

8th & 10th *January*, 1831.

SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K.C.B. *Lieutenant Governor.*

blessing of Divine Providence, to protect the Liberties of the People, and to promote their happiness.

The immediate prospects of the Colony, I am persuaded, you will consider favorable to exertion on the part of the Legislature, in reference to the progress of your Commercial Intercourse with the Parent State, the increasing Revenue, and the tide of Emigration which has recently turned with so much profit and advantage to Upper Canada.

It may be unnecessary to advert to the successful results expected from perfecting the communication between the great Lakes ; the value of an uninterrupted Inland Navigation being now fully appreciated. But, I must remark, that the efforts which are directed to accomplish this important object, and to complete the Rideau Canal before the close of the next Autumn, suggests the expediency of introducing without delay, such alterations in your system of constructing Highways, as will enable the Agriculturists of the more remote Townships to participate in the Commerce carried on by the population established near the shores of the Lakes ; and repair, in some degree, the public and individual loss sustained by their exclusion from a market, where the demand for the produce of this Country far exceeds the supply.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

The usual statement of the Revenue and Expenditure, and Estimates for the present year, shall be laid before you.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen :

You will give your consideration to the Acts which are about to expire.

The Returns and Reports prepared for your examination, clearly point out the effect of the measures which have been adopted to ensure an active prosecution of Public Works, and to foster the Institutions organized with the sanction of the Legislature : and I trust, that the course pursued with that view, the encouragement and protection afforded to Emigrants of every description, and a judicious application of means to improve gradually your Internal Navigation, cannot fail to accord with the wishes and interests of the People ; and greatly to augment a class of Settlers who have been accustomed to love and venerate our Constitution, and whose labor, enterprise and capital, are essentially contributing to advance the prosperity and welfare of the Province.

Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to draft an Address to the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Speech at the opening of the Session.

Committee appointed to draft an Address in answer thereto.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Markland, Robinson and Gordon, be appointed the Committee for the above purpose.

Members composing same.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock P. M.

The House adjourns.

Monday, 10th January, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* GEORGE H. MARKLAND,
The Hon. Mr. WILLIAM D. POWELL, " " WILLIAM ALLAN,
The Hon. & Ven. the ARCHDEACON OF YORK, " " PETER ROBINSON,
The Hon. Mr. JOSEPH WELLS, " " JAMES GORDON,

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon brought up the Petition of Ira Schofield and others, praying for an Act repealing the Law which requires that the District School shall be kept at Vittoria, and enacting that in future the said District School shall be kept in the Town of London, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of Ira Schofield and others presented.