

JOURNALS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Parliament
convened.

AT the Provincial Parliament continued by Proclamation and holden in the Township of *Kingston*, in Pursuance of an Act passed in the Parliament of the *United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland*, in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada* and for the Government of "*Canada*."

Thursday, 28th Sept'r., 1843.

The Members in attendance in the Building prepared for the accommodation of the Provincial Legislature, in the Township of *Kingston*, were—

The Honorable, the *Vice Chancellor*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

De Blaquiere,
Sullivan,
Morris,
Fergusson,
Macaulay,
Hamilton,

The Honorable Messieurs

McDonald,
Dickson,
Dionne, Amable
Goodhue,
Washburn.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency
the Governor
General comes
to the House
and com-
mands the at-
tendance of the
Assembly.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable 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, being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know "it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

The Assembly
attends.

Who being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following speech.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

His Excellency
opens the Ses-
sion by a gra-
cious Speech to
both Houses.

I am happy to meet you assembled for the discharge of the high functions entrusted to you. Various considerations of importance have prevented my calling you together at an earlier period.

Since your last Session, the birth of a Princess has diffused joy throughout the *British Empire*, and we have reason to be deeply grateful for the continued protection vouchsafed by Almighty Providence to our gracious Queen, whose life and health are blessings to Her Subjects.

In the same interval, an affecting event has occurred in *Canada* by the demise of your late Governor, my immediate predecessor, whose heart was devoted to the public welfare. Universal regret has done honor to his memory throughout the Province; and I cannot abstain from noticing that his desolate widow and family, and his mortal remains, in passing through the neighbouring territories of the *United States* to their place of embarkation at *New York*, were received with marked and affecting tokens of friendly respect, which indicated both the esteem in which he was held in a country in which he had been personally well known, and also a generous sympathy worthy of the great nation by which it was evinced.

The Act of the Imperial Legislature which facilitates the introduction of *Canadian Wheat*, and of Flour prepared in *Canada*, into the Ports of the *United Kingdom*, will, I trust, prove to be a valuable boon to this Province; and is a further proof of Her Majesty's unremitted care for the prosperity of this portion of Her Dominions. A copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State on this subject will be laid before you.

Measures will be submitted to you for the improvement of the system of Judicature in *Lower Canada*; of the Municipal Institutions, the laws relating to Education, and the Jury System.