressing accounts, which have very recently been published of the injury sustained by the inhabitants of New Brunswick from fires, which have laid waste large tracts of country and reduced the inhabitants of several Towns and villages to great distress, is desirous to assure the house, that he will be happy to concur in any measure that the legislature may have it in their power to adopt, for the purpose of alleviating, in some degree, the suffering of their fellow subjects who have been visited with so afflicting a calamity.

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Committee to prepare answers to the said messages.

Select committee on the message respecting civil rights.

ON MOTION made and seconded the honorable Messieurs M'Intosh and Cameron were appointed a committee to prepare addresses in answer to the said messages.—And on motion made and seconded, the honorable Messieurs Strachan, Dunn and Allan were appointed a select committee, to take into consideration the message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respecting the civil rights of certain inhabitants of this province, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

ON MOTION made and seconded, the house adjourned until Wednesday next, at two o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 16th November, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM CAMPBELL, Speaker

THE Honorable Messieurs, BABY,

M'GILL,

CROOKSHANK,

STRACHAN,

WELLS,

M'INTOSH,

CAMERON,

DUNN,

RIDOUT,

ALLAN,

Prayers were read.

A deputation from the Commons' house of assembly being announced, it was admitted and brought up, and delivered at the bar of this house a message in the following words: