

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Friday, Sept. 8th, 1854.

RESIGNATION OF THE MINISTRY.

After the presentation and reading of sundry petitions,

INSPECTOR GENERAL HINCKS rose and said, Mr. Speaker, I am about to move that the Orders of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and in submitting that motion, it is my duty to state to the House, what is probably already known to a great many honorable gentlemen,—that I felt it my duty this day, in conjunction with my honorable colleague, the Commissioner of Crown Lands, (Mr. Morin,) to tender our resignation to His Excellency the Governor General, that His Excellency has been pleased to accept our resignation, and that we now only hold office until our successors shall be appointed. I desire, Sir, to trespass on the time of the House for a few moments while I briefly assign the reasons that have led to our taking this step.

I shall not, Sir, go back—for I deem it unnecessary to do so—to any matters connected with the formation of the administration that preceded the present one, and of which I had the honor to be a member. But I shall content myself with stating that after that administration had been some time in office, after we had carried, by very considerable majorities, measures which have been received, I believe, with very great satisfaction by the country at large—measures that we shall always be proud