

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. SPEAKER.

The Legislative Council doth give leave to the Honorable *James Skead*, one of their Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the contents of the Return to an Address of the 23rd April, 1863, for information respecting the Office of Supervisor of Cullers.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Wallbridge* (North *Hastings*), seconded by Mr. *Macdonald* (*Glen-garry*),

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the question of authorizing the local authorities of the County of *Hastings* to take the necessary steps to afford relief to persons residing therein, by passing a By-law for raising money to purchase seed-grain.

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Perrault*, the Honorable Mr. *Dorion* (*Hochelaga*), Mr. *Taschereau*, Mr. *Joly*, and Mr. *Wallbridge* (North *Hastings*), be appointed to enquire into the administration of the Seigniority of *Sorel*, since the granting of lands in free and common soccage by the Imperial Government; to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion of Mr. *Pouliot*, seconded by Mr. *Rémillard*,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Copy of the last Report of the Inspectors of Court Houses and Jails in this Province, in relation to the Court House and Jail of the District of *Kamouraska*.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *MacKenzie* (*Lambton*), seconded by Mr. *McKellar*,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement of the Fees and Emoluments of the Registrars of the Counties of *Brant*, *Essex*, *Dundas*, *Carleton*, *Glenurry*, *Halton*, *Hastings*, *Lambton*, *Kent*, *Oxford*, *Perth*, *Lennox* and *Addington*, *Prescott*, *Russell*, *Northumberland*, *Waterloo*, *Wentworth*, *Lanark* and *Middlesex*, and the Cities of *Toronto*, *London* and *Ottawa*, for the years 1863 and 1864.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

A Bill to establish the validity of Acts performed in *Canada* by certain Clergymen ordained in Foreign parts, and for other purposes, was, according to Order, read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for the protection of Settlers, in certain cases, in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Dorion* (*Hochelaga*) moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Laframboise*, and the Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Geoffrion* reported, That the