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1825.

by His Majesty's Command, in despatches from Lord Bathurst to the Governor in Chief, of the 11th Sept. 1820, and 13th Sept. 1821, imposing upon the latter "the necessity of refusing all arrangements that went in any degree to compromise the integrity of the revenue known by the name of the permanent revenue." These despatches, which must have been those intended by the Assembly, and which the Lieutenant Governor in answer to their address, said, were not to be found in the office of the Governor's Secretary, and that he was consequently led to conclude had been carried home by the Governor in Chief, with other papers likely to be useful in any deliberation with His Majesty's Ministers respecting the Government of the Province, had in fact, as it since has been generally understood, been so taken, and for the purpose supposed by the Lieutenant Governor.

Address relating to the defalcation.

The Assembly, at an advanced period of the Session, addressed the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency would lay before the House the substance of any answer he might have received to the humble address of the House to His Majesty in the last Session, praying a reimbursement of the defalcation of the monies levied in the Province and placed in the hands of the Receiver General; or any other information which His Excellency might have received of the determination of His Majesty's Government relating thereto, and which he should think proper to communicate to the House. In answer to this he informed them, by message, that he had not received any communication respecting that address; but that he had, however, by the last mail received directions to take the necessary steps for securing the debt due by the late Receiver General, and that to this end orders had been given to the Law Officers of the Crown.

Prorogation.

The business of the Session being brought to a close, the Legislature was prorogued on the 22d March. The Speaker on presenting the Bill of Supply, and a Bill to authorize a loan to complete the Canal between Lachine and Montreal, addressed the Lieutenant Governor, at the Bar of the Legislative Council in complimentary terms. His Excellency having given the royal sanction to the Bills passed by the two Houses, prorogued the Legislature with the following Speech:—