

THURSDAY, 22d JUNE, 1837.

The House met.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Aikman brought up the Petition of John Hammil, Contractor, for erecting a bridge across the Grand River, at Dunnville; which was laid on the table. Petitions brought up.

Mr. Cartwright brought up the Petition of the President, Cashier, and Directors of the Freeholders' Bank of the Midland District; which was laid on the table. Freeholders' Bank Midland District.

Mr. Sherwood brought up the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Toronto; also the Petition of Robert Edmondson, of Brockville; and also the Petition of the firm of Edward Lesslie and Sons, of the City of Toronto; which were laid on the table. Toronto Corporation, Robert Edmondson, and Lesslie and Sons.

Mr. Prince brought up the Petition of Francois Merchand, of the Town of Sandwich, Western District; which was laid on the table. F. Merchand.

Mr. Prince, from the Committee appointed to draft and report an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to the Speech of His Excellency at the opening of the present Session, in conformity to a resolution of the House, presented a draft, which was received and read twice. Address in answer to Speech reported.

The Address was read a third time, and passed, and is as follows:— Address passed.

To His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to thank Your Excellency, for Your Gracious Speech from the Throne, and to assure Your Excellency that we duly appreciate the consideration which has induced Your Excellency to convoke this Extraordinary Session of the Provincial Legislature, that they may have an opportunity of sharing with Your Excellency in the consideration of the Commercial difficulties which have assailed this Province; and fully aware that the embarrassments which exist proceed from circumstances which it has been impossible for Your Excellency to avert, Your Excellency may confidently rely on our devoting our best and zealous endeavours to realise the expectations you are pleased to express in our deliberations for the advancement of the best interests of the Province. Address in answer to Speech.

Convinced that by plain integrity of conduct the British Empire has amassed its wealth, we entirely concur with Your Excellency in the opinion that the people of Upper Canada, guided and influenced by this example, will feel it to be not only their duty, but their interest, to adhere to that simple principle in the religious as well as the commercial policy of our ancestors, which nobly commands us "to be true and just in all our dealings."

ALLAN N. MACNAB, SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly,
Twenty-second June, 1837. }

On motion of Mr. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. Robinson,

Ordered—That Messieurs Sherwood and Detlor be a Committee to wait on His Excellency, to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Address, in answer to His Speech from the Throne. Committee to wait on His Excellency.

Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Rykert, moves, that the Petition of George Gurnett, Esquire, Mayor of the City of Toronto, be now read, and that the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with as far as it relates to the same. Motion for reading Petition of Toronto Corporation.

Which was carried, and the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Toronto, praying for Legislative protection in the means used by the Corporation for carrying on the public improvements of the said City, and giving employment to the poorer classes of citizens, was read. Petition read.

On motion of Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Caldwell,

Ordered—That the Petition of George Gurnett, Esquire, Mayor of the City of Toronto, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to the Monetary System of the Province. Petition of Toronto Corporation referred.