

Since the latter period the business of the office has accumulated to such a degree that I am constrained to beg that you will be pleased to bring the subject again under the consideration of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and to suggest to his Excellency that two clerks, in addition to the one at present allowed, would be fully employed in executing the duties of the office with the necessary despatch and satisfaction to the public.

I take the liberty of stating that there are now in the office, not acted upon, 564 descriptions for land patents, six fiats for special instruments, two fiats for grants to the Canada Company, about 60 uncompleted patents, the Acts of the past session to be engrossed for transmission to England and for publication in this Province, and the Assize Oyer and Terminer Commissions to be prepared for the approaching circuit.

This accumulation of business, if not completed before the Crown Officers leave the place on their respective circuits, must remain unfinished till their return.

I have, &c.  
(signed) D. Cameron, Secretary and Registrar.

(A true copy.)  
(signed)

John Beikie, Clerk, Executive Council.

(47.) R. (3.)

(Copy.)

In Council, 9 May 1836.

HIS Excellency came into Council and was pleased to require the opinion of the Council on the question, whether the Provincial Parliament should or should not be dissolved, and if the Council should advise in the affirmative. Minute in Council, 9 May 1836.

His Excellency desired advice as to the time when the same should be done.

Upon which the Council are unanimously of opinion—

That in consequence of the refusal of the supplies, and the other measures adopted by the House, for the purpose of embarrassing the Government, it is highly proper that his Excellency take the sense of the people, upon the conduct of their representatives, by a dissolution of the Provincial Parliament.

That delay in this case is inadvisable, as the public mind is thereby kept in a disturbed and anxious state, highly injurious to the welfare and tranquillity of the colony.

That the truly loyal and patriotic feelings expressed in the various addresses received by his Excellency, from most parts of the Province, show that the present time is favourable for the above purpose.

The Council therefore respectfully advise his Excellency to take an early opportunity of exercising His Majesty's Royal Prerogative of dissolving the present Parliament and summoning a new one.

(48.) R. (4.)

(Copy.)

In Council, 28 May 1836.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor having directed that the Council should be summoned for this day, and having come down to the Council, was pleased to submit the following question:— Minute in Council, 28 May 1836.

At what time would the Council advise that the present House of Assembly should be dissolved, pursuant to the minute in Council of the 9th instant, approved of by his Excellency?

The Council, having taken the same into consideration, were unanimously of opinion that his Excellency should be advised to order a proclamation to issue this day, dissolving the House of Assembly.

His Excellency further required advice of the Council as to the times of holding the respective elections, upon which the Council advised his Excellency as follows:—

1st. That the writs for a general election be issued bearing teste this day, and returnable on the 16th July.

That the county elections throughout the Province commence on Monday, 27th June:

For the City of Toronto, and the Towns of Niagara and Kingston, on Monday, 20th June:

For the Towns of Hamilton, Brockville and Cornwall, on Monday, 4th July.

(49.) R. (5.)

Sir,

C. C. Chancery Office, day of 1836.

I AM commanded by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to direct that the election for the county of be held at on Monday, the day of Instructions to Returning Officers. next ensuing.

To  
Returning Officer for the county of  
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.  
Samuel P. Jervis, C. C. Chancery.