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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.**

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# JOURNAL,



OF THE

# HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

OF

# UPPER CANADA.

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FROM THE SEVENTEENTH NOVEMBER 1831, TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH JANUARY 1832,

(BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE)

IN THE SECOND YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

**KING WILLIAM THE FOURTH:**

BEING THE SECOND SESSION OF THE ELEVENTH PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

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ARCHIBALD MACLEAN Esq.—SPEAKER.

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Session 1831—2.



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

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

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# RULES

## FOR THE GUIDANCE OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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### MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENTS OF THE HOUSE:

**RESOLVED,**—That this house do meet at 10 o'clock, A. M. and if, at that hour, there is not a quorum, the Speaker may take the chair and adjourn.

**II.**—That when the house adjourns, the members shall keep their seats until the Speaker leaves the chair.

**III.**—That whenever an adjournment takes place for want of a quorum, the hour at which such adjournment is made, and the names of the members present, shall be inserted in the Journals.

### QUORUM.

**IV.**—That twenty-three members, including the Speaker, shall form a quorum.

### MINUTES:

**V.**—That every day, immediately after the Speaker shall have taken the chair, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read by the clerk, to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the House.

**VI.**—That, during the reading of the minutes, the doors shall be closed.

### SPEAKER:

**VII.**—That the Speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house.

**VIII.**—That the Speaker shall take the chair when Black Rod is at the door.

**IX.**—That the Speaker shall not take part in any debate, or vote, unless the house shall be equally divided, in which case, he may give his reasons for so voting, standing uncovered.

**X.**—That when the Speaker is called upon to decide a point of order or practice, he shall state the rule applicable to the case.

### MEMBERS:

**XI.**—That every member, previous to his speaking to any question or motion, shall rise from his seat, uncovered, and address himself to the Speaker.

**XII.**—That when two or more members rise at once, the Speaker shall name the member who is first to speak, subject to appeal to the house.

**XIII.**—That every member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote thereon, un-

less the house shall excuse him, or unless he be personally interested in the question; provided such interest is resolvable into a personal pecuniary profit, or such as is peculiar to the member, and not in common with the interest of the subject at large, in which case he shall not vote.

**XIV.**—When the Speaker is putting a question, no member shall walk out of, or across, the house, nor when a member is speaking, shall any other members hold discourse which may interrupt him, nor pass between him and the chair.

**XV.**—That a member called to order shall sit down, unless permitted to explain, and all debate on the question of order, shall take place before the decision of the Speaker.

**XVI.**—That no member shall speak beside the question in debate.

**XVII.**—That any member may of right require the question, or motion in discussion, to be read for his information, at any time during the debate, but not so as to interrupt a member speaking.

**XVIII.**—That no member other than the one proposing a question or motion, (who shall be permitted a reply) shall speak more than once on the same, without leave of the house, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been mis-conceived, but then he is not to introduce new matter.

**XIX.**—That any member may, at any time, desire the house to be cleared of strangers, and the Speaker shall immediately give directions to the Serjeant at Arms to do so, without debate.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**XX.**—That the Master in Chancery attending the Legislative Council, be received as their messenger, at the clerk's table, where he shall deliver such message as he is charged with.

**XXI.**—That all messages from this house to the Legislative Council be sent by two members, to be named by the Speaker, accompanied by the Sergeant at Arms.

**XXII.**—That when the house shall judge it necessary to request a conference with the Legislative Council, the reasons to be given by this house upon the subject of the conference shall be prepared and agreed to by the house, before the

messengers shall be appointed to make the said request.

#### COMMITTEE.

XXIII.—That the rules of the house shall be observed in committee of the whole so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the times of speaking.

XXIV.—That in forming a committee of the whole house, before leaving the chair, the Speaker shall appoint a chairman to preside, who shall immediately take the chair without argument or comment.

XXV.—That every member who shall introduce a bill, petition, or motion upon any subject which may be referred to a committee, shall be one of the committee without being named by the house, except in cases of controverted elections.

XXVI.—That of the number of members appointed to compose a Committee, such number thereof as shall be equal to a majority of the whole number chosen, shall be a quorum, competent to proceed to business, (except in election committees,) where the number, to form such quorum, shall not be specially fixed by the House.

XXVII.—That in a Committee of the whole house, a motion that the chairman leave the chair, shall always be in order and take precedence of every other motion, and that when the motion is made on account of any question of order or privilege arising, the Speaker shall resume the chair without discussion or vote of the committee.

XXVIII.—That in a committee of the whole house, all motions relating to the matter under consideration shall be put in the order in which they are proposed.

XXIX.—That the mode of appointing a special committee, consisting of more than five members, shall be, first, to determine the number of which it shall consist, then, each member shall write on a slip of paper the names of as many members as are to form such committee, and deliver the same to the Clerk, who shall thereupon examine the said lists, and report to the Speaker, for the information of the house, who have most voices in their favor; and if any difficulty should arise by two or more having an equal number of voices, the sense of the house shall be taken as to the preference.

#### YEAS AND NAYS.

XXX.—That the Yeas and Nays shall be taken and entered on the minutes at the request of any one member.

#### MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS.

XXXI.—That one day's notice shall be given of all motions for introducing new matter, other than matters of privilege and bringing up petitions.

XXXII.—That a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

XXXIII.—That after a motion is read by the Speaker, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the house, but may be withdrawn at any time

before decision, or amendment, with permission of the house.

XXXIV.—That a motion for commitment, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment of the main question.

#### AID AND SUPPLY.

XXXV.—That if any motion be made for any public aid, subsidy, duty, or charge upon the people, the consideration and debate thereon shall not presently be entered upon, but adjourned till such further day as the house shall think fit to appoint, and shall be referred to a committee of the whole house, and their opinion reported before any resolution or vote of the house do pass thereupon.

#### BILLS.

XXXVI.—That when a bill or petition is read in the house, the clerk shall certify the readings, and the time, on the back thereof.

XXXVII.—That every bill shall be read twice before it is committed, and engrossed and read a third time before it is sent up to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

XXXVIII.—That when any bill shall be brought down to this house from the honorable the legislative council, or when any bill sent up from this house to the legislative council shall be returned with amendments, such bill so brought down, or the amendments, shall undergo the same readings and formal consideration, and the same shall be committed and be subjected to the same order, form and stages, as are observed upon bills originating in this house.

XXXIX.—That every public bill shall be introduced by a motion for leave, specifying the object of the bill; or by a motion to appoint a committee to prepare and bring it in; or by an order of the house on the report of a committee: and that every private bill, shall be founded on a petition, notice of the intention of the petitioners having been inserted in the Upper Canada Gazette for the period of six months previous to the meeting of the Legislature.

XL.—That no bill brought into this house shall have more than one reading on the same day.

#### PETITIONS.

XLI.—That all petitions to be introduced, shall be brought in immediately after the minutes are read, and that such petitions shall be read by the clerk, after the third reading of any bills that may stand for that purpose on the order of the day; provided such petitions shall have lain on the table two days.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

XLII.—That all orders of the day which, by reason of any adjournment, shall not have been proceeded upon, shall be considered as postponed, till the next day on which the house shall sit, and shall stand first on the order of the day, after the third reading of bills and addresses and reading of petitions.

**ACCOUNTS.**

**XLIII.**—That all accounts which shall in future be presented by any individual for work or labor done, or for articles furnished for the use of this house, shall be sworn to, and the affidavit specify that the charges therein contained, are the usual charges, and the commonly received prices for such work and labour, or for such articles furnished.

**PRINTING.**

**XLIV.**—That all the printing done by order of the house shall be engaged by contract for the Session, on the lowest terms offered, and during the session, be under the superintendence of a select committee; and during the recess, under the clerk.

**UNPROVIDED CASES.**

**XLV.**—That in all unprovided cases, resort shall be had to the rules, usages and forms of the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland.

Truly extracted from the Minutes.

**JAMES FITZGIBBON,**  
*Clerk of Assembly.*

**STANDING ORDERS OF THE HOUSE,**

**I.**—That the Public Accounts laid before this House at the present Session, be printed for the use of the Members as early as practicable—and that this Resolution be a standing order of the House in future, as to the Public Accounts to be hereafter laid before the Commons House of Assembly, and that two hundred copies of each Accounts be accordingly printed for this purpose at every Session.

Journal 1824. Page 130, M. S.

**II.**—That in all cases of controverted elections for Counties, Towns or Ridings, in this Province, the petitioners do by themselves or by their agents, within a convenient time to be appointed by the House, deliver to the sitting members or their agents, lists of the persons intended by the Petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the sitting members, giving in the said Lists the several heads of objections and distinguishing the same against the names of the voters excepted to, and that the sitting members do by themselves or by their agents, within the same time, deliver the like lists on their part to the Petitioners or their agents.

Journal 1825, Page 6, M. S.

**III.**—That in future two hundred copies of the Journals of this House be printed as soon as may be practicable after each Session of the Provincial Legislature, under the provisions of the (now 46th) rule.

Journal 1825-6. Page 367, M. S.

**IV.**—That whenever any item on the order of the day shall be called and the member who introduced

the same, if present, shall not be prepared to proceed thereon, the said item shall be placed at the foot of the order of the day.

Journal 1829. Page 529, M. S. Copy.

**V.**—That the Clerk of this House, with the approbation of the Speaker and the consent of this House, shall appoint all its subordinate officers and servants, (the Sergeant at Arms excepted,) and that no officer or servant of this House shall be removed or dismissed from his office or service without its knowledge and consent. As also that this House shall from time to time determine the rate of recompense to be made to all persons employed in its service, except in such cases as are already provided for by law.

Journal 1829. Page 46, M. S.

**VI.**—That no petition complaining of the election and return of any member who may be returned to serve in any future Parliament, shall be received by this House, unless it be presented during the first fourteen days of the Session next ensuing after the said election and return.

Journal 1829. Page 746, M. S. Copy.

**VII.**—That the Clerk, during the recess, shall allow members of this House to have access to the Journals and other records, between the hours of ten in the morning and three in the afternoon, of each day, and to take extracts or copies of such documents or records as they may consider necessary for their guidance and information.

Journal 1829. Page 747, M. S. Copy.

**VIII.**—That no person whatever (not a member of this House) shall be permitted to enter the Copying Clerk's Rooms.

Journal 1830. Page 129, M. S. Copy.

**IX.**—That the printed Edition of the Journals be disposed of as follows, viz. :—

Three copies to each Member.

One copy to each of the Members of the Legislative Council.

Six copies to the Lieutenant Governor.

Three copies to the Library.

One copy (each) to the Governors, Legislative Councils and Assemblies, of Lower Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island.

Three copies to the Library of the Imperial Parliament.

One copy to the Colonial Department.

Six copies to the Clerk's Office for the use of this House, and the remainder to such Members of the House of Commons of Great Britain, as the Speaker may direct.

Journal 1830. Page 194, M. S. Copy.

**X.**—That, in future, all notices of the intentions of members to introduce bills, motions, or resolutions, other than matters of privilege, shall be given immediately after the reading of petitions.

Journal 1831. Page 70, M. S. Copy.



# 2nd Session,---11th Parliament.

2nd William IV. 1831—2.

## PROCLAMATION.

### UPPER CANADA.

J. COLBORNE,

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

*WILLIAM the FOURTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c.*

To our beloved and faithful Legislative Councillors of our Province of Upper Canada, and to our Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of our said Province; to our Provincial Parliament at our Town of York, on the Twenty-second day of April, instant, to be commenced, held, called and elected, and to every of you:—*Greeting*:

WHEREAS, on the Sixteenth day of March last, We thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the twenty second day of April instant, at which time, at our Town of York, you were held and constrained to appear,

NOW KNOW YE, that We, taking into our Royal consideration the ease and convenience of our loving Subjects, have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on Thursday the Twenty-sixth day of May next ensuing, you meet us in our Provincial Parliament, at our Town of York, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of our said Province of Upper Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary, and herein fail not.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness our trusty and well beloved SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of our said Province, and Major General commanding our Forces therein, at York, this Eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and in the First year of our Reign.

By Command of His Excellency.

HENRY J. BOULTON,

*Attorney General.*

D. CAMERON,

*Secretary.*

By a further Proclamation of His Excellency Sir John Colborne, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, dated the twenty-fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further prorogued to the First day of July, next ensuing.

By a further Proclamation of His Excellency Sir John Colborne, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, dated the thirtieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further prorogued to the Fourth day of August, next ensuing.

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By a further Proclamation of His Excellency Sir John Colborne, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, dated the third day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further prorogued to the Tenth day of September, next ensuing.

Further Proroguing Provincial Parliament to 10th Sept'r.

By a further Proclamation of His Excellency Sir John Colborne, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, dated the tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further prorogued to the Fourteenth day of October, next ensuing.

Further Proroguing Provincial Parliament to 14th October.

### UPPER CANADA.

J. COLBORNE,

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

## PROCLAMATION.

*WILLIAM the FOURTH by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c.*

To our beloved and faithful Legislative Councillors of our Province of Upper Canada, and to our Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of our said Province; to our Provincial Parliament, at our Town of York, on the Fourteenth day of October instant, to be commenced, held, called and elected, and to every of you:—*Greeting*:

WHEREAS by our Proclamation bearing date the Tenth day of September last, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the Fourteenth day of October instant, at which time, at our Town of York, you were held and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE, that we, taking into our Royal consideration the ease and convenience of our loving Subjects, have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Executive Council, to relieve you and each of you of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Thursday the Seventeenth day of November, next ensuing, you meet us in our Provincial Parliament, at our Town of York, FOR THE ACTUAL DESPATCH OF PUBLIC BUSINESS, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of our said Province of Upper Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary, and herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: witness our trusty and well beloved SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of our said Province, and Major General Commanding our Forces therein, at York, this twelfth day of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and in the second year of our Reign.

J. C.

By Command of His Excellency,

HENRY J. BOULTON,

*Attorney General.*

D. CAMERON,

*Secretary.*

Proclamation Proroguing Provincial Parliament to Thursday 26th May, 1831.

Proclamation Proroguing Provincial Parliament to 1st July, 1831.

Further Proroguing Provincial Parliament to 4th August.

Proclamation Proroguing Provincial Parliament to 17th November, for actual despatch of public business.



PROVINCE OF }  
UPPER CANADA. }

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,**

THURSDAY, 17th NOVEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

At three o'clock P. M. the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod came to the Bar of the House, and delivered His Excellency's Commands for the immediate attendance of the House, at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber.

The Speaker and Members present then proceeded to the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, and returned.

Messrs. McNab and Duncombe, introduced Mr. Shade as a Member representing the County of Halton; and Mr. Werden as a Member representing the County of Prince Edward, and conducted them to their seats.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill for abolishing Imprisonment for Debt in certain cases, and for the amendment of the Law in cases of Insolvent Debtors.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill for the abolition of all oaths, religious tests and declarations, tending to the exclusion of Individuals from any offices of trust or emolument on account of their religious sentiments.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill for defining the power and duty of Justices of the Peace and Coroners, upon the Commitment or Bailment of Prisoners in Criminal cases.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Improvement of the Administration of Justice, in Criminal cases.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to punish disorderly conduct, by any person frequenting places se worship, during the hours of divine service.

Mr. McNab gives notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the second year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to reduce into one Act the several laws now in force, establishing District Courts, and regulating the practice thereof, and also to extend the powers of the said District Courts, and further to regulate the practice of the said District Courts in this Province, and to extend the jurisdiction of the same.

Mr. Speaker then reported, that in obedience to the orders of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the House attended at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, and that His Excellency had been pleased to open the present Session with a most Gracious Speech from the Throne, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had procured a copy.

The Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, at the opening of the present Session, was then read as follows:

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: and  
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

I meet you in Provincial Parliament before the expiration of the usual period of recess, as the opening of the Session at this season appears in every respect more convenient to the Province than in the early part of the year:

Several regulations respecting the Trade of the Colonies have been introduced into this Province since the close of the last Session; which His Majesty's Government is confident will promote the general prosperity of the Canadas, by encouraging a free Commercial intercourse on the Saint Lawrence, and increasing your exportations.

An alteration in the Timber Duties was contemplated: it had in view however, solely the repeal of certain fiscal regulations bearing unequally on the Trade of England; and you may be assured that should a change, or modification in the existing scale of Duties be at any time proposed, His Majesty's Ministers are so fully convinced of the importance of the North American Colonies to the strength and power of the British Empire, that they will not cease to feel that the progressive development of their resources is an object of the greatest interest to which they can direct their attention.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

I have ordered the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the current year to be laid before you—and also the Estimates for the supplies required for the ensuing year to be prepared, assuming that the Civil List Bill passed last Session will come into operation on the first of January next. I trust that you will make the necessary provision for the Public Service.

*Honourable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen:*

The King, persuaded that the Judges should now be established in this portion of His Dominions independent on the Royal Authority, and the pleasure of the popular branch of the Legislature, has commanded that the enactment of a Bill shall be proposed to you, declaring that the Commissions of the Judges of the Supreme Courts shall be granted, to endure during good behaviour, and not during the Royal Pleasure.

I shall avail myself of the earliest opportunity to acquaint you, by Message, with the further instructions transmitted to me, referring to this additional proof of His Majesty's desire to promote the welfare of the Colony.

In every District much benefit has been derived from the last grant to improve the Highways; but you can neither give activity and perseverance to an advantageous internal commerce, nor render immediate value to the industry and capital gained by the recent extensive emigration to this Province, without establishing a system for ensuring the effectual repair of Roads and Bridges, and the improvement of the principal communications of the back Townships. Your exertions and local experience, in considering this subject; the measures proposed to guide the future periodical emigrations, and the aid intended to be granted by His Majesty's Government, for the encouragement of District and Township Schools, and the advancement of the purposes of Education, will gradually prepare the Colony for the reception of the Agricultural Classes leaving the Parent State; which soon, I hope, we shall see spreading over the most fertile tracts of the Province, and enjoying a competence that few industrious Settlers in this prosperous Country of their adoption do not attain.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that it be resolved, that this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session.

Ordered.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on tomorrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to require the Sheriffs of the several Districts in this Province to give security for the fulfilment of the duties of their office.

Mr. Jarvis gives notice that he will, on tomorrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent frivolous and vexatious law suits.

Mr. Jarvis gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to attach the property of absconding Debtors.

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves that the Postage to and from Members of this House, be charged in the Contingent Expenses of this Honorable House, by the Clerk of the House, during the present Session.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move that it be resolved, that, whenever it shall be moved to take up any item upon the order of the day, out of its course, the question shall be put from the Chair without debate.

Mr. Elliott gives notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Line Fences and Ditches in this Province.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that two hundred copies of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature, be printed, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Black Rod delivers His Excellency's commands for attendance of House at Legislative Council Chamber.

House attends, and returns.

Mr. Shade and Mr. Werden, introduced.

Notice of Bill to abolish imprisonment for debt.

Notice of Religions Test repeal Bill.

Notice of Bill for defining the power of Justices and Coroners.

Notice of Bill to improve the Administration of Justice.

Notice of Bill to protect Religious Worship.

Notice of District Court Bill.

Speaker reports attendance of House at Bar of Legislative Council Chamber, and copy of His Excellency's Speech.

Speech read.

Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, at the opening of the 2nd Session 11th Provincial Parliament.

Speech of His Excellency to be considered on Monday next.

Notice of Sheriff's Security Bill.

Notice of Bill to prevent vexatious Law-suits.

Notice of Absconding Debtor's Bill.

Postage to be charged in Contingent Accounts.

Notice relative to the order of the day.

Notice of Line Fence Bill.

200 Copies of Speech to be printed.

SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

Prayers were read.

Present Messrs. Beardsley, Buell, Cook, Duncombe, R. Fraser, Howard, McCall, McKenzie, Mount, Roblin, Samson, Shade, Shaver, Thomson, Warren, Werden, White—17. No quorum.

At one o'clock, P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

MONDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

Prayers were read.

The minutes of Friday and Saturday were read.

Mr. Mackenzie brought up the petition of Peter Frank, and two hundred and thirty-nine others, of Vaughan, in the Home District, which was laid on the table. Petitions brought up. Of P. Frank, and others.

Mr. Thomson brought up the petition of the Reverend George O'Kill Stuart, and seventy-one others, of the Town and Township of Kingston, in the Midland District, which was laid on the table. Rev. G. O. Stuart, and others.

Mr. Warren brought up the petition of William Powell, and forty others, inhabitants of the Township of Bertie, in the District of Niagara, which was laid on the table. Wm. Powell, and others.

Mr. Samson brought up the petition of William Zwick, wick, and sixty-eight others, of the County of Hastings, which was laid on the table. William Zwick and others.

Mr. Bidwell brought up the petition of John Turnbull, and thirty-four others, of the County of Hastings, which was laid on the table. John Turnbull and others.

Mr. Roblin brought up the petition of James Cotter, Esq. and eighty-three, Magistrates and others of the County of Prince Edward, which was laid on the table. J. Cotter, Esq. and others.

Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of Andrew Snider, and two hundred and fourteen others, of Williamsburgh, in the County of Dundas, which was laid on the table. Andrew Snider and others.

Mr. Samson brought up the petition of Gideon Turner, and seventy-four others, of Thurlow, in the County of Hastings, which was laid on the table. Gideon Turner and others.

Mr. Samson brought up the petition of Thomas Markland, J. P. and twenty others, of the Midland District, which was laid on the table. Thomas Markland, J. P. and others.

Mr. Bidwell gives notice that he will, to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the more equal distribution of the property of persons dying intestate. Notice of Estate distribution Bill.

Mr. Bidwell gives notice that he will, to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill, to allow persons tried for felony the benefit of full defence by Counsel, and to regulate, in some other respects, the practice in criminal cases. Notice of Felon's Counsel Bill.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for an address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to employ a competent person or persons, to ascertain by survey, of the mouth of the River Trent, at what point a Bridge across the same may be erected to the greatest public advantage; to obtain plans and estimates of such a Bridge, and to lay the same before this House; the expenses attending which this House will cheerfully defray. Notice of Address to His Excellency, relative to Survey of Trent.

Mr. Howard gives notice, that he will on Wednesday next move for the adoption of the following resolutions: Notice of Resolutions for Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Accounts from Treasurers and Commissioners of Peace.

1st. Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the Treasurers of the eleven Districts of this Province, to cause to be laid before this House, with as little delay as practicable, a statement in detail of all the monies paid into the Treasuries of their respective Districts during the last past three years;—likewise, a detailed account of all the several appropriations that have been made of said monies within that time; by what authority such appropriations were directed to be made; for what purposes, and the balance remaining in the Treasury of each of their respective Districts, of all monies unappropriated.

2nd. Resolved, that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the Commissioners of the Peace in each and every District of this Province, to cause to be laid before this House, with as little delay as possible, a detailed account of all the monies appropriated by said Commissioners, for the improvement of Roads and Bridges, arising from the sale of wild lands, under the wild land assessment tax, and what part of said appropriations of said monies appropriated by said Commissioners have been applied agreeable to said appropriations; and whether any part of said monies thus appropriated, re-

Petition of Daniel McCall and others, brought up. Mr. McCall brought up the Petition of Daniel McCall, junior, and one hundred and forty others, inhabitants of the Eastern part of the London District, which was laid on the table.

Petition of Hugh Richardson and others, brought up. Mr. Jarvis brought up the Petition of Hugh Richardson, and thirty-eight others, Proprietors or Masters of Steam-Boats and other craft, Navigating Lake Ontario, and of certain inhabitants of the Town of York, which was laid on the table.

Petition of Baker, How and, and Flummerfelt, brought up. Mr. Jarvis brought up the Petition of Charles Baker, Ulick Howard, and Cornelius Flummerfelt, Debtors confined to the Gaol Limits of the Town of York, which was laid on the table.

Notice of Bill to give Salaries to Judges of District Courts. Mr. McNab gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of an Act passed in the second year of His late Majesty's Reign, establishing the Fees to be taken by the Judges of the District Courts, and to grant Salaries in lieu thereof.

Notice of Committee of whole on the subject of second Circuit. Mr. McNab gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the propriety of addressing His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will order a second Circuit in several of the Districts of this Province.

Notice of Bill to make good certain votes. Mr. McNab gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to make good certain votes of the Assembly of this Province, of certain sums to Officers of the Legislature and others, in the second Session of the ninth Parliament, and in the first Session of the tenth Parliament.

Notice of requiring Bank Statement. Mr. McKenzie gives notice that he intends, on Thursday next, to move that the Bank of Upper Canada be required to give a full statement of its affairs, for the information of this House.

Notice of enquiry Contingent Expenses Legislative Council. Mr. McKenzie gives notice that he intends, to-morrow, to move for an enquiry into the Contingent Expenses of the Legislative Council.

Notice of Chaplain's Salary repeal Bill. Mr. McKenzie gives notice that he intends, to-morrow, to move for leave to bring in a Bill, to repeal the Law providing a Salary for the Chaplain of the House of Assembly.

Notice of Libel Bill. Mr. McKenzie gives notice that he intends, to-morrow, to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Libel.

Notice of Address to His Excellency on the subject of return of Emoluments. Mr. McKenzie gives notice that he intends, on the first December next, to move a Resolution for an Address to the Lieutenant Governor, respecting His Excellency's answers to the Addresses of this House requiring information concerning Militia fines, fines paid by Quakers and others, and the Emoluments of the Officers of Government.

Notice of Address relative to the two Councils. Mr. McKenzie gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move a Resolution for an Address to His Excellency, requiring a list of the names of the Members of the Executive Council, and a list of the Members of the Legislative Council, with the date and tenor of their appointments, and such Official information on the subject of such appointments as His Excellency may feel justified in laying before this House.

Notice of Advertising Price Bill. Mr. McKenzie gives notice that he intends to-morrow, to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the prices of Official Advertising.

Notice of Banking Bill. Mr. McKenzie gives notice that he intends, to-morrow, to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the business of Banking, in this Province.

Notice of requiring Welland Canal Statement. Mr. McKenzie gives notice that he intends, to-morrow, to move that the Welland Canal Company be required to give to this House the Annual Statement of their affairs required by Law.

Notice of Resolution relative to fines, forfeitures &c. Mr. McKenzie gives notice that he intends, to-morrow, to move a resolution for obtaining detailed information concerning the monies that have come into the hands of the Government during the last two years, from fines, forfeitures, ferries, and seizures.

Notice of Resolution relative to Funds of King's College and School Book appropriation. Mr. McKenzie gives notice that he intends, to-morrow, to move a resolution requiring detailed information from Government, concerning the funds of King's College, and the application of the One hundred and Fifty Pounds annually granted to purchase School Books.

Notice of Bill to repeal and amend School Laws. Mr. Buell gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal and amend the laws relating to District Common Schools.

No quorum. Present, Messrs. Boulton, Buell, Cook, Duncombe, A. Fraser, Howard, Jarvis, McCall, McKenzie, McNab, Shade, and Shaver, 12.

At two o'clock P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a Quorum.

mains unapplied; and if any, what sums, and in whose hands it remains.

Notice of Survey Bill.

Mr. Werden gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of the Reign of George the third, respecting surveys,—and to provide for certain future surveys.

Notice of Deer protection Bill.

Mr. Buell gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the bounding of Deer in this Province.

Notice of Physic and Surgery Bill.

Mr. Duncombe gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery in this Province.

Notice of reading Journals on Settlement of Crown Lands.

Mr. Berczy gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for the reading that part of the Journals of last Session, of this House, as relates to certain resolutions on the settlement of the Crown Lands in this Province.

Notice of Committee of Supply.

Mr. Jarvis gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of granting funds for the erection and support of an Asylum for destitute insane persons, in connection with the York Hospital.

Certificate read relative to death of Mr. Jessup.

Mr. Jarvis read in his place a certificate signed by R. D. Fraser, Esq. Member for the County of Grenville, and Peter Shaver, Esq. Member for the County of Dundas, relative to a vacancy in the Representation of the said County of Grenville, occasioned by the death of Edward Jessup, Esq., which is as follows:

Certificate.

We Richard Duncan Fraser, Member for the County of Grenville, and Peter Shaver, Member for the County of Dundas, do certify that a vacancy has taken place in the Representation of the said County of Grenville, by the death of Edward Jessup, late a Member of this Honourable House.

R. D. FRASER,  
PETER SHAVER.

Commons House of Assembly, }  
17th November, 1831. }

New Writ to be issued for Grenville.

Mr. R. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the Speaker do issue his order to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, directing him to issue a Writ for the Election of one Member to Represent the County of Grenville, in the House of Assembly, in the room of Edward Jessup, Esq. deceased.

Ordered.

Notice of rescinding 4th Rule.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move that it be resolved, that the fourth rule of this House be rescinded.

Motion for Resolution relative to appointment of Chaplain.

Mr. McKenzie seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that it be resolved, that the Executive Government of this Province, has not been entrusted with the power to control, regulate or prescribe to this House, the religious exercises and ceremonies of its Members, nor to appoint a Chaplain to this House; that this House doth not admit that the Church of England is the established religion of the Province; that for these and the other reasons stated in the report of the Select Committee of Enquiry, adopted by this House, on the fourth day of March last, the House will from henceforth dispense with the services of a Chaplain; and that the fourth rule of this House be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Amendment that the fourth Rule be rescinded.

In amendment Mr. Sansom, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that after the word "Resolved" in the original motion, the whole be expunged, and the following inserted: "that the fourth rule of this House be rescinded."

House divides.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 15. Atty. General, A. Fraser, Macon, Thomson,  
Berczy, R. Fraser, Mount, Warren, and  
Burwell, McMartin, Samson, Werden—15.  
Elliott, Macnab, Shade,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 15. Beardsley, Cook, Ketchum, Shaver,  
Bidwell, Duncombe, McCall, White, and  
Boulton, Howard, McKenzie, W. Wilson—  
Buell, Jarvis, Roblin, 15.

Amendment carried by Speaker's vote.

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by the casting vote of the Speaker, and the fourth rule of the House was rescinded.

Sheriff's Security Bill brought in and

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. White, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to require the Sheriffs of the

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several Districts of this Province, to give security for the due read, and performance of the duties of their office.

Which was granted, and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading on Wednesday next.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves that one hundred copies of the Sheriffs Bill be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent frivolous and vexatious law suits, by compelling plaintiffs, in certain cases, to give security for costs.

Which was granted and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading on Wednesday next.

Mr. Beardsley, seconded by Mr. White, moves that it be resolved that it is expedient to appoint one or more reporters, to report the debates and votes of this House.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley, Duncombe, McKenzie, Shaver, Yeas 19.  
Berczy, A. Fraser, McMartin, Warren,  
Bidwell, R. Fraser, Mount, White,  
Buell, Howard, Roblin, W. Wilson—  
Cook, McCall, Shade, 19.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Elliott, Macnab, Thomson, Nays 10.  
Boulton, Jarvis, Samson, Werden—10.  
Burwell, Ketchum,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of nine.

Mr. Beardsley, seconded by Mr. White, moves that it be resolved, that Francis Collins and John Carey be Reporters to report the debates and votes of this House.

In amendment, Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that after the word "Resolved," the whole be expunged, and the following inserted: That the sum of £ be appropriated for remunerating those persons, at the close of the Session, who give the best reports of the Debates of this House.

Which was lost.

In amendment to the original question, Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Beardsley, moves that the name of "George Gurnett" be added to the original motion, after that of "John Carey," and that the following words be added to the original resolution, "that they shall report on successive days; that each Reporter shall leave a fair copy of his Report with the Clerk on the ensuing morning after each debate, to which all proprietors of newspapers may have access."

On which the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Cook, McMartin, Shaver, Yeas 26.  
Beardsley, Duncombe, Macnab, Thomson,  
Berczy, A. Fraser, Mount, Warren,  
Bidwell, R. Fraser, Roblin, Werden,  
Boulton, Howard, Samson, White,  
Buell, McCall, Shade, W. Wilson—  
Burwell, McKenzie, 26.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Elliott, Jarvis, Ketchum, Sol. General,—  
4. Nays 4.

The amendment was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of twenty-two.

On the original question, as amended, being put, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Cook, McMartin, Thomson, Yeas 26.  
Beardsley, Duncombe, Macnab, Warren,  
Berczy, A. Fraser, Mount, Werden,  
Bidwell, R. Fraser, Roblin, White,  
Boulton, Howard, Samson, W. Wilson—  
Buell, McCall, Shade, 26.  
Burwell, McKenzie, Shaver,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Elliott, Jarvis, Ketchum, Sol. General, Nays 4.  
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The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-two, and it was—

Original question as amended.

Resolved, that Francis Collins, John Carey, and George Gurnett, be Reporters, to report the Debates and Votes of this House; that they shall report on successive days; that each reporter shall leave a fair copy of his report with the Clerk on the ensuing morning, after each Debate, to which all proprietors of newspapers may have access.

House goes in to Committee to consider His Excellency's Speech.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. White, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, at the opening of the Session.

Which was carried, and Mr. McMartin was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Progress reported.

Mr. McMartin reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER, 1831.

Petitions brought up.

THE HOUSE MET.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Of President Directors of U. C. Bank.

Mr. Attorney General brought up the petition of the President Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada, which was laid on the table.

Arad Smalley and others.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the petition of Arad Smalley, and fourteen others, of North Gwillimbury, in the County of Simcoe, which was laid on the table.

Thomas Barnett.

Mr. Warren brought up the petition of Thomas Barnett, of the Township of Stamford, in the District of Niagara, which was laid on the table.

James Coates.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of James Coates, and one hundred and forty-one others, of Albion, in the County of York, which was laid on the table.

William Devenish and others.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of William Devenish, and two hundred and forty-four others, of Scarborough, in the County of York, which was laid on the table.

Thomas Markland and others.

Mr. Solicitor General brought up the petition of Thomas Markland, and one hundred and six others of the Town of Kingston, in the County of Frontenac, which was laid on the table.

Petitions read of Daniel McCall and others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Daniel McCall, jun'r. and one hundred and forty others, inhabitants of the Eastern parts of the London District, praying for a division of said District. The petition of Hugh Richardson and thirty-eight others, proprietors or masters of Steamboats, and other craft navigating Lake Ontario, and of certain inhabitants of the Town of York, praying for the erection of a Pier and Lights at the entrance of York Harbour, for the safe navigation of the same; and the petition of Charles Baker, Ulick Howard and Cornelius Flummerfelt, debtors, on the limits of the Gaol in the Home District, praying that the said limits may be extended to the Bounds of the Town of York—were read.

Hugh Richardson and others.

And of Charles Baker U. Howard and C. Flummerfelt.

Notice of Resolution relative to Clergy Reserves.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move that it be resolved, that by the Act of the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, 31st. George III. one-seventh of the Lands of this Province was set apart for the support of a Protestant Clergy.

That under that Act appropriations have, from time to time, been made, and which appropriations are in this Province, known by the name of "The Clergy Reserves," that these appropriations having been generally made in Lots of two hundred acres, throughout the several Townships of this Province, the value of the same has been much enhanced by the settlement of the Country, and principally from the improvement of the lands in the neighbourhood of such appropriations, by the labour of inhabitants composed of various denominations of Christians. That these Reserves being so interspersed with the lands of actual settlers, have materially retarded the improvement of the Country. That by an Act passed in the Reign of His late Most Gracious Majesty, provision was made for the sale of a portion of the said Reserves. That it is unjust as well as impolitic to appropriate the said lands to the support of any one Church, exclusively; and it is extremely difficult, if not altogether impracticable, to apportion or divide the same among the Clergy of all denominations of Protestants. That a large majority of the inhabitants of this Province are sincerely attached to His Majesty's person and Government, but are averse to the establishment of any exclusive or dominant Church. That this House feels confident, that to promote the prosperity of this portion of His Majesty's Dominions, and to satisfy the earnest desire of the people of this Province, His Majesty will be graciously pleased to give the most favourable consideration to the wishes of His faithful subjects. That to terminate the jealousy and dissension which have hitherto existed on the subject of the said Reserves, to remove a barrier to the settlement of the Country, and to

provide a fund available for the promotion of education; it is extremely desirable that the said lands, so reserved, be sold, and the proceeds arising from the sale of the same, placed at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature, to be applied exclusively for those purposes. That an humble address be presented to His Majesty, setting forth the subject of this resolution, and praying His Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to His Majesty's Parliament, of Great Britain and Ireland, to pass an Act to authorise the sale of the Clergy Reserves, remaining unsold, and to enable the Legislature of this Province to appropriate the proceeds thereof, in such manner as may be considered most expedient for the advancement of Education, and in aid of erecting places of Public Worship for various denominations of Christians.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move that it be resolved, that while this House fully appreciates His Majesty's gracious intention, in granting a Royal Charter for the establishment of an University in this Province, we would most humbly beg leave to represent, that as the great majority of His Majesty's subjects in this Province are not members of the Church of England, we regret that the Charter contains provisions which are calculated to exclude from its principal offices and honours, all who do not belong to that Church.

Notice of resolution relative to charter of King's College.

In consequence of these provisions, its benefits will be confined to a few individuals of one religious denomination, while others of His Majesty's subjects, equally loyal and deserving, will be excluded from participating in advantages which should be open to all. Its influence as a Seminary of learning on this account, must be limited, and will be looked upon with jealousy by a large majority of the inhabitants of this Province. That, therefore, it is expedient to present an humble address to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause the Charter of King's College to be cancelled, and to grant another free from the objections to which our duty to the people of this Province has induced us to advert.

Mr. Thomson gives notice that he will, on Thursday, the first of December next, move for the reading of so much of the Journal of last Session, as relates to the Report of the Select Committee, on the expediency of erecting a Penitentiary within this Province.

Notice for reading Journals relative to Penitentiary.

Mr. Thomson gives notice that he will, on Friday, the second of December next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the navigation on the Rideau Canal.

Notice of Rideau Canal Bill.

Mr. Berczy gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an humble address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to lay before this House, an account of the aggregate number of acres of land sold in each Township by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, with the average prices thereof; stating whether in their valuation, they have been rated in proportion to the improvements made by the occupier, and what number of acres have been sold at public auction, in pursuance to the instructions of that officer, dated, Whitehall Treasury Chambers, eighteenth July, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven. And that His Excellency may be pleased to communicate to this House, any further instructions, if any, the officer may have received from His Majesty's Government.

Notice of address for return of Crown Lands sold.

Mr. Bidwell gives notice that he will, to-morrow, move for the reading of that part of the Journals of this House of twelfth day of March last, relative to the Clergy Reserves.

Notice for reading Journals on Clergy Reserves.

Mr. Bidwell gives notice that he will, to-morrow, move for the reading of that part of the Journals of this House of twelfth day of March last, relative to the King's College.

Notice of reading Journals on King's College.

Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. White, moves that the petition of Daniel McCall, junior, and others, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Bidwell and Wm. Wilson, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Petition of Daniel McCall and others referred.

Ordered.

Mr. McKenzie, seconded by M. Ketchum, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the law providing a salary for the Chaplain of the House of Assembly.

Bill to repeal the Chaplain's Salary Law, brought in and read.

Which was granted, and the Bill was read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into a Committee of the whole, on the Speech of His Excellency, at the opening of the present Session.

House in Committee on His Excellency's Speech.

Mr. McMartin in the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. McMartin reported, that the Committee had agreed to a series of resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

Several resolutions reported.

The Report was received.

The first resolution was then put and carried as follows :

First Resolution.

Resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, thanking His Excellency for the Gracious Speech with which he has been pleased to open the present Session.

The second resolution was put and carried as follows :

Second Resolution.

Resolved, that this House entirely concurs with His Excellency in regarding the present season in every respect more convenient to the Province, for the meeting of the Legislature, than the period at which it has heretofore been usually assembled.

The third resolution was then read as follows :

Third Resolution read.

Resolved, that while this House feels every confidence in the earnest desire of His Majesty's Ministers to promote the general prosperity of the Canadas, by encouraging a free commercial intercourse on the Saint Lawrence, and increasing our exports,—yet they are persuaded that His Majesty will not fail to perceive with how much greater advantage any new regulations respecting the Trade of the Colonies might be introduced, were a sufficient period allowed, previous to their taking effect, for enabling those concerned in mercantile pursuits to guard against any changes, which, though salutary in themselves, might by a sudden introduction prove ruinous to commercial enterprise.

Amendment proposed.

In amendment, Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that after the words, "yet they are persuaded," the following be inserted, "that the interests of the merchants and manufacturers of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the agriculturists of this Province, would be greatly promoted by the passage of a law constantly admitting wheat and flour, the produce and manufacture of the North American Colonies, into the United Kingdom, either free of taxation or at a fixed rate of duty, so much under the scale of duties that may be levied on wheat and flour of the growth and manufacture of the United States, passing downwards by the Saint Lawrence, or on the produce of any foreign country, hereafter to be admitted into the ports of Great Britain, as may afford an adequate, permanent protection to these staple articles of Canada produce, in the markets of the United Kingdom."

House divides on proposed Amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 13. Beardsley, Howard, Shade, White, Bidwell, McCall, Shaver, W. Wilson—13. Buell, McKenzie, Werden, Cook, Roblin,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 18. Atty. General, Elliott, McMartin, Samson, Berczy, A. Fraser, Macnab, Sol. General, Boulton, R. Fraser, Maçon, Thomson, Burwell, Jarvis, Mount, Warren—18. Duncombe, Ketchum,

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of five.

Second proposed Amendment.

In amendment to the original motion, Mr. McKenzie seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the following words, in the original resolution, be expunged : "encouraging a free commercial intercourse on the Saint Lawrence, and increasing our exports;" and that in their place the following be inserted : "The passage of Laws for the regulation of Commercial Intercourse on the Saint Lawrence."

House divides on second Amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 14. Beardsley, Cook, McKenzie, White, Berczy, Howard, Roblin, W. Wilson—14. Bidwell, Ketchum, Shaver, Buell, McCall, Werden,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 17. Atty. General, A. Fraser, Macnab, Shade, Boulton, R. Fraser, Maçon, Sol. General, Burwell, Jarvis, Mount, Thomson, Duncombe, McMartin, Samson, Warren—17. Elliott,

Amendment lost.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of three.

House divides on original Motion.

On the original question the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 19. Atty. General, Elliott, McMartin, Shade, Berczy, A. Fraser, Macnab, Sol. General, Boulton, R. Fraser, Maçon, Thomson, Burwell, Jarvis, Mount, Warren—19. Duncombe, Ketchum, Samson,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Beardsley, Howard, Roblin, White, Bidwell, McCall, Shaver, W. Wilson— Nays 12. Buell, McKenzie, Werden, 12. Cook,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and is as follows :

Resolved, that while this House feels every confidence in the earnest desire of His Majesty's Ministers to promote the general prosperity of the Canadas, by encouraging a free commercial intercourse on the Saint Lawrence, and increasing our exports; yet they are persuaded, that His Majesty will not fail to perceive with how much greater advantage any new regulations respecting the trade of the Colonies might be introduced, were a sufficient period allowed, previous to their taking effect, for enabling those concerned in mercantile pursuits to guard against any changes, which though salutary in themselves, might, by a sudden introduction, prove ruinous to commercial enterprise.

The fourth resolution was then read as follows :

Resolved, that this House have viewed, with unmingled regret, the attempts which have been made to make alterations in the duties upon timber, which must materially affect that branch of the trade of the North American Colonies, and the more so as any alteration tending to diminish the amount of tonnage at the Port of Quebec, must necessarily, at the same time, lessen the means of transport for that increasing emigration which proves alike beneficial to the Colony and to the Parent State; but that this House is nevertheless happy in receiving the assurance of His Excellency, that should a change or modification in the existing scale of duties be at any time proposed, His Majesty's Ministers are so fully convinced of the importance of the North American Colonies to the strength and power of the British Empire, that they will not cease to feel that the progressive development of our resources is an object of the greatest interest to which they can direct their attention.

In amendment, Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that after the word "Resolved," the whole be expunged and the following inserted : "that this House is satisfied that the alteration in the timber duties which was contemplated, had in view solely the repeal of certain fiscal regulations bearing unequally on the trade of England, and is assured, that should a change or modification in the existing scale of duties, be at any time proposed, His Majesty's Ministers are so fully convinced of the importance of the North American Colonies to the strength and power of the British Empire, that they will not cease to feel that the progressive development of their resources is an object of the greatest interest to which they can direct their attention."

On which the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Bidwell, McCall, Roblin, Shaver—6. Yeas 6. Howard, McKenzie,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 25. Atty. General, Duncombe, McMartin, Sol. General, Beardsley, Elliott, Macnab, Thomson, Berczy, A. Fraser, Maçon, Warren, Boulton, R. Fraser, Mount, Werden, Buell, Jarvis, Samson, White, Burwell, Ketchum, Shade, W. Wilson—25. Cook,

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of nineteen.

In amendment to the original question, Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. McKenzie, moves that after the word "Resolved," all be expunged, and the following words inserted, "that this House is happy to hear that although an alteration in the timber duties was contemplated, it had in view solely the repeal of certain fiscal regulations, bearing unequally on the trade of England, and to receive the assurance of His Excellency that should a change or modification in the existing scale of duties be at any time proposed, His Majesty's Ministers are so fully convinced of the importance of the North American Colonies to the strength and power of the British Empire, that they will not cease to feel that the progressive development of their resources is an object of the greatest interest to which they can direct their attention."

On which the House divided and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows :—

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 7. Bidwell, Howard, McKenzie, Shaver—7. Buell, McCall, Roblin,

NAYS—*Messieurs.*

Nays 23.	Atty. General, Elliott,	Macnab,	Thomson,	23
	Berzy,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	
	Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Mount,	
	Burwell,	Jarvis,	Samson,	
	Cook,	Ketchum,	Shade,	
	Duncombe,	McMartin,	Sol. General,	

The question of Amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of sixteen.

On the Original question the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays being taken, were as follows:—

YEAS—*Messieurs.*

Yeas 23.	Atty. General, Elliott,	Macnab,	Thomson,	23
	Beardsley,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	
	Berzy,	R. Fraser,	Mount,	
	Boulton,	Jarvis,	Samson,	
	Burwell,	Ketchum,	Shade,	
	Duncombe,	McMartin,	Sol. General,	

NAYS—*Messieurs;*

Nays 8.	Bidwell,	Cook,	McCall,	Roblin,
	Buell,	Howard,	McKenzie,	Shaver—8

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and is as follows:—

**Fourth Resolution.** Resolved, That this House have viewed with unmingled regret the attempts which have been made to make alterations in the duties upon Timber, which must materially affect that branch of the Trade of the North American Colonies, and the more so, as any alteration tending to diminish the amount of Tonnage, at the Port of Quebec, must necessarily, at the same time, lessen the means of Transport for that increasing emigration, which proves alike beneficial to the Colony, and to the Parent State; but that this House is nevertheless happy in receiving the assurance of His Excellency, that should a change or modification in the existing scale of duties be at any time proposed, His Majesty's Ministers are so fully convinced of the importance of the North American Colonies to the strength and power of the British Empire, that they will not cease to feel that the progressive development of our resources is an object of the greatest interest to which they can direct their attention.

The following Resolutions were then severally put and carried:—

**Fifth Resolution.** Resolved, That this House will take into consideration the Accounts and Estimates, when laid before them, and that they will not fail to make such provision for the public service as a due sense of that important duty shall point out.

**Sixth Resolution.** Resolved, That the gracious acquiescence of His Majesty in the solicitations of this House for the independence of the Judges, affords the strongest assurance with what confidence we may repose in the paternal disposition of His Majesty, to concur in every reasonable request of his faithful Commons, and that the readiness with which this House acceded to His Majesty's desire, communicated during the last Session of Parliament, that a suitable provision should be made for rendering the Judges independent of the popular Branch of the Legislature, having been so graciously met on behalf of our beloved Sovereign, is an additional proof that an unsuspecting confidence on behalf of the People cannot be misplaced, when reposed in a Sovereign so affectionately solicitous for the welfare of his subjects.

**Seventh Resolution.** Resolved, That this House will be happy to receive any message from His Excellency communicating the further instructions transmitted to him, referring to this additional proof of His Majesty's desire to promote the welfare of the Colony.

**Eighth Resolution.** Resolved, That this House fully concurs with His Excellency, in believing that in every District much benefit has been derived from the last grant to improve the Highways, and they are deeply impressed with the urgent necessity which exists, and is annually increasing, for establishing a system which will insure the effectual reparation of Roads and Bridges, and the improvement of the principal Communications of the back Townships, to the accomplishment of which important object they will not fail to devote their best exertions, the value of which they trust will be materially enhanced by their local experience.

**9th resolution.** Resolved, That this House is happy to receive the assurance of His Excellency, that the measures proposed to guide the future periodical emigrations, and the aid intended to be granted by His Majesty's Government for the encouragement of District and Township Schools, and the advancement of the purposes of Education, will gradually prepare the Colony for the reception of the Agricultural classes leaving the Parent State, and that they fully participate in the hope expressed by His Excellency, that we shall soon see this valuable description

of Settlers enjoying that competence which, in this prosperous Country, is the sure reward of honesty, industry and sobriety.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. White, moves that Messieurs Solicitor General and Berzy, be a committee to draft and report an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in pursuance of the Resolutions of this House, in answer to the Speech of His Excellency at the opening of this Session.

Committee to draft address.

Ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law of libel.

Which was granted.

Present, Messieurs Attorney General, Beardsley, Bidwell, Boulton, Buell, Burwell, Cook, Duncombe, A. Fraser, Howard, Ketchum, McCall, McKenzie, McMartin, Roblin, Samson, Shaver, Werden: and White—Nineteen.

At four o'clock P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Bill to amend the law of Libel was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Friday next.

Libel bill read first time.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of John Canfield, and twenty-seven others, of Nichol, Eramosa, and Guelph; which was laid on the Table.

Petitions brought up. Of John Canfield, and others.

Mr. Thomson brought up the Petition of Thomas Markland, and one hundred and fifty others; which was laid on the Table.

Of Thomas Markland and others.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of Thomas Armstrong, and thirty-five others, of Guelph, Eramosa, and Nichol; which was laid on the Table.

Of Thomas Armstrong and others.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of William Haines, Senr. Chairman of a Town Meeting held by the Inhabitants of the Township of King, in the County of York, and one hundred and five others; which was laid on the Table.

Of William Haines, Sen'r. Chairman of Town meeting and others.

Mr. Cook brought up the Petition of Donald McGinnis, and one hundred and ninety-six others, of the County of Glen-garry; which was laid on the Table.

Of Donald McGinnis and others.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of A. J. Flewelling, and eleven others, of the Townships of Guelph, Nichol, and Eramosa; which was laid on the Table.

Of A. J. Flewelling and others.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of D. Aikin, Chairman of a Public Meeting held in Guelph, and twenty-two others, inhabitants of the Town and Township of Guelph, and the Townships of Eramosa and Nichol; which was laid on the Table.

Of D. Aikin, Chairman of a public meeting and others.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of Robert Oliver, and fifty-three others, of Guelph, Eramosa and Nichol; which was laid on the Table.

Of Robert Oliver and others.

Mr. McKenzie brought up the Petition of Caleb Elsworth, and one hundred others, of the Townships of Whithy and Pickering, in the County of York; which was laid on the Table.

Of Caleb Elsworth and others.

Agreeably to the Order of the day, the Petition of Peter Frank, and two hundred and thirty-nine others, inhabitants of Vaughan, agreed upon at a Town Meeting held in said Township, complaining of the want of an Agent in England to represent the interests of this Colony, and praying that the qualified Electors in this Colony may be fairly represented in the House of Assembly.

Petition of Peter Frank and others read.

That exclusive privileges to certain religious sects be abolished.

That reserved lands be disposed of to the purpose of Roads and Education.

That the Land granting department and the sale of public Lands be regulated by law.

That the Representatives of the People may have the control of all monies arising from Taxes, &c.

That the direction of Statute Labour, and control of local Assessments, Taxes, &c. may be vested in the qualified Electors at their Town Meetings, or in Commissioners authorised by said Electors.

That the public debt of the Province may not be augmented without the approbation of the people, &c.

That the Bank of Upper Canada may not continue to enjoy a monopoly of the Banking business of the Province, &c.

That the Civil List Bill, passed last Session, may be repealed, and also, the Bill vesting in Trustees the York Market Square.

That a less expensive and more prompt system for the Administration of Justice, in this Province, may be adopted.

That Intestate Estates may be disposed of, agreeably to the laws of distribution.

That the right of Impeachment be established.

That neither Judges nor Ministers of any Denomination, be authorised to interfere in the Executive or Legislative business of the Province.

That the Executive Council be composed of persons possessing the confidence of the people.

That Elections for County Members be held at several places, for the accommodation of Electors—and that the Jury laws may be amended; the Petition of the Rev. George O'Kill Stuart, and seventy-one others of the Town and Township of Kingston, respecting the injurious effects arising from the duties now levied on Stills in this Province—The Petition of William Powell, and forty others, inhabitants of the Township of Bertie, praying to be remunerated for losses sustained during the late War with the United States—The Petition of William Zwick, and sixty-eight others, of the County of Hastings, praying that the District Court and Quarter Sessions of the Midland District, may be held alternately at Kingston and Belleville—The Petition of John Turnbull, and thirty-four others, of the County of Hastings, praying as above, but objecting to being taxed for the erection of buildings for the purposes of the said Courts—The Petition of James Cotter, Esq. and eighty-three Magistrates, and others, of the County of Prince Edward, praying for the passage of a Bill authorising the Magistrates of said County, at a proper meeting held for that purpose, to decide upon a plan for a Gaol and Court House, and to direct the management of other matters relating to the erection and completion of said Building, and authorising the Rev. Wm. MacAulay to convey to Trustees a certain Block of Land whereon to erect the said Building—The Petition of Andrew Snider, and two hundred and fourteen others, of Williamsburgh, in the County of Dundas, complaining of a confusion of lines run by different Surveyors through said Township, and praying to be protected in their original boundaries, in accordance with their patents from the Crown—The Petition of Thomas Markland, J. P. and twenty others, praying that the District Courts and Quarter Sessions of the Midland District, may be held alternately at Kingston and Belleville—and the Petition of Gideon Turner, and seventy-four others, of Thurlow, praying for an appropriation of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds to aid in the erection of a Bridge across the River Moira, in the sixth concession of said Township, were read.

Petition of the Rev. George O'Kill Stuart, and others read.

Petition of William Powell and others read.

Petition of William Zwick and others read.

Petition of John Turnbull and others read.

Petition of James Cotter Esq. and others read.

Petition of Andrew Snider and others read.

Petition of Thomas Markland J. P. and others read.

Petition of Gideon Turner and others read.

Petition of William Zwick and others referred.

Petition of the Rev. G. O. Stuart and others referred.

Petition of Thomas Markland and others referred.

Petition of Andrew Snider and others referred.

Petition of James Cotter J. P. and others referred.

Petition of Charles Baker and others referred.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. White, moves that the Petition of Wm. Zwick, and others, be referred to a Committee, to be composed of Messieurs Werden and Thomson, with leave to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town and Township of Kingston, relative to the Duty on Stills, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Solicitor General and Werden, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. White, moves that the Petition of Thomas Markland, and others, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Zwick, and others.

Ordered.

Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Williamsburgh be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Mount, Cook, and Buell, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Roblin, seconded by Mr. White, moves that the Petition of James Cotter, J. P. and other inhabitants of the County of Prince Edward, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Samson and Werden, with power to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that the Petition of Charles Baker, and others, praying for an extension of the limits to certain Gaols in this Province, be referred

to a Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Lewis and Duncombe, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Cook, moves that the Petition of the people of Vaughan be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Perry, Buell, Ketchum, and Shaver, with power to report by Bill or otherwise.

In amendment, Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. R. Fraser, moves that all, after the word "moves," in the original motion, be expunged, and the following words added: "That the Petition of the people of Vaughan, with all other petitions relating to the same subject, be referred to a Select Committee of seven members, to be chosen by ballot at twelve o'clock to-morrow."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, R. Fraser,	Maçon,	Sol. General,
Boulton,	Jarvis,	Thomson,
Burwell,	Lewis,	Warren,
Elliott,	McMartin,	W. Wilson—
A. Fraser,	Macnab,	18.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Buell,	Duncombe,	McCall,	Roblin,
Campbell,	Howard,	MacKenzie,	Shaver,
Cook,	Ketchum,	Perry,	White—12.

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six.

The original question as amended was then put and carried, and it was—

Ordered that the Petition of the people of Vaughan, with all other petitions relating to the same subject, be referred to a Select Committee of seven members, to be chosen by ballot at twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Duncombe, moves that the Petition of Hugh Richardson, and others, be referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Solicitor General and Ketchum, with power to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Perry gives notice that he will, on Saturday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal and reduce to one Act of Parliament, the several laws of this Province for the appointment and defining the duties of Township Officers.

Mr. Perry gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to appoint Commissioners on the part of this Province to meet Commissioners on the part of Lower Canada, to treat on matters of mutual interest to both Provinces.

Mr. Burwell gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the laws now in force for the maintenance and regulation of Common Schools throughout this Province.

Mr. Burwell gives notice that he will, on this day sennight, move that this House do go into a Committee of the whole on Supply, to enable him to move for a grant of money to be applied in improving the Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of this Province.

Mr. Elliott gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he may be pleased to communicate to this House, any information in his possession with respect to the number of medals sent out to be distributed to the militia men who distinguished themselves during the late war with the United States of America.

Mr. MacKenzie gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move a resolution for an address to the King on the East India and China Trade.

Mr. Solicitor General, from the Committee to draft and report an address in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the throne, at the opening of the present Session, reported a draft, which was received and read twice.

Mr. Atty. General, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to His Speech from the Throne at the opening of this Session.

Which was carried, and Mr. A. Fraser was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Motion for referring the petition of Peter Franks and others to a select Committee.

In amendment that the petition of Peter Franks and others, and other petitions of same nature be referred to Committee of 7 to be chosen by ballot.

House divides.

Yeas 18.

18.

Nays 12.

Amendment carried.

Committee to be balloted at noon to-morrow.

Petition of Hugh Richardson and others referred.

Notice of Township Officers Bill.

Notice of Commissioners appointment Bill.

Notice of Common School Bill.

Notice of motion for Committee of Supply.

Notice of Address respecting Medals.

Notice of Address to King, on China Trade.

Address in answer to Speech reported and read twice.

The House goes into Committee of the whole on the Address in answer to Speech.

Mr. Fraser reported the Address without amendment.

The report was received.

House divides on question for third reading.

On the question for the third reading of the Address to-day, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 23. Atty. General, Elliott, Macnab, Thomson, Berczy, A. Fraser, Macon, Warren, Boulton, R. Fraser, Mount, Werden, Burwell, Ketchum, Sanson, White, Campbell, Lewis, Shade, W. Wilson— Duncombe, McMartin, Sol. General, 23.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 6. Buell, Howard, Perry, Roblin—6. Cook, MacKenzie,

Third reading this day.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seventeen, and the Address was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Advertising Price, Bill read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the fees to be taken by Printers for publishing legal notices and advertisements required by law to be printed in any Provincial newspaper.

Which was granted and the Bill read and ordered for a second reading on Friday next.

Banking Bill read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to ascertain and declare the power, privileges and liabilities of Banking Corporations.

Which was granted, and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

Banking Bill to be printed.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that two hundred copies of the Bill for the regulation of Banking Corporations be printed for the use of members.

Ordered.

Rules and Orders to be printed.

Mr. Atty. General, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that two hundred copies of the standing rules and orders of the House be printed for the use of members.

Ordered.

Welland Canal Accounts to be laid before the House.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Beardsley, moves that the President and Directors of the Welland Canal Company, be required to lay before this House, the accounts, in detail, of their receipts and expenditure, agreeably to the provisions of the seventeenth clause of the ninth chapter of the tenth George IV.

Ordered.

Bill to abolish imprisonment for debt read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. White, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish imprisonment for debt in certain cases.

Which was granted and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading on Saturday next.

and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Beardsley, seconded by Mr. Campbell, moves that two hundred copies of the Bill to abolish imprisonment for debt in certain cases, be printed for the use of members.

Ordered.

Abscending Debtors Bill read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Lewis, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to attach the property of absconding debtors.

Which was granted and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading on Tuesday next.

Committee to superintend the printing appointed.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. White, moves that Messrs. Burwell, Ketchum and Berczy, be a Committee to superintend the printing of this House, during the present Session.

Ordered.

Motion for no debate on taking up items on the order of the day.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that it be resolved, that whenever it shall be moved to take up any item upon the order of the day, out of its course, the question shall be put from the chair without debate.

Amendment proposed to above.

In amendment, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Duncombe, moves that after the word "debate," the following be added, "and that such question shall not be carried unless by the consent of two-thirds of the members present."

House divides on amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 8. Berczy, Campbell, A. Fraser, Roblin, Bidwell, Duncombe, Ketchum, Samson—8.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Burwell, Lewis, Shaver, Beardsley, Cook, Macnab, Warren, Boulton, Elliott, Mount, Werden, Buell, Howard, Perry, White—16. Nays 16.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of eight. Amendment lost.

On the original question the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides on original Motion.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 11. Atty. General, Burwell, Lewis, Warren, Berczy, Elliott, Macnab, Werden—11. Boulton, Jarvis, Samson,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 16. Beardsley, Cook, Ketchum, Perry, Bidwell, Duncombe, MacKenzie, Roblin, Buell, A. Fraser, McMartin, Shaver, Campbell, Howard, Mount, White—16.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of five. Question lost.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Buell, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal a portion of the laws now in force, relating to Common Schools in this Province, and to make other and further provision for the regulation and encouragement of such Schools. Bill to repeal and amend the School Laws read.

Which was granted and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. White, moves that five hundred copies of the Education Bill, just read, be printed for the use of members. and ordered to be printed.

Ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish oaths, religious tests, and declarations, in certain cases. Religious Test repeal Bill read.

Which was granted and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading on Saturday next.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 24th NOVEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency, in answer to His Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session, was read the third time. Address in answer to Speech read a third time.

On the question for passing the Address, the House divided and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:— On the question for passing the Address the House divided.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 24. Atty. General, A. Fraser, Macnab, Shade, Berczy, R. Fraser, Macon, Sol. General, Boulton, Jarvis, Mount, Thomson, Burwell, Ketchum, Randal, Warren, Chisholm, Lewis, Robinson, Werden, Elliott, McMartin, Samson, White—24

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 11. Bidwell, Cook, MacKenzie, Shaver, Buell, Howard, Perry, W. Wilson, Campbell, McCall, Roblin, 11

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirteen, and the Address was signed by the Speaker, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &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, humbly thank your Excellency for your gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session, and beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we entirely concur with your Excellency in regarding the present season, in every respect, more convenient to the Province for the meeting of the Legislature than the period at which it has heretofore been usually assembled. Address to His Excellency in answer to Speech at opening of Session.

While we feel every confidence in the earnest desire of His Majesty's Ministers to promote the general prosperity of the Canadas, by encouraging a free commercial intercourse on the Saint Lawrence and increasing our Exports, yet we are persuaded that His Majesty will not fail to perceive with how much greater advantage any new regulations respecting the trade of the Colonies might be introduced, were a sufficient period allowed previous to their taking effect, for enabling those concerned in mercantile pursuits to guard against any changes, which, though salutary in themselves, might, by their sudden introduction, prove ruinous to commercial enterprise.

We feel constrained to state, that we have viewed with unmingled regret the attempts which have been made to make alterations in the Duties upon Timber, which must materially affect that branch of the Trade of the North American Colonies, and the more so, as any alteration tending to diminish the amount of Tonnage at the Port of Quebec must necessarily, at the same time, lessen the means of transport for that increasing Emigration which proves alike beneficial to the Colony and to the Parent State; but we are, nevertheless, happy in receiving the assurance of Your Excellency, that should a change or modification in the existing scale of duties be at any time proposed, His Majesty's Ministers are so fully convinced of the importance of the North American Colonies to the strength and power of the British Empire, that they will not cease to feel that the progressive development of our resources is an object of the greatest interest to which they can direct their attention.

We will not delay taking into our consideration the accounts and estimates, when laid before us by Your Excellency, and will not fail to make such provision for the Public Service as a due sense of that important duty shall point out.

The gracious acquiescence of His Majesty in the solicitations of this House, for the independence of the Judges, affords the strongest assurance with what confidence we may repose in the paternal disposition of His Majesty to concur in every reasonable request of His faithful Commons, and the readiness with which we acceded to His Majesty's desire, communicated during the last Session of Parliament, that a suitable provision should be made for rendering the Judges independent of the popular branch of the Legislature having been so graciously met on behalf of our beloved Sovereign, is an additional proof that an unsuspecting confidence on behalf of the people cannot be misplaced, when reposed in a Sovereign so affectionately solicitous for the welfare of His Subjects.

We shall be happy to receive any Message communicating the further instructions transmitted to Your Excellency, referring to this additional proof of His Majesty's desire to promote the welfare of the Colony.

We fully concur with Your Excellency in believing, that in every District much benefit has been derived from the last grant to improve the Highways, and we are deeply impressed with the urgent necessity which exists and is annually increasing, for establishing a system which will ensure the effectual reparation of roads and bridges, and the improvement of the principal communications of the back Townships; to the accomplishment of which important objects we will not omit to devote our best exertions—the value of which, we trust, will be materially enhanced by our local experience.

We are happy to receive the assurance of Your Excellency that the measures proposed to guide the future periodical Emigrations, and the aid intended to be granted by His Majesty's Government for the encouragement of District and Township Schools, and the advancement of the purposes of Education, will gradually prepare the Colony for the reception of the Agricultural classes leaving the Parent State; and we fully participate in the hope expressed by Your Excellency, that we shall soon see this valuable description of Settlers enjoying that competence, which, in this prosperous Country, is the sure reward of honesty, industry, and sobriety.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly, }  
24th November, 1831. }

Committee to wait on His Excellency to know when He will receive Address.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. White, moves that Messieurs R. D. Fraser and McMartin, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to ascertain when His Excellency will be pleased to receive the Address of this House, in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of this Session.

Ordered.

Committee on Petition of Peter Franks and others chosen by ballot.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded to ballot for a Select Committee, to consider and report upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of Vaughan, and upon other

Petitions of a like nature, when the following Members were chosen:

Messieurs—

KETCHUM,  
BERCZY,  
ELLIOTT,  
DUNCOMBE,  
THOMSON,  
FRASER A.—and  
SAMSON.

Committee on Grievance Petitions.

Mr. Burwell brought up the Petition of Stephen H. Elliott, and one hundred and two others, of the London District; which was laid on the Table.

Petitions brought up. Of Stephen H. Elliott and others.

Mr. Burwell, brought up the petition of R. L. McKenney, and ninety-four others, of the London District, which was laid on the table.

Of R. L. McKenney and others.

Mr. Solicitor General brought up the petition of Paul Glasford, and Sixty-six others, of the Town of Brockville, which was laid on the table.

Of Paul Glasford and others.

Mr. Solicitor General brought up the petition of John Kirby, and eighty-seven others, of the Town of Kingston, which was laid on the table.

Of John Kirby and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Miles Bacon, Chairman of a Town Meeting in Caledon, in the County of York, and eighty-five others, which was laid on the table.

Of Miles Bacon Chairman of a Meeting, and others.

Mr. Attorney General brought up the petition of Mr. D. Brakenbridge, and two hundred and thirteen others, which was laid on the table.

Of D. Brakenbridge and others.

Mr. White brought up the petition of William Merrill, and thirty-nine others, of the Township of Sidney, in the Midland District; which was laid on the table.

Of William Merrill and others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of Upper Canada, praying for an increase of their Capital Stock. The petition of Arad Smalley, and fourteen others of North Gwillimbury, in the County of Simcoe, praying that the side lines of their lots, as originally run, may be, by law, established. The petition of Thomas Barnett of the Township of Stamford, in the District of Niagara, praying for pecuniary aid in the establishment and completion of a Museum at the Niagara Falls. The petition of James Coates, and one hundred and forty-one others, of Albion, and of Wm. Devenish, and two hundred and forty-four others, of Scarborough, in the County of York, praying the same as Peter Frank and others of Vaughan (see page 12.) And the petition of Thomas Markland, and one hundred and six others, of the Town of Kingston, praying to be incorporated as a Banking Company in the said Town of Kingston, by the name and description of "The Commercial Bank of Upper Canada," were read.

U. C. Bank Petition read.

Petition of Arad Smalley and others read.

Petition of Thomas Barnett read.

Petition of James Coates and others, and William Devenish and others.

Petition of Thomas Markland and others read.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves for leave to bring in a Bill in pursuance of the petition of Thomas Markland, and others.

Kingston Bank Bill brought in and read.

Which was granted and the Bill was read and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the petition of John Turnbull, and others, be referred to the Select Committee, to whom were referred the petition of Wm. Zwick, and others, and Thomas Markland and others.

Petition of John Turnbull and others referred.

Ordered.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Cook, moves that the petition from the Township of Albion be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Ketchum, Shaver, Perry, and Buell, with power to report by Bill, Address, or otherwise.

Motion for referring the Petition of James Coates and others to Select Committee.

In amendment, Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that all after the word "moves" in the original motion, be expunged, and the following words inserted: "That the petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Albion, and also the petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Scarborough, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the people of Vaughan.

An amendment moved for referring the Petition to the Committee on Vaughan Petition.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

House divides on amendment.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General;	Elliott,	Mount,	Thomson,	Yeas 15.
Berczy,	Lewis,	Samson,	Warren,	
Boulton,	Macnab,	Shade,	W. Wilson,	
Burwell,	Maçon,	Sol. General,		

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NAYS.—Messieurs,

Buell,	Howard,	MacKenzie,	Shaver,
Campbell,	Ketchum,	Randal,	Werden,
Cook,	McCall,	Roblin,	White,
Duncombe,			

Nays 14.

14.

Amendment carried.

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of one.

The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Notice of U. C. Bank Stock Bill.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will, on Saturday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill for increasing the Capital Stock of the Bank of Upper Canada.

Notice of Shop and Steam-Boat Licence Bill.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to impose a duty on Licences to Shopkeepers, for retailing Wines, Brandy, and Spirituous Liquors, and also to impose a duty on Licences for retailing Wines, Brandy, and Spirituous Liquors on board of Steam-boats, navigating the waters of this Province, for the purpose of raising a revenue for the improvement of the Roads.

Notice of Debtors detention Bill.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to continue and amend an Act passed in the tenth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to authorise the detention of Debtors in certain cases."

Notice of Jury Bill.

Mr. Perry gives notice that he will, on Friday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relative to Grand and Petit Juries in this Province.

Bill to amend the District Court Law brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the second year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to reduce into one Act the several laws now in force, establishing District Courts and regulating the practice thereof, and also to extend the powers of the said District Courts," and further to regulate the practice of the said District Courts in this Province, and to extend the jurisdiction of the same.

Which was granted and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Line Fence Bill brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Line Fences and Water Courses.

Which was granted and the Bill read and ordered for a second reading on Wednesday next.

Estates distribution Bill brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves for leave to bring in a Bill for the more equal distribution of the property of persons dying intestate.

Which was granted and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atty. General, seconded by Mr. Berzey, moves that two hundred copies of the Intestate Estate Bill be printed, for the use of Members.

Ordered.

Committee reports that His Excellency will receive the House with Address in answer to Speech at 11 A.M. to-morrow.

Mr. McMartin, from the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when His Excellency would be pleased to receive this House with its address in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to name the hour of eleven, A. M. to-morrow.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

House waits on His Excellency with Address in answer to Speech.

At eleven o'clock, A. M. the House waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with their address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session, and being returned, the Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to make, thereto, the following reply.

GENTLEMEN,

I return you my thanks for this Address, and receive with great satisfaction your assurances, that you will devote your best exertions to the accomplishment of the objects recommended for your consideration.

His Excellency's reply to Address in answer to Speech.

The Speaker reported, that he had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the following report, relative to a new Election for the County of Grenville :

"The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery has the honour to report to the Honourable the Speaker of the Commons House of Assembly, that in obedience to his Warrant, he has sued out a Writ of Election for the County of Grenville, for the return of a Member to serve in the room of the late Edward Jessup, Esq. deceased."

"That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to nominate Adiel Sherwood, Esq. Returning Officer,

and has appointed Monday, the twelfth day of December, next ensuing, for holding the Election."

SAMUEL P. JARVIS, C. C. C.

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery's Office, } York, 23rd day of November, 1831. }

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Samuel Cornell, Chairman of a Town Meeting in Beverley, and eighty-one others of said Township, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Boulton brought up the petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Cobourg Harbour, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Roblin brought up the petition of William Macaulay of the County of Prince Edward, which was laid on the table.

Mr. R. Fraser brought up the petition of Wm. T. Slater of the Township of Matilda, in the County of Grenville, which was laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Petition of John Caulfield, and twenty-seven others, of Nichol, Eramosa and Guelph, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank and others, of Vaughan, (see page 12.)—The petition of Thomas Markland, and one hundred and fifty-eight others, praying for pecuniary aid to enable them to macadamize the Road between Kingston and Waterloo, in the Midland District—The petition of Thomas Armstrong, and thirty-five others, of the Townships of Guelph, Eramosa and Nichol, in the Gore District, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank and others of Vaughan, (see page 12.)—The petition of William Haines, Senior, Chairman of a Town meeting, held by the Inhabitants of the Township of King, in the County of York, and one hundred and five others, praying same as last—the petition of Donald McGinnis, and one hundred and ninety-six others, of Glengarry, praying the same—the petition of A. J. Flewelling, and eleven others of Guelph, Nichol and Eramosa, praying the same—the petition of Daniel B. Aikin, Chairman of a public meeting, held in Guelph, and twenty-two others, inhabitants of the Town and Township of Guelph, and the Townships of Eramosa and Nichol, praying the same—the petition of Robert Oliver, and fifty-three others, of Guelph, Nichol and Eramosa, praying the same—and the petition of Caleb Elsworth, and one hundred others, of the Townships of Whitby and Pickering, in the County of York, praying for pecuniary aid to repair the road between Whitby and York, at Kerrs Creek and the Rouge Hill, were read.

Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, moves that the petition of Thomas Markland, and others, praying for money to improve the roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Cook, moves that the petition of the people of the Township of King, and the other petitions this day read upon the same subject, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messieurs Ketchum, Buell, Perry and Shaver, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report by Bill or otherwise.

In amendment, Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. R. D. Fraser, moves that all after the word "moves," in the original motion be expunged, and the following inserted :—"That the petition of the people of the Township of King, and the other petitions this day read upon the same subject, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the people of Vaughan.

On which the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Elliott, MacMartin, Samson, Berzey, A. Fraser, Macnab, Shade, Boulton, R. Fraser, Maçon, Thomson, Burwell, Jarvis, Mount, W. Wilson— Chisholm. Lewis. Robinson. 19.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Bidwell, Duncombe, MacKenzie, Werden, Buell, Howard, Randal, White, Campbell, Ketchum, Roblin, 14. Cook, Lyons, Shaver,

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five.

The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Mr. Secretary Cameron came to the bar of the House, by His Excellency's command, and delivered the Public Accounts, the Schedule to which was read as follows :—

Petitions brought up. Of Samuel Cornell, Chairman of Town Meeting, and others.

Cobourg Harbour Company.

Of the Rev. Wm. Macaulay.

Of William T. Slater.

Petition of John Caulfield and others read.

Petition of Thomas Markland and others read.

Petition of Thomas Armstrong and others read.

The Petition of Wm. Haines, Chairman of a Town meeting, and others read.

Of Donald McGinnis and others.

Of A. J. Flewelling and others.

Of D. B. Aikin, Chairman of a meeting, and others. Of Robert Oliver and others, and the Petition of Caleb Elsworth and others read.

Petition of Thomas Markland and others referred

Motion for referring the Petition of Wm. Haines and others, and other Petitions of a like nature to a Select Committee.

Motion in amendment that the Petitions be referred to the Committee to which was referred the Petition of Peter Franks and others.

House divides on the amendment.

Yeas 19.

Nays 14.

Amended question carried.

Mr. Secretary Cameron brings down the Public Accounts.

**UPPER CANADA.**

Schedule of Accounts prepared to be laid before the Second Session of the Eleventh Provincial Parliament.

Schedule of Public accounts.

- No. 1.—Statement of monies paid to the Receiver General of Lower Canada, between the first January and first July, 1831, arising from duties collected at the Port of Quebec.
- 2.—Abstract of Warrants issued, on the Receiver General under the several Provincial Enactments from the first January to thirtieth June, 1831, inclusive.
- 3.—Statement of the Receiver General's receipts and payments of the Provincial Revenue from the first January to the thirtieth June, 1831, inclusive.
- 4.—Abstract of Warrants issued on the Receiver General under the several Provincial Enactments from the first July to the fifth October, 1831.
- 5.—Statement of the Receiver General's receipts and payments of the Provincial Revenue from the first July to the fifth October, 1831.
- 6.—Statement of Receipts and Payments on account of the appropriation of £2,500, annually, by Statute 56th George III. cap. 26, from the first January to the fifth October, 1831, with an abstract of Warrants annexed.
- 7.—Abstract of Warrants issued on the Receiver General on account of the administration of Justice and support of the Civil Government for the year 1830.
- 8.—Abstract of Warrants issued on the Receiver General on account of the administration of Justice and support of the Civil Government for the year 1831.
- 9.—Account of Revenue from Shop, Inn-keepers and Still-licences from the fifth January to the fifth October, 1831.
- 10.—Account of Revenue from duties on Merchandize imported from the United States of America from the first January to thirtieth September, 1831, inclusive.
- 11.—Account of Revenue arising from the duty upon salt imported from the United States of America, from the first January to the thirtieth September, 1831, inclusive.
- 12.—Account of Revenue from Licences issued to Hawkers and Pedlars, from the first January to the thirtieth September, 1831.
- 13.—Account of Revenue from Licences issued to Auctioneers, and the duty upon Sales at Auction, from the first January to the thirtieth September, 1831.
- 14.—Account of Light House Duties, from the first January to the thirtieth September, 1831, inclusive.
- 15.—Estimates for the year 1832 for the administration of Justice, and the support of the Civil Government.
- 16.—General Estimate of the expenditure and resources of the Province for the year 1832.
- 17.—Account of monies outstanding in the hands of Collectors and Inspectors on the fifth October, 1831.

J. BABY,  
INSPECTOR GENERAL.

Inspector General's Office, }  
5th October, 1831. }

Notice of Bill to punish for selling spirituous Liquors.

Mr. Jarvis gives notice, that he will, to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the laws now in force for the summary conviction of persons selling spirituous liquors without licence.

Two hundred Copies of the petition of Donald McGinnis and others to be printed.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that two hundred copies of the petition of the people of Glengarry be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

The petition of Peter Franks and others to be entered on the Journals.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. White, moves that the petition of the people of the Township of Vaughan, be entered on the Journals of this House.

Ordered, and is as follows:

*To the Honorable the House of Assembly.*

Petition of Peter Franks and other inhabitants of Vaughan.

The Humble Petition of the People of Vaughan, agreed upon at a Township meeting held in Keffer's School House, on Lot Twelve, in the Fourth Concession.

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That your Petitioners feel deeply aggrieved by the passage of Laws in the United Kingdom Parliament, (where they have no Agent legally elected by them of their free choice to act and advise them for their interests) affecting sudden changes in their Commercial relations with Great Britain, and with Foreign Countries, changes by which the capitals of their merchants and manufacturers are in danger of being sacrificed, and their trade, commerce, and agriculture discouraged; and they especially remonstrate against the passing, by that Parliament, of Acts interfering or assuming to interfere with their internal affairs, over which it has constitutionally no Legislative power whatsoever.

That your petitioners are desirous that the East India Company may not obtain the renewal of their charter in such form as would secure to them a further monopoly of the Tea Trade of this Country.

Your petitioners humbly pray Your Honorable House, that the qualified Electors of this Colony may henceforward be fairly and equally represented in the House of Assembly.

That the undue preferences and exclusive privileges and immunities allowed and extended by the Colonial Government to certain religious sects or denominations be abolished.

That the Crown and Clergy Reserves and all reservations of Land, otherwise than for the purposes of Education and Roads, be abolished.

That the land granting department, and the sale and disposal of all Lands and other public property be regulated for the future only by Law.

That the People may, by their Representatives, have the control of all monies whatsoever coming into the hands of the Government, whether arising from Taxes, Duties, or Crown Lands.

That the control over all Statute labour, and over all other local assessments, taxes, rates and imposts, raised or levied in the Towns, Townships, Counties and Districts, of this Province be placed in the qualified electors at their Town meetings, or in Commissioners duly authorised by the said electors, when for District purposes.

That the public debt of the Province may not be augmented for any purposes whatsoever, unless the project were first submitted to the people for their approbation, and that the practice of economy and retrenchment in every branch of the public expenditure be carefully enforced, so that the debt already contracted, and the interest annually accruing thereon, may speedily be liquidated, and the surplus revenue of the Colony prudently applied to purposes of general utility.

That the Stockholders of the Bank of Upper Canada may not continue to enjoy a monopoly of the whole Banking business of the Province; but that under judicious regulations Banks may be advantageously established in other sections of the Country.

That a Bill passed in the last Session of the Parliament of this Province, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifth Session of the Sixth Parliament of this Province, entitled, 'An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province, and for granting to His Majesty a certain sum of money to be applied towards the payment of the expenses of the Administration of Justice, and the support of the Civil Government of this Province,'" as also another Bill passed in the said last Session, entitled, "An Act for vesting in Trustees the Market Square in the Town of York for the benefit of the Inhabitants of the said Town," be repealed.

That a less expensive and more prompt and efficient system be established for the free and equal administration of Justice, that matters of small amount and difficulty may be disposed of with as much regard to the legal rights of the parties as matters of greater amount and difficulty; but at less expense, and that no fees be exacted, the tariff of which is not established by an Act of the Provincial Legislature.

That the real estate of persons dying intestate may not descend to the eldest son, to the exclusion of his bretheren, but be equally divided among the children, male and female.

That none of His Majesty's Judges, or Clergymen of any denomination, be enabled to hold seats either in the Executive or Legislative Councils, or in any way to interfere and concern themselves in the Executive or Legislative business of the Province.

That the right of impeachment and the mode of trial be fully and effectually recognized and established.

That the Executive Council of this Colony may be composed of those persons only who possess the confidence of the people.

That the Elections of County Members, which are often held at places distant and inconvenient for the people to attend at, to give in their votes, may, in future, when a poll is demanded, be holden at two, three, or more central and commodious fixed stations, and the votes of the Freeholders taken at each of these stations on successive days, unless the Election be sooner terminated by the resignation of Candidates, or that the Town Officers be authorised to take the suffrages of the Electors in their several Townships.

That the Jury Laws be amended, so that Jurors be drawn by ballot from lists of the best qualified persons in the several Townships of each District, or appointed in some other way less liable to partiality and abuse than an arbitrary selection by Sheriffs and Coroners, dependent upon the Executive Government for their appointment, income, and continuance in office.

And your petitioners as in duty bound,  
will ever pray:

PETER FRANK,

and two hundred and thirty-nine others.

Motion for statement in detail of the contingent expenses of the Honourable the Legislative Council, to be laid before this House previously to said account being audited.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that it be resolved, that it is expedient, that before auditing the contingent accounts of the Honourable the Legislative Council, which are paid out of the duties, taxes, imposts, and revenue raised from the people of this Province, and which have greatly increased in amount, of late years, a statement in detail containing the items and shewing the purposes to which that Honourable body apply such large sums annually, under the head of "contingencies," be laid before this House.—That it appears by the Public Accounts that salaries are yearly paid by the Government—to their Speaker four hundred pounds—to their Clerk two hundred pounds—to their Master in Chancery fifty pounds—to their Chaplain fifty pounds—to their Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod fifty pounds—to their Door Keeper twenty pounds—and to their Copying Clerks twenty-five pounds; that besides these large sums of the public money, they asked and obtained a vote of this House in March last, for nine hundred and sixty-three pounds and eleven pence half-penny for contingent expenses of the office of Grant Powell, their Clerk, incurred by their order, during the Session which closed in that month; and also a vote of other two hundred and fifteen pounds one shilling and six pence halfpenny for the like expenses of Wm. Lee, "Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod," incurred by him in his office during said Session, also by their orders, without informing this House or the Country, to what purpose these large sums were to be applied: and that a copy of this resolution be communicated to that Honourable House.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs.

Yeas 14.	Bidwell,	Duncombe,	MacKenzie,	Roblin,
	Buell,	Howard,	Perry,	Shaver,
	Campbell,	Ketchum,	Randal,	White,
	Cook,	Lyons,		

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 20.	Atty. General.	Elliott,	McMartin,	Samson,
	Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Macnab,	Shade,
	Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Maçon,	Sol. General,
	Burwell,	Jarvis,	Mount,	Thomson,
	Chisholm,	Lewis,	Robinson,	Werden—20.

Question lost. The question was decided in the negative by a majority of six.

Kingston Bank Bill read Second time and Committed. Agreeably to the order of the day the Kingston Bank Bill was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Berczy was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Berczy reported the Bill as amended.

Third reading on Monday. The report was received and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Votes to be exhibited in the lobby daily. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the Clerk of this House be instructed to have a copy of the Journals exhibited daily, in the lobby, for the information of the public.

Ordered.

Mr. Bidwells notices relative to Clergy Reserves and King's College struck off. Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the notices of his intended motions for the reading Journals of twelfth March last, respecting the proceedings of this House on the

subject of Clergy Reserves, and respecting King's College, be struck off the order of the day.

Ordered.

Mr. Maçon, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that this House do now adjourn until Monday next, at the usual hour.

House adjourns till Monday.

Ordered—and the House adjourned till Monday accordingly.

MONDAY, 28th NOVEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of Friday were read.

Petitions brought up, of Andrew Thompson and others.

Mr. Warren brought up the petition of Andrew Thompson, and one hundred and eleven others, of the County of Hal-dimand, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Bidwell brought up the petition of James Forshee, and one hundred and one others, of the Townships of Fredericksburgh and Adolphustown, in the Midland District; which was laid on the table.

James Forshee and others.

Mr. Duncombe brought up the petition of William Holmes, (Chairman of a public meeting in Brantford) and five others; which was laid on the table.

William Holme Chairman of public Meeting and others.

Mr. Duncombe brought up the petition of A. A. Rapelje, Esquire, Sheriff of the London District; which was laid on the table.

A. A. Rapelje.

Mr. Clark brought up the petition of William Hamilton Merritt, and four others, Trustees to the Grantham Academy; which was laid on the table.

Of W. H. Merritt and others.

Mr. Clark brought up the petition of George Adams, and eighty-seven others, of the District of Niagara which; was laid on the table.

George Adams and others.

Mr. Roblin brought up the petition of Henry McDonald, Esq. and one hundred and eighty-nine others, of Hallowell and Marysburgh, in the County of Prince Edward; which was laid on the table.

Henry McDonald Esq. and others.

Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of John Fenton, and twenty-six others, Jurors of the Home District; which was laid on the table.

John Fenton and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of William Griffis, Junior, and thirty-two others of Trafalgar, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

William Griffis Junior and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Robert Hunter and twenty-five others, Jurors, Witnesses, Clients, and others, waiting for Justice at the Quarter Sessions Court and District Court, now sitting; which was laid on the table.

Robert Hunter and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of James Thompson, (Chairman of a Township Meeting held in the Township of Trafalgar,) and thirty-four others; which was laid on the table.

James Thompson and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of John Bourchier, and forty-nine others, of the Township of Georgina, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

John Bourchier and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Peter P. Kinney and eleven others, of the Township of Trafalgar; which was laid on the table.

Peter P. Kinney and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Samuel Todd, of the Town of York, with accompanying documents; which was laid on the table.

Of Samuel Todd.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the Select Committee chosen by ballot, on the petition of the inhabitants of Township of Vaughan and other petitions upon the same subject, have power to send for persons and papers.

Select Committee on Grievance Petitions have power to send for persons and papers.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to establish a Banking Corporation in Kingston, was read the third time.

Kingston Bill read a Third time.

On the question for passing the same, the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

On passing House divides.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Duncombe,	Maçon,	Shaver,
Berczy,	Elliott,	Mount,	Sol. General,
Bidwell,	R. Fraser,	Randal,	Thomson,
Campbell,	Jarvis,	Robinson,	Warren,
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Roblin,	Werden,
Clark,	McCall,	Samson,	White, and
Crooks,	Macnab,	Shade,	W. Wilson—28

Yeas 28.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Howard,	Ketchum,	Lyons,	MacKenzie, 4.
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Nays 4.

**Bill passed.** The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-four, and the Bill was signed.

**Title.** Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves that the Bill be entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada."

**Bill sent to Legislative Council.** Which was carried and Messrs. Solicitor General and Thomson were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honourable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

**Petitions read.**  
**Of Stephen H. Elliott and others.** Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Stephen H. Elliott, and one hundred and two others, of the London don District, praying that a harbour may be constructed at the mouth of Big Otter Creek, on Lake Erie, otherwise called Port Burwell. The petition of R. L. McKenney, and ninety-four others of the London District, praying the same. The petition of Paul Glasford and sixty-six others, of the Town of Brockville, praying for an Act of Incorporation, establishing an Elective Police in said Town. The petition of John Kirby and eighty-seven others, of the Town of Kingston, Midland District, praying for pecuniary aid to enable them to erect an Hospital in the said Town for the benefit of poor and destitute Emigrants. The petition of Miles Bacon, (Chairman of a Town Meeting in Caledon, County of York,) and eighty-four others, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank, and others of Vaughan. The petition of D. Brakenridge, and two hundred and thirteen others, praying for the improvement of the River Saint Lawrence. And the petition of William Merrill, and thirty-nine others, of the Township of Sidney, in the Midland District, praying that any petition from the inhabitants of Kingston, praying for the establishment of a Bank in that Town, may be regarded favourably by the Assembly—were read.

**Petition of John Kirby and others referred.** Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the petition of John Kirby, and others, on the subject of an Hospital, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Thomson and Jarvis, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

**Petition of David Brakenridge and others referred.** Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the petition of David Brakenridge, Esquire, and others, relative to the improvement of the navigation of the Saint Lawrence, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Lewis, A. Fraser, Chisholm and Buell, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

**Petition of Paul Glasford and others referred.** Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves that the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Town of Brockville, praying for the establishment of a Police, be referred to Messrs. Thomson and R. D. Fraser, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

**Motion for referring the petition of Miles Bacon and others to a Select Committee.** Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that the petition of the people of the Township of Caledon, York County, be referred to a Select Committee to be composed of Messrs. Ketchum, Shaver, Buell, and Perry, and that they have power to send for persons and papers, and leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

**Motion in amendment that the petition of Miles Bacon and others may be referred to the Committee on petition of Peter Frank and others.** In amendment, Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves that all, after the word "moves" in the original motion, be expunged, and the following inserted:

"That the petition of the people of the Township of Caledon be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the people of Vaughan."

**House divides on amendment.** On which the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 21.	Atty. General,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Sol. General,
	Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	Thomson,
	Chisholm,	R. Fraser,	Mount,	Warren,
	Clark,	Jarvis,	Samson,	W. Wilson—
	Crooks,	Lewis,	Shade,	21.
	Duncombe,	McCall,		

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 11.	Bidwell,	Ketchum,	Randal,	Werden,
	Campbell,	Lyons,	Roblin,	White,—11
	Howard,	MacKenzie,	Shaver,	

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of ten.

The original question as amended was then put and carried.

**Question amended Carried.**

**Petition of R. L. McKenney referred to supply.** Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that the petition of R. L. McKenney and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

**Petition of Arad Smalley, Esquire, of North Gwillimbury, and others referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Ketchum and Campbell, with power to send for persons and papers, and leave to report by bill or otherwise.** Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the Petition of Arad Smalley, Esquire, of North Gwillimbury, and others, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Ketchum and Campbell, with power to send for persons and papers, and leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

**Notice of Address to His Majesty on support of Common Schools.** Mr. Duncombe gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the appointment of a Committee to take into consideration the propriety of addressing His Majesty, praying for a grant of the waste lands of the Crown, for the support of common Schools in this Province.

**Notice of Wolf Bill.** Mr. Duncombe gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill to increase the bounty for the destruction of Wolves in this Province.

**Notice of County Court Bill.** Mr. Duncombe gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill establishing County Courts in the several Counties of this Province, under certain restrictions.

**Notice of Select Committee on expiring laws.** Mr. Shaver gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for a Select Committee to examine what Laws have expired, or are about to expire, and to report by bill or otherwise.

**Notice of District Officers residence Bill.** Mr. Warren gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to compel persons holding District Offices to reside in the several and respective District Towns for which they shall be appointed.

**Notice of Bill relating to actions of ejectment.** Mr. Solicitor General gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to amend proceedings in actions of ejectment.

**Notice of Bill to prevent embezzlement.** Mr. Solicitor General gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to protect Masters against embezzlement by their Clerks and Servants.

**Notice of Bill for recovery of negotiable securities.** Mr. Solicitor General gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to regulate acceptances of Bills of Exchange, and to facilitate the recovery of negotiable securities.

**Notice of bill to relieve holders of negotiable securities.** Mr. Solicitor General gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to afford relief to the bona fide holders of negotiable securities, without notice that they are given for an usurious consideration.

**Notice of Bill to amend the laws of the Registry.** Mr. Solicitor General gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to amend the laws now in force relating to the registry of titles to lands in this Province.

**Notice of motion on administration of Justice in common law Courts.** Mr. Solicitor General gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move this House do take into consideration the administration of justice in the common law Courts of this Province.

**Select Committee on Petitions of Win. Zwick and others, Ths. Markland and others, & John Turnbull and others, present a Report and Bill. Report read.** Mr. Samson, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of William Zwick and others, and the Petition of Thomas Markland, J. P. and others, and also the Petition of John Turnbull and others, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a Report, and the draft of a bill, both of which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The Report was received and read.

(See Appendix.)

The Bill was read the first time.

**Motion for suspending 40th Rule, and second reading of Bill.** Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that the fortieth Rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the bill to alter the place of holding the Quarter Sessions of the Midland District, and that the bill be read a second time to-morrow.

**House divides.** On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 22.	Atty. General,	A. Fraser,	Macnab,	Warren,
	Berczy,	R. Fraser,	Mount,	Werden,
	Clark,	Jarvis,	Robinson,	White,
	Crooks,	Ketchum,	Roblin,	W. Wilson—
	Duncombe,	Lewis,	Samson,	22.
	Elliott,	McCall,	Shade,	

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 7.	Bidwell,	Howard,	MacKenzie,	Shaver—7
	Campbell,	Lyons,	Perry,	

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and the bill for the establishment of alternate Courts to be read a second time to-morrow.

in Kingston and Belleville, in the Midland District, was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Felons Counsel Bill brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves for leave to bring in a bill to allow persons tried for felony the benefit of full defence by Counsel, and to regulate the practice of trial in criminal cases in some other respects.

Second reading to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Address to be sent to His Excellency, to procure a Survey of the mouth of the Trent.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. White, moves that it be resolved, that an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to employ a competent person or persons to ascertain, by survey, at what part of the mouth of the River Trent a bridge may be built to the greatest public advantage—to procure plans and estimates of a good permanent bridge, to be erected across the same—and to lay such survey, plans and estimates before this House as soon as practicable.

Ordered.

Committee to draft an Address.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. White, moves that Messrs. Roblin and Duncombe be a Committee to draft and report an address pursuant to the foregoing resolution.

Ordered.

Draft of Address reported.

Mr. Duncombe, from the Select Committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of a survey of the mouth of the Trent, reported a draft, which was received, and read the first time.

Draft referred to Committee of supply.

Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor relative to the Trent Bridge, be not read a second time, but be referred to the Committee of supply.

Ordered.

Bill to define the power of Justices, &c. brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves for leave to bring in a Bill for defining the power and duty of Justices of the Peace and Coroners, upon the commitment or bailment of prisoners in criminal cases.

Second reading to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Bill to improve administration of Justice brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. White, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to improve the administration of Justice in criminal cases.

Second reading to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the Bill was read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Motion for Resolutions for Statements from District Treasurers and Commissioners of the Peace.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves for the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the Treasurers of the eleven Districts of this Province, to cause to be laid before this House, with as little delay as practicable, a statement in detail, of all the monies paid into the Treasuries of their respective Districts during the last past three years; likewise a detailed account of all the several appropriations that have been made of said monies within that time—by what authority such appropriations were directed to be made, and the balance remaining in the Treasury of each of their respective Districts, of all monies unappropriated.

2. Resolved, that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the Commissioners of the Peace, in each and every District of this Province, to cause to be laid before this House, with as little delay as possible, a detailed account of all the monies appropriated by said Commissioners for the improvement of Roads and Bridges, arising from the sale of Wild Lands, under the Wild Land Assessment Tax, and what part of said appropriations of said monies appropriated by said Commissioners has been applied agreeably to said appropriations, and whether any part of said monies thus appropriated remains unapplied, and, if any, what sum, and in whose hands it remains, and that Messrs. Perry and MacKenzie be a Committee to draft and report an address in pursuance of the foregoing resolutions.

Debates.

On which debates ensued.

Motion for referring debates.

Mr. John Wilson, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that the further debate on the motion before the House, be deferred until to-morrow.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 10. Atty. General, Jarvis, Magon, J. Willson—  
A. Fraser, McMartin, Shade, 10.  
R. Fraser, Macnab, Sol. General,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Berczy, Elliott, MacKenzie, Shaver,  
Bidwell, Howard, Mount, Werden,  
Boulton, Ketchum, Perry, White,  
Campbell, Lewis, Randal, W. Wilson—  
Clark, Lyons, Robinson, 22.  
Crooks, McCall, Roblin,

The question for deferring debate was decided in the negative, by a majority of twelve.

On the original question the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides on original question.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy, Howard, Mackenzie, Shaver,  
Bidwell, Jarvis, Mount, Werden,  
Campbell, Ketchum, Perry, White,  
Clark, Lewis, Randal, W. Wilson, 22.  
Duncombe, Lyons, Robinson,  
Elliott, McCall, Roblin,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, A. Fraser, Macnab, J. Willson—  
Boulton, R. Fraser, Magon, 10.  
Crooks, McMartin, Shade,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve. Resolutions adopted.

Mr. Perry from the Select Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency, relative to returns from District Treasurers, &c. reported a draft which was received and read twice. Address to His Excellency for returns from Treasurers &c. reported.

On the question for adoption being put, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the whole of the second paragraph be expunged, and the following inserted, "that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct the Treasurers of the several Districts of this Province, to call upon the several Justices of the Peace in their several Districts, who have received, during the last three years, from the said Treasurers respectively, any monies under the 13th Section of the 4th George 4, chap. 9. for an account, in detail, of the manner in which such monies have been expended, and what sums remain in their hands unexpended." Amendment to address proposed and adopted.

Which was carried, and the Address was adopted and ordered for a third reading to-morrow. Third reading to-morrow.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Clark brought up the Petition of Timothy Street, of Streetsville, in the Home District; which was laid on the table. Petitions brought up. Of Timothy Street.

Mr. Thomson brought up the Petition of Artimas W. Cushman, of Camden, in the Midland District; which was laid on the table. Of Artimas Cushman.

Mr. John Willson brought up the Petition of John Chisholm, of East Flamborough, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table. Of John Chisholm.

Mr. John Willson brought up the Petition of Caleb Hopkins, Ebenezer Griffin, and ninety-four others, of the District of Gore; which was laid on the table. Of Caleb Hopkins, E. Griffin and others.

Mr. Macnab brought up the Petition of William Richardson, and forty-five others, of Brantford, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table. Of William Richardson, and others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency relative to returns from Treasurers of Districts &c. was read the third time and passed, Nem. Con. Address for returns from Treasurers &c. passed, nem. con.

Present, Messieurs Attorney General, Berczy, Boulton, Campbell, Clark, Elliott, R. Fraser, Howard, Ketchum, Lyons, McCall, Macnab, Magon, Mount, Perry, Randal, Robinson, Shade, Shaver, Solicitor General, Thomson, Warren, Werden, White, J. Willson and W. Wilson. Members present.

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &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, Address to His Excellency for returns from Treasurers &c.

humbly request that your Excellency will be pleased to direct the Treasurers of the eleven Districts of this Province, to cause to be laid before this House with as little delay as practicable, a statement in detail of all the monies paid into the Treasuries of their respective Districts, during the last past three years; likewise a detailed account of all the several appropriations that have been made of said monies within that time; by what authority such appropriations were directed to be made, and the balance remaining in the Treasury of each of their respective Districts, of all monies unappropriated.

Also, that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct the Treasurers of the several Districts of this Province, to call upon the several Justices of the Peace, in their said Districts, who have received, during the last three years from the said Treasurers respectively, any monies under the 13th Section of the 4th Geo. 4, chap. 9, for an Account in detail of the manner in which such monies have been expended, and what sums remain in their hands unexpended.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly, }  
29th November, 1831. }

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Campbell, moves that Messieurs Perry and Shaver, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency, to ascertain when he will be pleased to receive the Address, and to present the same.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Petition of Samuel Cornell, Chairman of a meeting in the Township of Beverly, and eighty-one others, of the same place, praying the same as the Petition of Peter Frank and others, of Vaughan—the Petition of the President Directors and Company of the Cobourg Harbour, praying for a loan of Three Thousand Pounds, to complete the said Harbor—the Petition of the Reverend William Macaulay, of the County of Prince Edward, praying that an Act may be passed, vesting in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, a certain parcel of ground for the site for a Gaol and Court House in said County—and the Petition of William T. Slater, of the Township of Matilda, praying, in consequence of wounds received in His Majesty's Service during the late war with the United States, and his present advanced age and utter helplessness, that he may be allowed a small pittance during the remainder of his days, were read.

Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. R. D. Fraser, moves that the Petition of Samuel Cornell and others, be referred to the Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of the people of Vaughan.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 20.	Boulton, Chisholm, Clark, Elliott, A. Fraser,	R. Fraser, Jarvis, Lewis, McMartin, Macnab,	Macon, Mount, Robinson, Samson, Shade,	Sol. General,— Thomson, Warren, J. Willson, W. Wilson— 20.
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NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 12.	Berczy, McCall, Campbell,	Duncombe, Howard, Ketchum,	Lyons, Perry, Randal,	Shaver, Werden, White—12.
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The question was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of eight.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. White, moves that the Petition of Gideon Turner, and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Werden, seconded by Mr. White, moves that the Petition of William Macaulay be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Cotter and others.

Ordered.

Mr. R. D. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the Petition of William T. Slater, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that the Petition of the President and Directors of the Cobourg Harbour Company, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

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Mr. Macnab gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the reading of that part of the Journals of last Session, relative to the petition of William Scollick, and two hundred and twenty-four others, praying for a grant of money to reimburse Absalom Shade, Esquire, for building and rebuilding a Bridge across the Grand River.

Mr. Solicitor General, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of Paul Glassford, and others, of the Town of Brockville, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by Bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The report was received, and the Brockville Police Bill was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Werden, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of James Cotter, Esquire, and others, and the Petition of the Reverend William Macaulay, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report, and the draft of a Bill, both of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The report was received and read, and the Bill to facilitate the erection of the Gaol and Court House in the County of Prince Edward, was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

(Report see Appendix.)

Mr. Berczy gives notice, that he will, on Friday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent persons obstructing the Navigation of the River Thames, and the two branches of Bear Creek, in the Western District, by felling timber into the said Rivers.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the laws now in force, regulating the practice of Physic, Surgery, and Midwifery, in this Province.

Which was granted, and the Bill was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Warren, moves that two hundred copies of the Bill to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery, be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that that part of the Journals of last Session, relating to the settlement of the Crown Lands in this Province be now read.

Which was carried, and the Journals were read accordingly, (see printed Journal pages 88 and 89.)

Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that this House do resolve itself, on to-morrow, into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the resolutions on the settlement of the Crown Lands just now read.

Ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on Supply.

Which was carried, and Mr. Clark was called to the chair.

The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, a Bill entitled, "An Act to prevent the operation within this Province of an Act of Parliament made in England, in the 21st year of the reign of King James the First, entitled, "An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of Bastard Children, and to make other provisions for the prevention and punishment of Infanticide," and a Bill entitled, "An act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction over offences committed upon the Lakes and Rivers in this Province," both of which the Honorable the Legislative Council had passed, and requested the concurrence of the Assembly to the same.

The Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to prevent the operation within this Province, of an Act of Parliament made in England, in the 21st year of the reign of King James the First, entitled, 'an Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of Bastard Children, and to make other provisions for the prevention and punishment of Infanticide,'" was then read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

The Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction over offences committed upon the Lakes and Rivers in this Province," was then read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Notice of reading Journals on petition of William Scollick.

Committee on the petition of P. Glasford and others report by Bill.

Brockville Police Bill read first time, second to-morrow.

Committee on petitions of James Cotter Esq. and others, and of the Rev. William MacAulay report.

Prince Edward Bill read first time, second to-morrow.

Notice of Bill to prevent obstruction of Thames navigation.

Physic and Surgery Bill brought in and read.

second on Monday next.

200 copies to be printed

Journals read relative to settlement of Crown Lands.

House to go into Committee to-morrow on resolutions just read.

House goes into Committee of supply.

Legislative Council sends down a Bill to prevent infanticide and a Bill relating to the Jurisdiction on waters.

Bill to prevent infanticide read.

Second to-morrow.

Bill relating to Jurisdiction on waters read.

Second to-morrow.

Committee to carry up Address.

Petition of Samuel Cornell and others read.

Petition of Cobourg Harbour Company read.

Petition of the Rev. William MacAulay read.

Petition of William T. Slater read.

Petition of Samuel Cornell and others referred to the Committee on the petition of the people of Vaughan.

Petition of Gideon Turner and others referred to supply.

Petition of Rev. William MacAulay referred.

Petition of William T. Slater referred to supply.

Petition of Cobourg Harbour Company referred to supply.

House in Committee of supply. The House went again into Committee of Supply.  
 Mr. Clark in the Chair.  
 The House resumed.  
 Several resolutions reported. Mr. Clark reported that the Committee had agreed to several resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.  
 The Report was received.  
 First resolution carried. The first and second resolutions were put and carried as follows:—  
 To provide an asylum. Resolved, That it is necessary that an Asylum be provided for the reception of destitute insane persons, inhabitants of this Province.  
 Second resolution carried and referred to a select Committee. Resolved, That the Chairman be instructed to move that it be referred to a Select Committee to be composed of Messrs. Bidwell, John Willson, Jarvis and Duncombe, to report to this House upon the best method of establishing a Lunatic Asylum in this Province, and detailing the most convenient and beneficial method for carrying this benevolent object into effect.  
 Third resolution put. The third resolution was put as follows:  
 Additional duty on shops. Resolved, that, for the purpose of raising a fund for the improvement of Roads and Bridges, it is expedient to impose a duty upon licenses granted to Shopkeepers for retailing Wines, Brandy, and other Spirituous Liquors, and that such duty shall amount to two pounds on such license.  
 House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs.

Yeas 20.	Atty. General, R. Fraser, Berzey, Howard, Bidwell, Jarvis, Boulton, Ketchum, Campbell, Lewis, Clark, Lyons, Duncombe, McCall, A. Fraser, A. Martin,	Macon, Mount, Perry, Randal, Robinson, Samson, Shade,	Shaver, Sol. General, Thomson, Warren, White, W. Wilson—	29
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NAY.

Nay 1. Mr. MacKenzie—1.  
 The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-eight, and it was resolved accordingly:

Fourth resolution put. The fourth resolution was put as follows:  
 Steam-boat license.s Resolved, that for the same purpose it is expedient to impose a duty on Licenses to authorise the retailing of Wines, Brandy, and Spirituous Liquors, on board of Steam Boats, and that such duty shall amount to two pounds on each license.  
 House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs.

Yeas 21.	Atty. General, Jarvis, Berzey, Ketchum, Campbell, Lyons, Duncombe, McMartin, A. Fraser, Magon, Howard, Mount,	Perry, Randal, Robinson, Samson, Shade,	Shaver, Warren, White, W. Wilson—	21
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NAYS—Messieurs;

Nays 9.	Bidwell, R. Fraser, Boulton, Lewis, Clark, McCall, Mackenzie,	Sol. General, Thomson,	9.
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The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve.  
 Fifth resolution carried. The fifth and sixth resolutions were put and carried as follows:

A Bill to be drafted on the foregoing resolutions. Resolved, that the Chairman be instructed to move for leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the resolutions on the subject of duty on licenses to shopkeepers, and to persons retailing wines, brandy, and spirituous liquors, on board of Steam Boats.  
 Sixth resolution carried. Trent Survey. Resolved, that it is expedient to defray the expense of procuring a Survey of the mouth of the River Trent, and of plans and estimates of a Bridge to be built across the same.

Sheriff's security Bill Committed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Sheriff's Security Bill was read the second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.  
 Mr. Magon was called to the chair.  
 The House resumed.

Mr. Magon reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow. Progress.  
 Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 30th NOVEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.  
 The minutes of yesterday were read.  
 Mr. Clark brought up the petition of the Welland Canal Company; which was laid on the table. Petitions brought up. Of Welland Canal Company.  
 Mr. Warren brought up the petition of Robert Long, and fifty-nine others, of Walpole and Rainham; which was laid on the table. Robert Long and others.  
 Mr. Chisholm, brought up the petition of Finlay McNaughton, and twelve others, living on the Townline of Nelson and Trafalgar, and of Esquising and Nassagaweya; which was laid on the table. Of Finlay McNaughton and others.  
 Mr. W. Wilson brought up the petition of Jacob Langs, and two hundred and twelve others, of the Eastern part of the London District; which was laid on the table. Of Jacob Langs and others.  
 Mr. McCall brought up the petition of James Graham, and ninety-eight others, inhabitants of the Eastern part of the London District; which was laid on the table. Of James Graham and others.  
 Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Caleb Hopkins (Chairman of a public meeting) and eighty-six others, inhabitants of Nelson and Nassagaweya; which was laid on the table. Of Caleb Hopkins and others.  
 Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Richard Yeomans, and forty-eight others, of York, Markham, and Scarborough; which was laid on the table. Of Richard Yeomans and others.  
 Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of John Woolstencroft, in behalf of himself and others, Debtors confined in the Home District Gaol; which was laid on the table. Of John Woolstencroft and others.  
 Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Andrew Thomson, and one hundred and eleven others, of the County of Haldimand, praying that a Company may be chartered for the improvement of the Grand River. Petition of Andrew Thomson and others read.  
 The petition of James Forshee, and one hundred and one others, of the Townships of Fredericksburgh and Adolphustown, in the Midland District, praying for the passage of a Law authorising a certain Survey in the said Townships. The petition of William Holme (Chairman of a public meeting in Brantford) and five others, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of improving the Grand River. The petition of A. A. Rapelje, Esq, Sheriff of the London District, praying to be remunerated for loss sustained by an escape from the Gaol of the said District. The petition of William Hamilton Merritt, and four others, Trustees to the Grantiam Academy, praying for an endowment for said Institution. The petition of George Adams, and eighty-seven others, of the District of Niagara, praying for the establishment of a Bank at Saint Catharines, with a capital of twenty-five thousand pounds, with liberty to increase the same to fifty thousand pounds, in three years. The petition of Henry MacDonald, and one hundred and eighty-nine others, of Hallowell and Marysburgh, in the County of Prince Edward, praying that a new Township may be formed of the Southern parts of said Townships. The petition of John Fenton, and twenty-six others, Jurors of the Home District, complaining of being kept at the Court of Quarter Sessions on the trials of offences which might be settled before Magistrates without the intervention of a Jury, whereby their expenses would be saved, and praying that their case may be taken into consideration. The petition of William Griffin, and thirty-two others, of Trafalgar, in the Gore District, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank and others of Vaughan. The petition of Robert Hunter, and twenty-five others, Jurors, Witnesses, Clients, and others, waiting for Justice at the Quarter Sessions Court, and District Court, now sitting, praying the House to urge upon the attention of the Government, that steps ought to be taken, so that the time and means of the people required by law to attend this Court, or having business thereat, may not be further unnecessarily sacrificed for the convenience or interest of a few individuals holding offices, the discharge of the several duties of which are incompatible with each other. The petition of James Thomson, (Chairman of a Township Meeting in the Township of Trafalgar) and thirty-four others, praying the same as the petition of the people of Vaughan—(see page 17.) The petition of John Bouchier, and forty-nine others, of the Township of Georgina in the Home District, praying for pecuniary assistance to improve their roads. The petition of Peter P. Kinney, and eleven others, of the Township of Trafalgar, praying the same as the petition of the people of Vaughan—(see page 17.) And the petition of Samuel Todd, of the Town of York, praying to be assisted by pecuniary means to support his family, he being rendered incapable of doing it without, having by a fall from his horse on his return

from a Militia Training, so fractured his leg that amputation became necessary above the knee, &c. were read.

Finance Committee to be balloted for to-morrow.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the House do, on to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, noon, proceed to appoint by ballot, a Committee of seven members, to consider and report on the public accounts of this Province.

Ordered.

Petition of Henry MacDonald and others referred.

Mr. Roblin, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the petition of Henry MacDonald and others, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Werden and White with power to report thereon, by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Petition of George Adams and others referred.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the petition praying for the establishment of a Bank at Saint Catharines, in the Niagara District, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Thomson and Warren, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Petition of William H. Merritt and others referred.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Warren, moves that the petition of the Trustees for the Grantham Academy be referred to the Committee on Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of Samuel Todd referred.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the petition of Samuel Todd be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Ketchum and Buell.

Ordered.

Petition of John Bourchier and others referred to supply.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the petition of John Bourchier, Esq. and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Committee to present Address to His Excellency for returns from Treasurers reports answer.

Mr. Perry from the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, requesting information from the several District Treasurers of this Province, and to present the same, reported having done so, and that His Excellency was pleased to make thereto the following answer:

GENTLEMEN,

I will order the necessary directions to be given to the Treasurers of the several Districts in compliance with this Address.

Answer.

Petitions of William Holme Esq. and others, and of Andrew Thompson and others referred.

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the petition of William Holme, Esq. and others, of the Village of Brantford, and the petition of Andrew Thomson and others, of the County of Haldimand, upon the subject of the Improvement of the Navigation of the Grand River, be referred to a Select Committee to be composed of Messrs. Warren and Shade, with power to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Motion for referring the petition of William Griffis and others to a select Committee.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the petition of Wm. Griffis and others, of Trafalgar, and the petition of Peter P. Kinney and others, also of Trafalgar, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Ketchum, Shaver, Perry, and Howard, with power to send for persons and papers, and leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Amendment proposed.

In amendment, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves that the name of "Ketchum," be struck out of the original motion, and the name of "Lyons" inserted in its stead.

House divides on amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Bidwell,	Ketchum,	Perry,	Shaver,
Campbell,	Lyons,	Randal,	Warden
Clark,	McCall,	Roblin,	White—14.
Howard,	MacKenzie,		

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Boulton,	Jarvis,	Robinson,	Thomson,
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Samson,	Warren,
Crooks,	McMartin,	Shade,	J. Willson,
Duncombe,	Maçon,	Sol. General,	W. Wilson—18
R. Fraser,	Mount,		

The question of Amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of four.

Amendment lost.

Amendment proposed to refer the petition of William Griffis and

In amendment to the original question, Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. R. Fraser, moves that all after the word "moves," in the original motion be expunged, and the following inserted: "That the petition of William Griffis and others, of Trafalgar, as also the petitions of Peter P. Kinney

and others, and of James Thompson and others, of Trafalgar, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the people of Vaughan.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Boulton,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	Sol. General,
Chisholm,	R. Fraser,	Mount,	Thomson,
Clark,	Jarvis,	Robinson,	Warren,
Crooks,	Lewis,	Samson,	J. Willson
Duncombe,	McMartin,	Shade,	W. Wilson—20

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Bidwell,	Lyons,	Perry,	Shaver,
Campbell,	McCall,	Randal,	Warden,
Howard,	MacKenzie,	Roblin,	White—13.
Ketchum,			

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven.

The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the petition of Robert Hunter and others, of the Town and County of York be referred to a Select Committee to be composed of Messrs. Ketchum and Perry, with power to send for persons and papers, and leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Lyons, moves that the petition of James Forsee and others, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. Perry and Campbell, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Clark, Chairman of the Committee of Supply, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the resolutions of this Honourable House, on the subject of an additional duty on licenses to shopkeepers, and to impose a duty on licenses to persons retailing Wines, Brandy and Spirituous Liquors on board of Steam Boats.

Which was granted and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Elliott gives notice that he will, on the eighth day of December next, move a series of resolutions to ground an humble Address of this Honourable House to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty may be graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, the passage of a Law to attach so much of the Province of Lower Canada to this Province as is included between the South Shore of the Saint Lawrence from the Point of Boudett to the Lower end of the Island of Montreal, and from thence along the centre of the water to where the Boundary Line between the two Provinces intersects the Ottawa River.

Mr. Elliott gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the reading so much of the Journals of this House, during the last Session, as relates to the petition of Absalom Shade, Esq. and others.

Mr. Crooks gives notice that he will, on Friday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the application of the funds of the several Districts of this Province in certain cases.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to prevent frivolous and vexatious law suits was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Shaver was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Shaver reported that the Committee had risen.

On the question for receiving the report, the House divided and the Yeas and Nays were taken, as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Elliott,	Maçon,	Samson,
Bidwell,	R. Fraser,	Perry,	Shaver,
Campbell,	Howard,	Randal,	White,
Clark,	Lyons,	Roblin,	W. Wilson—16

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Berzcy,	Jarvis,	Shade,	Warren,
Boulton,	Lewis,	Sol. General,	Warden,
Crooks,	McCall,	Thomson,	J. Willson—
Duncombe,	Robinson,		14.

others, Peter P. Kinney and others, and James Thompson and others to the Committee on the Vaughan petition.

Yeas 20.

Nays 13.

Amended question carried.

Petition of Robert Hunter and others referred.

Petition of James Forsee and others referred.

Bill imposing a duty on shops and steam boats brought in and read.

Second reading to-morrow.

Notice of resolutions for Address to His Majesty relative to annexing the Island of Montreal to Upper Canada.

Notice of reading Journals on petition of Absalom Shade Esq.

Notice of Bill relating to District Funds.

Bill to prevent vexatious Law-suits referred to Committee of whole.

Committee rises.

For receiving report.

Yeas 16.

Nays 14.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of two, and the report was received.

Absconding debtors bill to be printed.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that one hundred copies of the Bill for attaching the property of absconding debtors, be printed for the consideration of Members.

Ordered.

Bill to prevent infanticide read second time, and referred to Committee of whole.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill sent down from the Honourable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to prevent the operation within this Province of an Act of Parliament made in England in the twenty-first year of the reign of King James the first, entitled, "An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of bastard children, and to make other provisions for the prevention and punishment of infanticide," was read the second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Elliott was called to the chair.

The House resumed to receive a message.

Messages from His Excellency.

Mr. Acting Secretary McMahon brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, several messages and documents, and having retired, the Speaker read the messages as follows:

J. COLBORNE.

Message with report of York Hospital.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, the Annual Report of the York Hospital and Dispensary, and he trusts that the House will continue to aid this establishment.

Government House, }  
30th November, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

Message with Despatch relative to Crown timber.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly a copy of a Despatch which he has received from His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting the Address of the House on the subject of the duty which is collected on licences to cut timber from the waste lands of the Crown.

Government House, }  
30th November, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

Message relative to independency of Judges.

The Lieutenant Governor has already communicated to the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, that he has received the commands of His Majesty to propose to them the enactment of a bill, declaring that the Commissions of all the Judges of the Supreme Courts shall be granted during their good behaviour; and he now acquaints the House of Assembly, that in further pursuance of the general design of imparting to this Colony the benefit of the important principle of the British Constitution, the independence of the Judges, it is His Majesty's settled purpose to nominate on no future occasion any Judge as a Member either of the Executive or of the Legislative Council; and that the single exception to this general rule, will be, that of the Chief Justice of Upper Canada, who will be a Member of the Legislative Council, in order that they may have the benefit of his assistance in framing laws of a general and permanent character; but that His Majesty will not fail to recommend even to that high Officer, a cautious abstinence from all proceedings by which he might be involved in any political contention of a party nature.

Government House, }  
30th November, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

Message with statement of Crown lands sold &c.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, statements of the number of acres sold by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and of the monies collected by the sale of Clergy Reserves.

The statement of the monies arising from Rents on Leases of Clergy Reserves, is not transmitted, as it has been forwarded to His Majesty's Government for the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, respecting the payments ordered since the year 1820, by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and is now under consideration.

Government House, }  
30th November, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

Message with return of Debentures.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly a return of Debentures redeemed and outstanding.

Government House, }  
30th November, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly a copy of a Despatch which he has received from His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting the joint address of condolence to the King, from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly.

Message with copy of despatch in answer to address of condolence.

Government House, }  
30th November, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly a communication from the Receiver General, with a report and other documents from the Commissioners of the Burlington Bay Canal, and also a petition from the contractors of that work.

Message with communication from Receiver General, and Burlington Bay papers.

Government House, }  
30th November, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, in compliance with an address of the House during the last Session, all such returns as have been received respecting the number of suits commenced in the several Courts of this Province during the year, ending the 31st December, 1830.

Message with returns of suits.

Government House, }  
30th November, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly a copy of a Despatch and of its enclosures which he has received from the under Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting the Journals of the Imperial Parliament, a copy of which the House of Assembly requested might be procured for the use of the Legislature of this Province, in an address during the Session of the last Parliament.

Message with copy of despatch relating to Journals.

Government House, }  
30th November, 1831. }

(Documents, see Appendix.)

The House went again into Committee on the Bill sent down from the Honourable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to prevent the operation within this Province of an Act of Parliament made in England in the 21st year of the reign of King James the First, entitled, 'An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of Bastard Children, and to make other provisions for the prevention and punishment of Infanticide.'"

House went again into Committee on bill for the prevention of Infanticide.

Mr. Elliott in the Chair.

The House resumed

Mr. Elliott reported the Bill without amendment.

The report was received and the Bill was ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Lyons, moves for leave to bring in a Bill for the appointment of Commissioners on the part of this Province, to treat with Commissioners on the part of Lower Canada, on matters of mutual interest to both Provinces.

Commissioners appointment bill brought in and read.

Which was granted, and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Second to-morrow.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking him for his several messages of this day, and assuring His Excellency that we will pay due attention to the important subjects submitted for our consideration, and that Messieurs John Willson, and Shade, be a Select Committee to draft and report such Address.

Address of thanks to be sent to His Excellency.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill sent down from the Honourable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction over offences committed upon the Lakes and Rivers in this Province," was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill relative to jurisdiction on waters read second time, and committed.

Mr. Mount was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Mount reported that the Committee had risen for want of a Quorum.

Committee rises for want of a quorum.

Present, Messieurs Attorney General, Berczy, Bidwell, Buell, Cook, Howard, Jarvis, Ketchum, McCall, Mount, Perry, Robinson, Samson, Shade, Shaver, Solicitor General, Werden, White and John Willson—19.

Members present.

At five of the clock P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1831.

The House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Committee of the whole House on the Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction over offences committed upon the Lakes and Rivers in this Province," resumed.

Mr. Mount in the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Mount reported the Bill as amended.

The Report was received and the amendments were ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. John Willson brought up the petition of Hugh C. Thomson and James Macfarlane, Esquires, of Kingston; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Macnab brought up the petition of the President and Directors of the Desjardins Canal Company; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Macnab brought up the Petition of William McKinley, and eighty-six others, of the District of Gore; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Macnab brought up the Petition of W. C. Ross, and forty-one others, of the District of Gore; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Macnab brought up the Petition of George Chisholm, and twenty-four others, of the District of Gore; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Macnab brought up the Petition of Manuel Overfield, and eighty others, of the District of Gore; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Cook brought up the Petition of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Merkeley, and sixteen others, of Williamsburgh, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. McCall brought up the Petition of William Young, and one hundred and thirty-two others, Inhabitants of the County of Norfolk, and the Townships adjoining in the London District; which was laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to prevent the operation within this Province of an Act of Parliament made in England in the twenty-first year of the reign of King James the First, entitled, "An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of Bastard Children, and to make other provisions for the prevention and punishment of Infanticide," was read the third time, passed and signed—and Messieurs John Willson and Berczy, were ordered by the Speaker to communicate the same to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Petition of Timothy Street, of Streetsville, in the Home District, praying for remuneration for losses sustained during the late war with the United States—the Petition of Artimas W. Cushman, of Camden, in the Midland District, praying that his Pension may be restored to him from the period of its discontinuance in 1820—the Petition of John Chisholm, of East Flamborough, in the Gore District, praying for a remuneration for loss sustained by reason of the cutting of the Burlington Bay Canal—the Petition of Caleb Hopkins, Ebenezer C. Griffin, and ninety-four others, of the District of Gore, praying for the grant of such a sum as may seem to the House to be sufficient for erecting a Light House, and perfectly finishing the Burlington Bay Canal; and the Petition of William Richardson, and forty-five others, Inhabitants of Brantford, in the Gore District, praying that the sum of one thousand pounds may be granted to them for the purpose of erecting a Bridge across the Grand River at that place—were read.

Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that the Petition of John Chisholm, Esq. be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs Macnab and Shade, and that they have power to send for persons and papers, and report thereon to this House.

Ordered.

Mr. Samson gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the several laws now in force, relative to the wild Land Assessment.

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Mr. Duncombe gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move that it be resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House such information as he may possess relative to the School Lands of this Province, other than that communicated to this House at the last Session of the Provincial Legislature, and also, such information as he may possess respecting the determination of His Majesty's Government thereon.

Notice of Address to His Excellency for information on School Lands.

Mr. Duncombe gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move that it be resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House such information as he may have received since the last Session of the Provincial Legislature, respecting the determination of His Majesty's Government, relative to the war losses.

Notice of Address to His Excellency on the subject of war losses.

Mr. Crooks gives notice, that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the mode of taking the census throughout this Province.

Notice of Census Bill.

Mr. Jarvis gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for the reading of that portion of the Journals of last Session, relative to the petition of Robert Charles Horne.

Notice of reading Journals on petition of R. C. Horne.

Mr. Clark, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of George Adams, and others, of the District of Niagara, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by Bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Committee on petition of George Adams and others report by Bill.

The report was received, and the Bill for establishing a Banking Institution in the Niagara District, was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Niagara District Bank Bill read. Second to-morrow.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Boulton, moves that the Petition of William Richardson, and others, be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Messieurs John Willson, Shade and Duncombe, and that they report to this House.

Petition of William Richardson and others referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Duncombe, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of A. A. Rapelje, Esquire, Sheriff of the London District, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by Bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Committee on petition of A. A. Rapelje Esq. reports by Bill.

The report was received, and the Bill to remunerate A. A. Rapelje, Esq. Sheriff of the London District, for loss sustained by an escape, was read the first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Bill read.

Second to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Buell, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the Hounding of Deer in this Province.

Deer protection Bill brought in and read.

Which was granted, and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Second to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to repeal the Law now in force, granting a Salary to the Chaplain of the House of Assembly, was read the second time.

Chaplain's Salary repeal Bill read a second time.

On the question for referring the Bill to a Committee of the whole House, the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

On question for referring the Bill to Committee of whole the House divides.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy,	Duncombe,	Maçon,	Shaver,
Bidwell,	Elliott,	Mount,	Thomson,
Buell,	Howard,	Perry,	Warren,
Chisholm,	Ketchum,	Randal,	Werden,
Clark,	Lewis,	Roblin,	White,
Cook,	McCall,	Samson,	J. Willson,
Crooks,	A. McDonald,	Shade,	W. Wilson,

Yeas 28.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Robinson,	Sol. General,
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4 Nays 4.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-four, and Mr. Duncombe was called to the chair.

Bill Committed.

The House resumed.

Mr. Duncombe reported the Bill without amendment.

The report was received and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that a standing Committee of eleven Members be appointed by ballot, to take into consideration the most effectual manner of improving the Roads and Bridges in this Province, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Notice of appointing Committee on roads by ballot.

Committee of whole on Bill relative to Jurisdiction on waters resumed.

Bill is amended.

Third reading to-morrow.

Petitions brought up of Hugh C. Thompson and James MacFarlane.

Of Desjardins Canal Company.

Of William McKinley and others.

Of W. C. Ross and others.

Of George Chisholm and others.

Of Manuel Overfield and others.

Of Lieut. Col. Henry Merkeley and others.

Of William Young and others.

Bill for the prevention of Infanticide read third time and passed.

Petition of Timothy Street read.

Petition of Artimas Cushman read.

Petition of John Chisholm read.

Petition of Caleb Hopkins, Ebenezer C. Griffin and others read.

Petition of William Richardson and others read.

Petition of John Chisholm referred.

Notice of assessment amendment Bill.

Finance Committee chosen. Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the ballot for a Select Committee on Finance, and the following names were drawn :

*Messieurs—*

BERCZY,  
KETCHUM,  
CHISHOLM,  
CROOKS,  
THOMSON,  
MCMARTIN,  
ROBINSON.

Committee on Finance.

Bill to protect Religious worship brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. White, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the punishment of persons disturbing the religious ceremonies of any congregation met for the celebration of Divine Worship.

Second to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the Bill was read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Message of His Excellency and papers relating to Burlington Bay Canal, referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, of yesterday, relating to the Burlington Canal, together with all accompanying papers and documents relating thereto, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. Macnab, Shade, Ketchum, and Elliott, and that they have power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon.

Ordered.

Survey Bill brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Werden, seconded by Mr. White, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to extend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of George III. relating to surveys, and to regulate certain future surveys.

Which was granted and the Bill read.

And referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that the Bill for declaring boundaries of lots of land in this Province be not now read a second time, but that it be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Werden, and Mount, to report thereon; and that two hundred and fifty copies be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

An Address to be sent to His Excellency for information relative to medals to Militia men.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. McMARTIN, moves that an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he may be pleased to communicate any information he may possess with respect to medals that have been sent out to be distributed to the militia men who distinguished themselves during the late war with the United States, and that Messrs. Magon and Warren be a Select Committee to draft and report the same.

Ordered.

Libel Bill read second time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to amend the law of libel was read the second time.

Motion for referring the Bill to Committee of whole this day 3 months. House divides.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill to amend the law of libel be referred to a Committee of the whole House this day three months.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Yeas 12.	Atty. General,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Robinson,
	Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Magon,	Shade,
	Crooks,	McMartin,	Mount,	Sol. General,

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Nays 19.	Buell,	Ketchum,	MacKenzie,	Werden,
	Campbell,	Lewis,	Randal,	White,
	Clark,	Lyons,	Samson,	J. Willson
	Cook,	McCall,	Thomson,	W. Wilson,—
	Howard,	A. McDonald,	Warren,	19.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of seven.

Bill Committed.

The House then went into Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Ketchum was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Bill amended.

Mr. Ketchum reported the Bill as amended.

On receiving report the House divides.

On the question for receiving the report, the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

*YEAS.—Messieurs.*

Yeas 19.	Buell,	Ketchum,	MacKenzie,	Warren,
	Campbell,	Lewis,	Perry,	Werden,
	Clark,	Lyons,	Randal,	White,
	Cook,	McCall,	Samson,	W. Wilson,
	Howard,	A. McDonald,	Thomson,	19.

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Atty. General,	R. Fraser,	Mount,	Sol. General,	Nays 13.
Boulton,	Jarvis,	Robinson,	J. Willson—	
Crooks,	McMartin,	Shade,	13.	
Elliott,	Magon,			

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. John Willson, from the Select Committee, to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking him for his several messages of yesterday, presented a draft, which was received and read twice.

On the question for concurrence, Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves in amendment, that after the word "yesterday," in the Address, the following be added :— "and assure Your Excellency, that we will pay due attention to the important subjects submitted for our consideration."

Which was carried, and the Address, as amended, was concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honourable the Legislative Council, a message accompanied by several resolutions, and also a Bill entitled, "An Act to remove doubts respecting the jurisdiction of Commissioners of Customs in this Province," which that Honourable House had passed and requested the concurrence of this House thereto.

The Speaker read the message as follows :

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have passed certain resolutions respecting the Library, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
1st day of December, 1831. }

The resolutions were then read by the Clerk, and are as follows :

Resolved, that the Library provided for the Legislature in the year eighteen hundred and sixteen, is very insufficient for the purpose of reference, no material addition having been made to it, since that period, and many of the works having been rendered incomplete by the casualties to which the Library has been exposed.

Resolved, that both Houses of the Legislature have from time to time taken into consideration, the necessity of providing a more adequate Library, and several Joint Committees have been formed for that purpose, but nothing final has resulted from their suggestions, which is the less to be regretted, from the circumstance that hitherto the want of proper and permanent accommodation for the Legislature, has exposed the books to injury from frequent removals.

Resolved, that as there is every reason to hope that this inconvenience will terminate after the present Session, it is expedient now to adopt measures for rendering the Library more perfect and extensive, and to provide for its being properly taken care of.

Resolved, that it would be, on several accounts, more convenient, if in accordance with the practice in other Legislatures, each House were to have a Library of its own, as it would avoid inconvenience in the selection and care of the books, and in the use of them during the Session.

Resolved, that if the House of Assembly shall be of the same opinion, an Act might be passed, applying a sum annually, to be appropriated by each House to the gradual formation of a Library, to be disposed of, and superintended according to rules to be made by each House respectively, one of which rules should, of course, be that the Library of each House, should be freely accessible to the Members of the other House during the Session.

Resolved, that it would also be proper to provide, as a part of such an arrangement, that each House should, during the Session, communicate to the other a list of the books which they intend to procure for that year, because with respect to some rare or expensive works, it may be thought sufficient if they are in possession of either House.

Resolved, that in case such a course should be adopted, as is recommended in these resolutions, it might be arranged between the two Houses, that one of them should take the whole of the present Library, and the other receive in

Third reading to-morrow.

Address of thanks reported.

Amended and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Legislative Council sends down several resolutions relative to Library, and a Bill respecting the Jurisdiction of Commissioners of Customs.

Message from Legislative Council.

Resolution sent down from Legislative Council relating to the Library.

consideration a larger grant for the first year, or that the books shall be divided between them.

Truly extracted from the Journals.

G. POWELL,  
CLERK L. C.

Bill respecting the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Customs read. Second to-morrow.

The Bill sent down from the Honourable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to remove doubts respecting the jurisdiction of Commissioners of Customs in this Province," was then read a first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Official Advertising Bill read second time and Committed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to regulate the prices of official advertisements, was read the second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Randal was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Progress and sit again in a Fortnight to be the first thing on the order of the day, and to be printed.

Mr. Randal reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day-fortnight.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Campbell, moves that the Bill be the first item on the order of the day, for this day two weeks, and that in the mean time fifty copies be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 2nd DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Petitions brought up. Of Welland Canal Company.

Mr. Clark brought up the petition of the Welland Canal Company; which was laid on the table.

Of the Hon. Thomas Clark and others.

Mr. Crooks brought up the petition of the Honourable Thomas Clark, and ninety-one others, of the District of Niagara; which was laid on the table.

Of Jacob Potts J. P. and others.

Mr. W. Wilson brought up the petition of Jacob Potts, J. P. and twenty-six others, of the Townships of Charlotteville and Walsingham, in the London District; which was laid on the table.

Of A. Proudfoot and others.

Mr. Chisholm brought up the petition of A. Proudfoot, and fifty-five others, of the Townships of Trafalgar and Esquising, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Of James Fergus and others.

Mr. Macnab brought up the petition of James Fergus, and sixty-five others, of the District of Gore; which was laid on the table.

Of William Coleman and others.

Mr. Shade brought up the petition of William Coleman, and sixty-eight others, of the Townships of Beverly and Dumfries, in the District of Gore; which was laid on the table.

Of John Binkley and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of John Binkley, (Chairman of a public meeting held in the Township of Ancaster) and seventy-eight others; which was laid on the table.

Of Carleton C. Smith and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Carleton C. Smith, (Chairman of a public meeting in Galt, in the Gore District,) and one hundred and forty-three others; which was laid on the table.

Of William and Jane Lindsay.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of William Lindsay and Jane his wife, of the Township of Williamsburgh, in the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table.

Of John C. Douglas.

Mr. Attorney General brought up the petition of John C. Douglas, of the City of Montreal, Engineer; which was laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking him for his several messages of the thirtieth ultimo, was read a third time, passed and signed, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &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, most respectfully, to thank Your Excellency for your several messages of the 30th ultimo, and we assure Your Excellency that we will pay due attention to the important subjects transmitted for our consideration.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly, }  
2nd day of December, 1831. }

Address of thanks.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves that Messieurs John Willson and Thomson be a Committee to wait on the Lieutenant Governor, to know when His Excellency will be pleased to receive the said Address; and to present the same.

Committee to carry up Address.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments made by this House in and to the bill sent down from the Honourable the Legislative Council entitled "An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction over offences committed upon the Lakes and Rivers in this Province," were read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, and are as follows:—

Amendments to Bill relative to Jurisdiction on waters passed.

Press. 1, line 16.—After the word "exterior" insert "side."

" " " 17.—After the word "exterior" insert "side."

Expunge the second clause, and insert "And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all crimes and offences committed in or upon any of the said waters, may be enquired of and tried within any District lying adjacent to such waters, and shall and may be laid and charged to have been committed within the Jurisdiction of the Court which shall try the same, and such Court shall and may proceed thereon to trial, judgement and execution, or other punishment for such crime or offence, in the same manner as if such crime or offence had been really committed within the District where such trial may be had, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding."

Amendments.

Messieurs Attorney General and John Willson, were ordered to carry the bill, as amended, up to the Honourable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Committee to carry up amendments.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to repeal the law granting a Salary to the Chaplain of the House of Assembly, was read the third time.

Chaplains Salary repeal Bill read a third time.

On the question for passing the same the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

On question for passing the House divided.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

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| Bidwell,  | Elliott,     | Mount,   | Warren,      |
| Buell,    | Howard,      | Perry,   | Werden,      |
| Campbell, | Lewis,       | Randal,  | White,       |
| Chisholm, | McCall,      | Roblin,  | J. Willson,  |
| Clark,    | A. McDonald, | Samson,  | W. Wilson—29 |
| Cook,     | MacKenzie,   | Shade,   |              |
| Crooks,   | McMartin,    | Shaver,  |              |
| Duncombe, | Maçon,       | Thomson, |              |

NAYS.—Messieurs,

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| Boulton, | R. Fraser, | Jarvis, | Sol. General—4 | Nays 4. |
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The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-five, and the bill was signed.

Bill passed.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the bill be entitled "An Act to repeal so much of the law now in force as authorises the payment of a salary to a Chaplain to the House of Assembly."

Title.

Which was carried, and Messieurs MacKenzie and Perry were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honourable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Bill sent to Legislative Council.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to amend the law of libel was read the third time.

Libel Bill read third time.

On the question for the passing of the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

On question for passing the House divides.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

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| Bidwell,  | Howard,      | Perry,   | Werden,    |
| Buell,    | Lewis,       | Randal,  | White,     |
| Campbell, | Lyons,       | Roblin,  | W. Wilson— |
| Clark,    | McCall,      | Samson,  | 21         |
| Cook,     | A. McDonald, | Shaver,  |            |
| Duncombe, | MacKenzie,   | Thomson, |            |

NAYS.—Messieurs,

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| Atty. General. | Crooks,    | McMartin, | Shade,        |
| Berczy,        | Elliott,   | Macnab,   | Sol. General, |
| Boulton,       | R. Fraser, | Maçon,    | J. Willson—   |
| Chisholm.      | Jarvis,    | Mount,    | 15.           |

Nays 15.

Bill passed. The question was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of six, and the Bill was signed, by the Speaker.

Title. Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act concerning the Law of Libel."

Committee to carry up the Bill to Legislative Council. Which was carried, and Messrs. MacKenzie and Perry were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Hon. the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Petition of Welland Canal Company read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of the Welland Canal Company, praying that a Bill may be passed explanatory of their Charter, and securing to them certain contemplated privileges. The petition of Robert Long and fifty-nine others, inhabitants of Walpole and Rainham, in the District of Niagara, praying for pecuniary aid to repair the road between the first and second Concessions of the said Townships, and from thence to Dunnville. The petition of Finlay McNaughton, and twelve others, living on the Townline of Nelson and Trafalgar and of Nassagaweya and Esquesing, praying for the sum of fifty pounds in aid of repairing said line. The petition of Jacob Langs and two hundred and twelve others, of the Eastern part of the London District, praying for a division of said District, and authority to loan money for the purpose of erecting the necessary public buildings in the New District which may be sett off. The petition of James Graham and ninety-eight others, also of the Eastern part of the said London District, praying for a division of the District, and that the Townships may be restored to the County of Norfolk, placing it in the situation it was eight years ago. The petition of Caleb Hopkins, (Chairman of a public meeting) and eighty-six others, inhabitants of Nelson and Nassagaweya, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank and others, (see page 17.) The petition of Richard Yeomans and forty-eight others, inhabitants of the Townships of York, Markham and Scarborough, in the County of York, praying for a grant of one hundred pounds to improve the road running between said Townships; and the petition of John Woolstencroft, in behalf of himself and others, Debtors, confined in the Home District Gaol, praying that a law may be passed for abolishing imprisonment for debt, were read.

Petition of Robert Long and others read.

Petition of Finlay McNaughton and others read.

Petition of Jacob Langs and others read.

Petition of James Graham and others read.

Petition of Caleb Hopkins and others read.

Petition of Richard Yeomans and others read.

Petition of John Woolstencroft and others read.

Petition of John Cooper Douglas read.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the forty third rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as relates to the Petition of John Cooper Douglas, and that the same be now read.

Which was carried, and the Petition of John C. Douglas of the City of Montreal, praying that a Bill may be passed, authorising the issuing of Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Province, granting to Petitioner, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for the term of fourteen years, the full and exclusive right and liberty of making, constructing and vending to others, an improvement not known or used before in the making and constructing of Steam Engine Boilers, in such manner and way as to remove all danger of the destruction of lives and property by their explosion—was read.

Petition of John Cooper Douglas referred. Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. W. Wilson, moves that the Petition of J. C. Douglas, just read, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs John Willson and Crooks, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Petition of the President of the Welland Canal Company referred. Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the Petition of the Honorable John Henry Dunn, President of the Welland Canal Company, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messieurs Attorney General, Samson and Warren, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Petition of Finlay McNaughton and others referred to supply. Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that the Petition of Finlay McNaughton, and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of Jacob Langs and others referred. Mr. W. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the Petition of Jacob Langs, and others, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel McCall and others.

Ordered.

Motion for referring petition of Caleb Hopkins and others. Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Cook, moves that the petition of Caleb Hopkins and others, of Nelson, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Ketchum, Buell, Perry, and Shaver, with power to report by Bill or otherwise.

Amendment to foregoing referring petitions of Caleb Hopkins and others to Committee on petition of the people of Vaughan. In amendment, Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that all after the word "moves" in the original motion, be expunged, and the following inserted: "that the petition of Caleb Hopkins, Esq. and others, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the people of Vaughan."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides on amendment.

YEAS—Messieurs.

Atty. General, Duncombe, MacMartin, Sol. General, Berzey, Elliott, Macnab, Thomson, Boulton, R. Fraser, Magon, J. Willson, Yea 23. Chisholm, Jarvis, Mount, W. Wilson—22. Clark, Lewis, Samson, Crooks, A. McDonald, Shade,

NAYS—Messieurs;

Bidwell, Howard, Perry, Shaver, Buell, Lyons, Randal, Werden, Campbell, McCall, Roblin, White—14. Cook, MacKenzie,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eight.

The original question as amended was then put and carried. Original question as amended carried.

Mr. Solicitor General gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill for amending the Laws now in force, relating to the place of holding the Court of King's Bench in this Province. Notice of King's Bench Bill.

Mr. Solicitor General gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for the reading of that part of the Journals of last Session, which relates to the petition of the Magistrates of the Town of Kingston, against the Procession of Orange Societies. Notice of reading Journals relative to Orange processions.

Mr. Duncombe gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the appointment of a Committee to take into consideration the state of the Post Office Department, and by an humble Address to His Majesty's Government, respectfully to represent to them the great inconvenience that is felt by the people of this Province from the Postage on Newspapers, and praying that some alterations may be made in the regulations of the Post Office Department in this respect; or that the Post Office Department of this Province, may be placed subject to the controul of the Provincial Legislature. Notice of appointment of Committee on the Post Office Department.

Mr. Boulton gives notice that he will move, on Tuesday next, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the benefit of the Habeas Corpus Act. Notice of Bill to amend the Habeas Corpus Act.

Mr. Boulton gives notice that he will move, on Monday next, for leave to bring in a Bill for amending the Registry Laws of this Province, and for establishing Fire Proof Offices in the several Counties of this Province. Notice of Registry Bill.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. White, moves that this House do now proceed to select by ballot a Standing Committee of eleven Members, to take into consideration the most effectual manner of improving the Roads and Bridges in this Province, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise. Motion for Selecting a standing Committee on roads.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides on the motion.

YEAS—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Duncombe, Macnab, Shade, Berzey, Elliott, Magon, Thomson, Boulton, Jarvis, Mount, Werden, Chisholm, Lewis, Randal, White, Clark, A. McDonald, Roblin, J. Willson, Crooks, MacMartin, Samson, W. Wilson—24

NAYS—Messieurs,

Bidwell, Cook, Lyons, Perry, Buell, R. Fraser, McCall, Shaver—11. Campbell, Howard, MacKenzie,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirteen, and the following names were drawn:—

KETCHUM, CHISHOLM, A. McDONALD, McMARTIN, J. WILLSON, THOMSON, ATTORNEY GENERAL, BURWELL, MAGON, LEWIS, PERRY—11. Names of Committee on roads.

Commissioners appointment Bill read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill appointing Commissioners to treat with Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of Lower Canada, on mutual concerns of both Provinces, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Crooks was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Bill reported without amendment.

Mr. Crooks reported the bill without amendment.

The Report was received.

On question for the third reading House divides.

On the question for the third reading of the bill to-morrow, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 27.	Bidwell,	Crooks,	McCall,	Roblin,
	Boulton,	Duncombe,	Mackenzie,	Shade,
	Buell,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Shaver,
	Campbell,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	Thomson,
	Chisholm,	Howard,	Mount,	White,
	Clark,	Lewis,	Perry,	W. Wilson—
	Cook,	Lyons,	Randal,	27

**NAY.**

Nay 1. Mr. A. McDonald.

Third reading to-morrow.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-six, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Bill to prevent the application of the District funds in certain cases read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. John Willson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the application of the Funds of the several Districts of this Province in certain cases.

second to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Motion for an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for information relating to the Legislative and Executive Councils.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that it be resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House for its information, at as early a period of the Session as possible, a list of the Members of the Executive Council of this Province, appointed under and by virtue of the Act of the United Kingdom Parliament 31st Geo. III. chap. 31st, with the dates of their respective appointments; also a list of the Members of the Legislative Council of this Province, with the dates of their respective appointments, and the tenure by which they hold their respective patents—and that His Excellency would cause to be laid before this House any communications, letters, despatches, or correspondence that may have passed between His Excellency and the Provincial Government, and His Majesty's Government in England, during the present year, having reference to the appointment, mode of selection, duties, or constitutional character of the Legislative Council or of the Executive Council: and any communications that may have been received from His Majesty's Government, by His Excellency, concerning the continuation of the Reverend Doctor Strachan and the Judges of the Court of King's Bench, in situations which cause them to take an active part in the Executive and Legislative business of the Province, and to interfere in the regulation of its political affairs.

Debates.

On which debates ensued.

Motion for adjourning debates.

Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the further debate on the resolution for an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for information concerning the Executive and Legislative Councils, and concerning the Rev. Doctor Strachan and the Judges of the King's Bench, &c. be deferred until Monday next.

On which House divides.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 21.	Atty. General,	Elliott,	Maçon,	Thomson,
	Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Mount,	Werden,
	Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Samson,	White,
	Chisholm,	Jarvis,	Shade,	J. Willson—
	Clark,	Lewis,	Sol. General,	21.
	Crooks,	Macnab,		

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 13.	Bidwell,	Howard,	A. McDonald,	Randal,
	Buell,	Lyons,	MacKenzie,	Roblin,
	Campbell,	McCall,	Perry,	Shaver,
	Cook,			13.

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The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eight. Debate adjourned.

Mr. John Willson, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of J. C. Douglas, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same. Committee on petition of J. C. Douglas report by Bill.

The report was received, and the Bill for granting a Patent to J. C. Douglas, was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow. Bill read and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Roblin, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Henry McDonald, and others, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by Bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same. Committee on the petition of Henry McDonald and others report by Bill.

The report was received, and the Bill establishing a new Township out of the Southern parts of the Townships of Marysburgh and Hallowell, in the County of Prince Edward, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow. The Bill read a first time and ordered to be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that this House do now adjourn until Monday next. House adjourns till Monday.

Ordered, and the House adjourned accordingly.

MONDAY, 5th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of Friday were read.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Crooks, moves that the resolution of this House on the subject of employing reporters be rescinded. Motion for rescinding resolution to employ reporters.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 14.	Berczy,	Elliott,	A. McDonald,	Samson,
	Boulton,	Jarvis,	McMartin,	Sol. General,
	Burwell,	Ketchum,	Maçon,	Werden—14.
	Crooks,	Lewis,		

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 21.	Bidwell,	A. Fraser,	MacKenzie,	Shaver,
	Buell,	R. Fraser,	Mount,	Warren,
	Campbell,	Howard,	Randal,	White,
	Chisholm,	Jones,	Roblin,	John Willson,
	Clark,	McCall,	Shade,	W. Wilson—21
	Duncombe,			

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of seven. Question lost.

Mr. Buell brought up the Petition of Samuel Pinnock, and others, of the Town of Brockville; which was laid on the table. Petitions brought up. Of Samuel Pinnock and others.

Mr. Crooks brought up the Petition of David Secord, and seven others, residing on the Niagara Frontier; which was laid on the table. Of David Secord and others.

Mr. Samson brought up the Petition of Jacob Smith, J. P. and thirty-four others, of the Town of Belleville; which was laid on the table. Of Jacob Smith J. P. and others.

Mr. Jones brought up the Petition of P. Schofield, and thirty-four others, of the Township of Beverley, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table. Of P. Schofield and others.

Mr. Jones brought up the Petition of Samuel Thomas, and thirty-four others, of the Township of Maitland, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table. Of Samuel Thomas and others.

Mr. Jones brought up the Petition of John Ketchum, and sixty others, inhabitants of the Township of Elizabethtown, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table. Of John Ketchum and others.

Mr. Jones brought up the Petition of J. McDonald and Company, and ninety others, inhabitants of Gananoque and vicinity, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table. Of J. McDonald & Co and others.

Mr. Jones brought up the Petition of Jonas Jones, Esq. and forty four others, of Brockville and vicinity; which was laid on the table. Of Jonas Jones Esq. and others.

Mr. Werden brought up the Petition of William Cunningham, and ten others, of the third concession (Military Tract) of the Township of Hallowell; which was laid on the table. Of William Cunningham and others.

Mr. Werden brought up the Petition of James Dougal, and twenty-two others, holders of land in the third concession; others.

(Military Tract,) in the Township of Hallowell; which was laid on the table.

Of James F. Smith and others. Mr. Ketchum brought up the Petition of James F. Smith, and seventy-six others, of the Town of York; which was laid on the table.

Of John Couke and others. Mr. MacKenzie brought up the Petition of John Couke, and thirty-five others, of the Niagara District; which was laid on the table.

Of Henry Shaver and others. Mr. MacKenzie brought up the Petition of Henry Shaver, Chairman of a public meeting, and seventy-one others, inhabitants of the Townships of Osnabruok and Finch, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Of Henry Stuart and others. Mr. MacKenzie brought up the Petition of Henry Stuart, and one hundred and thirteen others, of the Townships of Osnabruok and Finch, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Of Duncan McLellan and others. Mr. MacKenzie brought up the Petition of Duncan McLellan, and forty-one others, of the Townships of Osnabruok and Finch; which was laid on the table.

Of Sherman D. King and others. Mr. MacKenzie brought up the Petition of Sherman D. King, and thirty-three others, of the Townships of Osnabruok and Finch, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Of Leonard Stoneburner and others. Mr. MacKenzie brought up the Petition of Leonard Stoneburner, and thirty-five others, of the Townships of Osnabruok and Finch, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Of Isaac Kelly and others. Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Isaac Kelly, and twenty-seven others, of the Niagara District; which was laid on the table.

Of Peter Hoople and others. Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Peter Hoople, and forty-seven others, inhabitants of the Townships of Osnabruok and Finch, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Of John Rancy and others. Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of John Rancy, and fifty-one others, of the Townships of Osnabruok and Finch, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Of Jacob Upper and others. Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Jacob Upper, and twenty-six others, of the District of Niagara; which was laid on the table.

Of James G. Grant and others. Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of James G. Grant, and thirty-eight others, inhabitants of the Townships of Osnabruok and Finch, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Of J. Muirhead and others. Mr. Attorney General brought up the petition of J. Muirhead, and fifty others, of the Niagara District; which was laid on the table.

Of Thomas McCargar and others. Mr. R. Fraser brought up the petition of Thomas McCargar, and thirty-eight others, of the Township of Oxford, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Of Michael Woolery and others. Mr. R. Fraser brought up the petition of Michael Woolery and nineteen others, of the Township of Oxford; which was laid on the table.

Of William S. Adams and others. Mr. R. Fraser brought up the petition of William S. Adams, and nineteen others, of Edwardsburgh, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Commissioners appointment Bill read a third time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill appointing Commissioners to treat with Commissioners of Lower Canada, on the mutual concerns of both Provinces, was read a third time.

On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs.

Atty. General. Duncombe, McCall, Shaver, Bidwell, Elliott, MacKenzie, Thomson, Boulton, A. Fraser, MacMartin, Warren, Buell, R. Fraser, Magon, Werden, Burwell, Howard, Mount, White, Campbell, Jarvis, Randal, J. Willson, Chisholm. Jones, Roblin, W. Wilson—33, Clark, Ketchum, Shade, Crooks, Lewis.

NAYS—Messieurs;

Nays 3. Berczy, A. McDonald, Sol. General—3

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirty.

Title. Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to treat

with Commissioners appointed or to be appointed on the part of the Province of Lower Canada, for the purposes therein mentioned."

Which was carried, and Messrs. Bidwell and Howard were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honourable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Bill sent to Legislative Council.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Hugh Christopher Thomson and James Macfarlane, of the Town of Kingston, Esquires, praying for the patronage of the House in the publication of a Revised copy of the Provincial Statutes, just issued from the Press. The petition of the President and Directors of the Desjardins Canal Company, praying that an Act may be passed, authorising a Loan of six thousand pounds, or such other sum as to the House may seem meet, to the said Company to enable them to complete the said Canal. The petition of Wm. MacKinlay, and eighty-six others, inhabitants of the District of Gore, praying the same as the last. The petition of W. C. Ross, and forty-one others, inhabitants of the District of Gore, praying the same. The petition of George Chisholm and twenty-four others, of the District of Gore, praying the same. The petition of Manuel Overfield and eighty others, inhabitants of the District of Gore, praying the same. The petition of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Merkley, and sixteen others, of Williamsburgh, in the Eastern District, praying that one Joseph Holmes, who served as a dragoon during the late war with the United States of America, under Captain Richard Duncan Fraser, may receive pay for said service; and the petition of William Young and one hundred and thirty-two others, inhabitants of the County of Norfolk and the adjoining Townships, in the London District, praying that a Bill may be passed for dividing the London District, and that the new District may be comprised of the Townships of Bayham, Houghton, Walsingham, Charlotteville, Woodhouse, Walpole, Rainham, Townsend, Windham, Middleton, Derham, Norwich, Oakland, Burford, and the South half of the Township of Oxford—and that the public buildings may be erected at the easterly end of the Township of Middleton, and also that a loan may be authorised for the purpose of enabling them to build a Gaol and Court House for the District which may be so set apart, were read.

Petition of H. C. Thomson and James MacFarlane Esquires, read. Petition of Desjardins Canal Company. Of William MacKinlay and others. Of W. C. Ross and others. Of George Chisholm and others, and of Manuel Overfield and others read. Petition of Lieut. Colonel H. Merkley and others read. Petition of William Young and others read.

Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the petition of Hugh C. Thomson, Esq. and James Macfarlane, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Solicitor General, Bidwell and Berczy, carefully to examine into and report upon the same.

Motion for referring petition of Hugh C. Thomson and James MacFarlane.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

House divides on the Question.

YEAS—Messieurs,

Boulton, A. Fraser, MacKenzie, Shaver, Burwell, R. Fraser, MacMartin, Warren, Chisholm, Jones, Magon, Werden, Clark, Ketchum, Mount, White, Crooks, Lewis, Roblin, J. Willson, Duncombe, McCall, Shade, W. Wilson—25, Elliott, 25.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Buell, Howard, Randal, Bidwell, Campbell, A. McDonald, Samson—8. Nays 8.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seventeen.

Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. White, moves that the petitions of James Graham and others, and William Young and others, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel McCall and others.

Petition of James Graham and others referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the terms of sitting of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in this Province.

Notice of Bill to alter the terms of King's Bench.

Mr. MacKenzie gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the appointment of a Select Committee to take into consideration the state of the representation of the people in this House.

Notice of Committee on representation.

Mr. Magon from the Select Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Medals to Militia Men, reported a draft which was received, and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time this day.

Address relative to medals reported. Third reading this day.

Mr. Attorney General, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of D. Brakenridge, and others, relative to the improvement of the Saint Lawrence, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report which he was

Select Committee on petition of D. Braken-

ridge and others report.

ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The report was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Committee on the petition of William Holme and others report by Bill.

Mr. Duncombe, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of William Holme and others, relative to the improvement of the Grand River, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by Bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Grand River Improvement Bill read. Second to-morrow.

The report was received, and the Bill for the improvement of the Grand River was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Address on the subject of medals to Militia men passed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the distribution of medals to militia men, was read the third time, passed and signed, and is as follows :

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Address.

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly request Your Excellency to communicate to this House any information Your Excellency may possess with respect to medals procured to be distributed to militia men who distinguished themselves in the late war with the United States of America :—if distributed, how many and to whom? distinguishing gold or silver.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly, }  
5th day of December, 1831. }*

An Address to be sent to His Excellency for information relative to War losses. Committee to draft address.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that an address be presented to His Excellency, respectfully praying him to lay before this House, such information as he may have received since the last Session of the Provincial Legislature, upon the subject of the war losses, and that Messieurs Crooks and Warren be a Committee to draft and report the same.

Ordered.

Committee to carry up address.

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that Richard D. Fraser and John Warren, Esquires, be a Committee to carry up the address of this Honorable House to His Excellency, for information with respect to Medals, &c.

Ordered.

Draft of address on War losses reported.

Mr. Crooks, from the Select Committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the war losses, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a draft which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House, whenever it would be pleased to receive the same.

Address concurred in. Third reading to day.

The Report was received, and the Address was read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that it be—

Proposed resolution for information from Bank of Upper Canada.

Resolved, That the President and Cashier of the Bank of Upper Canada, be required to furnish the House, for its information, under oath, at as early a period of the present Session as possible—

1st. A Statement of the number of persons in the employment of said Bank and its branches, their names, wages or salaries—the amount of security given by each person so employed, and the names of their Securities; also a statement in detail of the contingencies of the Bank and its branches during the last seven years.

2nd. A Statement of the amount of the specie imported into the Province during the years 1829; 1830 and 1831, by the Bank of Upper Canada; the amount exported, and for what objects, shewing the costs of that imported and the arrangements for procuring it, whether by Bills of Exchange, pledges of the Stock of the Province, or any other arrangement.

3rd. A Statement of the amount of funds of the Government, and of Public Officers of the Government on its behalf, received on deposit at the Bank of Upper Canada, during the last four years, distinguishing the same as to time and amount, by months or quarters.

4th. A Statement of the sums transmitted by the Bank of Upper Canada for the Government of the Province, from and to what place, the times when done, the mode of transfer, and what has been the cost, if any, for doing the same, to the Bank of Upper Canada, and to the Government and its Officers.

5th. A Statement of the amount of loans made by the Bank of Upper Canada to the Government of the said Province—monies advanced, when and for what purpose, and whether by authority of law, and upon the request of any Functionary of the Government of the said Province, with the amount of interest that has been paid by the Government of the said Province to said Bank, upon all such loans or monies advanced, up to this date.

6th. A Statement of all the transfers of Stock of said Bank, to the Bank, by way of pledge for loans, or otherwise, made at any time during the last four years, distinguishing the amount so held at each new year.

7th. A Statement of the amount of Discounts by the Bank in 1829, and the amount of Discounts in 1830 and 1831; distinguishing the amount Discounted in each week, and also distinguishing the amount discounted at the several Agency Offices.

8th. A statement of the sums purchased by the Bank in foreign Bills of Exchange in 1829, and the sums purchased in 1830 and 1831, with the prices at which the said Exchange was purchased, and the prices at which it was sold, distinguishing the amount purchased from Government and the price at which it was purchased and sold.

9th. A statement of the amount of specie (coined metals) in the Vaults in the Bank, on the first day of each month, during the last two years.

10th. A statement shewing how many notes were discounted to individuals during the last six months of the year 1830, and the first six months of 1831, in sums between one hundred pounds and twenty-five pounds, inclusive, each; also, how many were discounted of five hundred pounds and upwards.

11th. A statement of the debts due by the Directors and Officers of the Bank, with the aggregate amount for which they were endorsers for others, on the first February 1829, and a similar statement for the first February 1830—first February 1831, and first December 1831.

12th. A statement shewing what public Creditors besides the Bank hold Debentures against the Government, purchased for them by the Bank, and its Agents, in its name; together with the amount held by each person.

13th. A statement shewing the bills in circulation on the first instant, of five dollars and upwards, not bearing interest; and bills in circulation under five dollars not bearing interest; also, bills or notes in circulation bearing interest.

14th. A statement of the real estate owned by the Bank, and also, in detail, of the real estate held as security for debts due to that Institution.

In amendment, Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Lyons, moves that the words "under oath" be expunged from the original resolution.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Truman Wilcox, Chairman of a Township Meeting, and one hundred and five others, inhabitants of the Township of Etobicoke, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Petitions brought up. Truman Wilcox and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Angus Cameron, and fifty-four others, of the Townships of Osnabrock and Finch, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Angus Cameron and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Henry Roadhouse, and one hundred and thirty-one others, of Albion, in the County of York; which was laid on the table.

Henry Roadhouse and others.

Mr. Magon brought up the petition of the Right Reverend Alexander McDonnell, Bishop of Regiopolis, and three others; which was laid on the table.

The Rev. Alexander McDonnell and others.

Mr. Beardsley brought up the petition of J. Muirhead, and seventeen others, inhabitants of the District of Niagara; which was laid on the table.

Petition of J. Muirhead and others.

Mr. Chisholm brought up the petition of Anthony Fitzpatrick, and thirty-three others, of the Townships of Esquising and Trafalgar, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Anthony Fitzpatrick and others.

James Graham J. P. and others. Mr. W. Wilson brought up the petition of James Graham, J. P. and four hundred and thirty-nine others, inhabitants of the County of Norfolk, in the London District; which was laid on the table.

Robert Stanton, Esq. Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of Robert Stanton, Esq.; which was laid on the table.

Resolution relative to privileges of Parliament. Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that it be resolved, that the privileges of Parliament were established for the support and maintenance of the independent and fearless discharge of its high functions, and that it is to the uncompromising assertion and maintenance of these privileges in the earlier periods of English History, that we are chiefly indebted for the free institutions which have been transmitted to us by our ancestors.

Amendment proposed. In amendment, Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that all be expunged after the word "resolved," and the following inserted: "That so much of the Journals of this House as relates to the report of a Select Committee during the last Session, on the printing of the Journals be read."

House divides on amendment. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 15.	Beardsley, Bidwell, Campbell, Clark,	Cook, Howard, Ketchum, Lyons,	McCall, A. McDonald, MacKenzie, Perry,	Roblin, Shaver, White—15.
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NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 25.	Atty. General, Berzcy, Boulton, Burwell, Chisholm, Crooks, Duncombe,	Elliott, A. Fraser, R. Fraser, Jarvis, Jones, Lewis, McMartin,	Macnab, Maçon, Mount, Samson, Shade, Sol. General,	Thomson, Warren, Werden, J. Willson, W. Wilson, 25
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The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of ten.

Second amendment proposed. In amendment to the original question, Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that after the words, "English History," in the original resolution, the following words be inserted: "and a Free Press in more modern and enlightened times, notwithstanding many different attempts to destroy its liberty."

House divides on second amendment. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs.

Yeas 16.	Beardsley, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell,	Cook, Howard, Ketchum, Lyons,	McCall, MacKenzie, Perry, Randal,	Roblin, Shaver, Werden, White—16.
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NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 24.	Atty. General, Berzcy, Boulton, Burwell, Chisholm, Clark,	Crooks, Elliott, A. Fraser, R. Fraser, Jarvis, Jones,	Lewis, A. McDonald, McMartin, Maçon, Mount, Samson,	Shade, Sol. General, Thomson, Warren, J. Willson, W. Wilson—24
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The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of eight.

Third amendment proposed. In amendment Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that after the word "Resolved," the whole of the original resolution be expunged, and the following inserted:—"That an article published in the newspaper called the Colonial Advocate, of the date, 24th November, 1831, in the following words:"

"STATE OF THE COLONY."

Publication in the Colonial Advocate complained of. "The people of this Province will probably be able to form a tolerably fair estimate of the manner in which their petitions on public affairs are likely to be treated in the representative branch of the Legislature, when they learn the manner in which the first of the series has been disposed of."

"The petition of the people of Vaughan unanimously agreed upon at the Town Meeting, and signed by the Chairman, Secretary, and from two to three hundred freeholders and other inhabitants, was the first presented to the House, and after it had been read, and had lain two days on the table, Mr. MacKenzie, a representative of the people, from whom

"it came, moved that it should be referred to a Committee of five Members, viz. Mr. Ketchum, the other Member for the County in which the petition was voted, and Messieurs Buell, Perry, and Shaver, with the mover, as a matter of course. Mr. Thomson, of Frontenac, the Editor of the Kingston Herald, who had previously expressed great bitterness against the Petitioners and their petition in the public Journals, immediately rose and objected to referring the petition to its friends, and allowing them to consider of and introduce any measures desired by the Petitioners, and which they might consider expedient to the notice of the Legislature.—We told the people of York, last July, that this would be the result of any application to the Assembly, and therefore the more earnestly requested them to unite in addressing the King's Government, as by this means distinct propositions could be submitted to a new Assembly called as in England on the Reform Bill. We now urge all those entrusted with the general petitions to the King and House of Assembly, to send them to York, by mail, on the earliest possible day, in order that the former be forwarded to London, and the latter submitted to the Assembly, now in Session. We learn that Chief Justice Robinson's successor in the law business, Mr. Draper, either has gone off this week to London, or is now about to set off, to oppose the general petitions and advocate the interests of the Executive faction here, with His Majesty's Government. They take the utmost pains to conceal their weakness, in the estimation of the Country, and one of their ablest assistants leaves his own private business and prospects to watch the signs of the times at home. Mr. Thomson's amendment already spoken of, was a resolution "that the petition of the people of Vaughan, with all other petitions relating to the same subject be referred to a Select Committee of seven Members to be chosen at twelve o'clock to-morrow."

"The Attorney General characterized the Petitions as the expression of a few people," "a few individuals," "mere casual meetings," "he happened to have seen some of these meetings, but a few respectable Farmers met together, did not at all understand the subject," and termed the Committee, "a one sided Committee," the Petitions he had never seen till that day—they had been got up by some body or other."

"The Solicitor General wished the Petitions to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and thus be got rid of at once, and not referred to the Committee named by Mr. Mackenzie, who would call witnesses where none were wanted, and thus increase the expenses of the Session.—He asserted this, although there was nothing in the motion that gave the Committee any power to call a single witness—Messieurs Burwell, Jarvis and others, opposed to the rights of the people, were of course in favor of Mr. Thomson's amendment, the votes in favor of which were as follows:—Messieurs Shade, Henry, J. and George Boulton, Burwell, Elliott, A. Fraser, R. D. Fraser, Sheriff Jarvis, Lewis, Macnab, McMartin, Solicitor General, Maçon, Mount, Samson, Thomson, Warren and W. Wilson."

"The Members opposed to Mr. Thomson's amendment, (introducing a species of vote in which the constituents of Members could not learn how they had acted,) and who would have entrusted the petitions to a committee of persons favorable to the prayer of the Petitioners, were Messieurs Buell, Campbell, Cook, Duncombe, Howard, Ketchum, McCall, MacKenzie, Perry, Roblin, Shaver and White.—The Executive faction carried their measure by a majority of six."

And also a certain other article in the said paper, called the Colonial Advocate, of the date 1st December 1831, in the following words:—

"EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF LOWER CANADA."

"The harmony which exists between the Governor in Chief, the H. of A. (meaning the House of Assembly) and the Colonial Secretary, Lord Viscount Goderich, must be pleasing and gratifying to every true friend of representative Government; for it is evidently the consequence of a just and honorable course of procedure in these high parties towards the people of Lower Canada. We are glad to perceive by Lord Goderich's Despatch in answer to the Assembly's petition sent home last spring by Mr. Viger, that all the Judges are to be dismissed from the Executive and Legislative Council—that the Revenues of the Jesuits Estates are to be applied by the Province to educate the Canadians; that the power of regulating trade is to be exercised in future with great attention to the interests of the Colony; that Provincial bills for giving Corporate powers and making local regulations will be sanctioned; that the right of the Colonists to regulate their internal affairs is fully admitted; that Offices of trust and profit are to be more equally distributed in future; that Officers who have

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“lost the confidence of the country are to be dismissed, if the complaints made against them are proved; that all the proper influence of Government is to be given to the satisfaction of the Colony, and that any Colonial Law increasing the responsibility and accountability of public officers will be sanctioned by England:—In the Assembly we see noble and patriotic efforts made to increase the happiness of the people, enlighten their understandings, and watch diligently over their rights and privileges; and on the part of the Governor-in-Chief, there does really appear to be a willingness to act with the House of Assembly, and faithfully to assist them in securing for the Country the inestimable advantage of good laws and free institutions.”

“The contrast between their Executive and ours, betwixt the material of our Assembly and theirs—and between the use they make of an invaluable constitution, and our abuse of it, is any thing but satisfactory to the friends of freedom and social order in Upper Canada.

“Our representative body has degenerated into a syco-phantic office for registering the decrees of as mean and mercenary an Executive as ever was given as a punishment for the sins of any part of North America, in the nineteenth century.”

“We boast of our superior intelligence; of our love of liberty; but where are the fruits? has not the subservience of our Legislature to a worthless Executive become a by-word and a reproach throughout the Colonies? Are we not now even during the present week about to give to the municipal officers of the Government, as a banking monopoly, a power over the people, which added to their already overgrown influence, must render their sway nearly as arbitrary and despotic as the Iron rule of the Czar of Muscovy? Last winter the majority of our Assembly with our Speaker at their head felt inclined to make contemptuous comparisons between the French inhabitants of the Sister Colony and the enlightened constituents who had returned them, the said majority. In our estimation, and judging of the tree by its fruits, the Lower Canadians are by far the most deserving population of the Constitution they enjoy, for they show themselves aware of its value—while, judging of the people here, by the representatives they return, it might be reasonably inferred that the constituents of the McLeans, Van-Koughnets, Jarvises, Robinsons, Burwells, Willsons, Boultons, Macnabs, McMartins, Frasers, Chisholmes, Crookses, Elliots, Browns, Joneses, Magons, Samsons and Hagermen, had emigrated from Grand Tartary, Russia, or Algiers, the week preceding the last general Election; for although in the turgid veins of their members there may be British blood, there certainly is not the appearance of much British feeling,—are gross, scandalous and malicious libels—intended and calculated to bring this House and the Government of this Province into contempt, and to excite groundless suspicion and distrust in the minds of the inhabitants of this Province, and is, therefore, a breach of the privileges of this House; and William Lyon MacKenzie, Esq. a Member of this House, having avowed himself the author of the said articles be now called upon for his defence.

On which debates ensued.

Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that the further debates on the privilege question, now under consideration, be deferred until to-morrow.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Thomson,
Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	Warren,
Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Mount,	Werden,
Burwell,	Jarvis,	Samson,	J. Willson,
Chisholm,	Jones,	Shade,	W. Wilson—
Crooks,	Lewis,	Sol. General,	23.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley,	Cook,	McCall,	Randal,
Bidwell,	Howard,	A. McDonald,	Roblin,
Buell,	Ketchum,	MacKenzie,	Shaver,
Campbell,	Lyons,	Perry,	White—17.
Clark,			

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six.

Adjourned.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the debate on the question on breach of privilege was called—and the motion of Mr. John Willson of yesterday, with Mr. Samsons' amendment, was then read.

Debate resumed.

Whereupon the debate was resumed.

The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a Bill, entitled, “An Act to facilitate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and to afford to Justices reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty,” which that Honorable House had passed, and to which they requested the concurrence of this House.

Justices protection Bill sent down from Legislative Council.

The Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council entitled, “An Act to facilitate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and to afford to Justices reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty,” was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Bill sent from Legislative Council read. Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Acting Secretary McMahon, brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, several messages and documents, and having retired, the Speaker read the messages as follows:—

Messages from His Excellency.

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, in compliance with an address in the last Session, a return of the Sales of Wild Lands in the District of Ottawa for arrears of taxes, under the provisions of the Assessment laws.

Return of Lands sold in Ottawa District for taxes sent down.

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J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, copies of the returns received from the several Clerks of the Peace, of the population of the respective Districts of this Province, for the year 1831.

Population returns sent down.

Government House, }  
7th December, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, the accompanying communication received from the Chairman of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Home District, with an account from the Treasurer, of expenses incurred by the District in consequence of the occupation of the Court House by the Legislature.

Communication from Chairman of Sessions sent down.

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, the accompanying report and papers, received from the Commissioners for superintending the erection of the building designed for the use of the Legislature.

Report of Parliament building Commissioners sent down.

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, in compliance with an address in the last Session, such returns of the emoluments of Public officers, as have been received during the recess.

Returns of Emoluments of Officers.

Government House, }  
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J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, copies of such Reports respecting District and Common Schools, as have been received since the last Session of the Provincial Legislature.

School reports.

Government House, }  
7th December, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, the accompanying papers, presented by the Grand Jury of the Home District to the Court, at the last Assizes, with reference to the subject of the establishment of a Penitentiary.

Representation Grand Jury.

Government House, }  
7th December, 1831. }

Motion declaring second publication to be a libel and breach of privilege.

and that W. L. McKenzie Esq. be called upon for his defence.

Debates.

Motion for deferring debate.

House divides.

Yeas 23.

Nays 17.

J. COLBORNE.

Despatch and Act of Imperial Parliament relative to duties under 14 George 3.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the House of Assembly, a copy of a Despatch which he has this day received from His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a copy of an Act of the Imperial Parliament therein referred to, which places at the disposal of the Legislature of this Province, the Revenues arising from the Statute of the 14th Geo. 3rd. chap. 88.

Government House, }  
7th December, 1831. }

Documents (see Appendix.)

Words spoken by R. D. Fraser Esq. taken down by Clerk.

The Clerk was ordered to take down the following words spoken by the Honorable Member for the County of Grenville, R. D. Fraser, Esq. to the Honorable Member for the County of York, W. L. MacKenzie, Esquire, viz:—"I would horse-whip you under similar circumstances."

Amendment to Mr. Samson's amendment proposed.

In amendment to Mr. Samson's amendment, Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the amendment be amended by expunging all the words in said amendment after the word "that", commencing with the words "an article," and the following inserted:—"a Committee of privilege be appointed, consisting of Messieurs Attorney General, Berczy, Beardsley, Duncombe and Ketchum, with power to send for persons and papers, and to enquire, and report to this House, whether any libels have been published during the present Session of the Legislature in any Newspapers printed in this Province.

Debates.

Debate postponed.

Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the debate on the question of privilege be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be the first item on the order of the day.

Which was carried.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 8th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Debate on privilege called.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the debate on the question of privilege, adjourned from yesterday, was called.

Mr. Bidwell's amendment read.

Mr. Bidwell's amendment to Mr. Samson's amendment, of the preceding day, to the above question, was read as follows:

Amendment.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the amendment be amended by expunging all the words in said amendment after the word "that" commencing with the words "An article," and the following inserted: "a Committee of privilege be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Attorney General, Berczy, Beardsley, Duncombe and Ketchum, with power to send for persons and papers, and to inquire and report to this House whether any libels have been published during the present Session of the Legislature in any newspapers printed in this Province.

Question of amendment decided to be out of order.

On a question of order being raised on the said amendment it was decided to be out of order.

Debate resumed.

The debate was resumed.

Mr. MacKenzie proceeds in his defence.

Mr. MacKenzie, Member for the County of York, was called upon his defence, which he proceeded in.

Defence adjourned.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that the defence of the member for the County of York, W. L. MacKenzie, Esq. be adjourned till to-morrow, and it be the first item on the order of the day.

Petitions brought up.

Ordered.

Of Matthew Myers and others.

Mr. Solicitor General brought up the petition of Matthew Myers, and twenty-one others, Licensed Victualers of the Town of Kingston; which was laid on the table.

J. Muirhead and others.

Mr. Attorney General brought up the petition of J. Muirhead, and thirty-seven others of the Town of Niagara; which was laid on the table.

Niagara Dock Company.

Mr. Attorney General brought up the petition of the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company; which was laid on the table.

George Jacob and others.

Mr. Elliott brought up the petition of George Jacob, and sixteen others, of the Town of Sandwich; which was laid on the table.

Wm. Hands and others.

Mr. Elliott brought up the petition of William Hands, and twenty-six others, of the Western District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of Jordan Post, and two hundred and thirty-five others, inhabitants of the Town of York; which was laid on the table. Jordan Post and others.

Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of Seneca Ketchum, of the Township of York, in the Home District; which was laid on the table. S. Ketchum

Mr. Clark brought up the petition of Smith Griffin, and ninety-four others, of the Townships of Clinton, Grimsby, &c. in the Niagara District; which was laid on the table. Smith Griffin and others.

Mr. Clark brought up the petition of J. Muirhead, and eighty others, of the District of Niagara; which was laid on the table. J. Muirhead and others.

Mr. Thomson brought up the petition of Allan McLean, and seventeen others; which was laid on the table. Allan McLean and others.

Mr. Roblin brought up the petition of James Dougall, and three others, freeholders in the Third Concession Military Tract, Township of Hallowell; which was laid on the table. James Dougall and others.

Mr. Robinson brought up the petition of Charles Partridge, and twenty-four others, of Penetanguishine; which was laid on the table. Charles Partridge and others.

Mr. Robinson brought up the petition of George Ramsay, J. P. and twenty-one others, of the Township of Tecumseth, in the Home District; which was laid on the table. Geo. Ramsay J.P. and others.

Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of Jacob Frats, and sixty others, of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table. Jacob Frats and others.

Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of George Brouse, and sixty-six others, of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table. Geo. Brouse and others.

Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of John E. Ault, and thirty-four others, of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table. John E. Ault and others.

Mr. Duncombe brought up the petition of P. H. Hamilton, and sixty-seven others, of the Township of Norwich, in the London District; which was laid on the table. P.H. Hamilton and others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of the Welland Canal Company, praying for a charter to enable them to construct Rail Roads for the connection of the Lakes with the Niagara River. The petition of the Honourable Thomas Clark, and ninety-one others, of the District of Niagara, praying to be incorporated under the style and title of "The Erie and Ontario Rail Road Company," with a capital of seventy-five thousand pounds, with the privilege of extending the same to one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, &c. &c. The petition of Jacob Potts, J. P. and seventy-six others, of Charlotteville and Walsingham, in the London District, praying for the sum of fifty-pounds to enable them to open a road from the first concession-line to the shore of the Lake on the line between the said Townships. The petition of A. Proudfoot, and fifty-five others, of Trafalgar and Esquising, praying for a grant of £50 to repair the road between lots number five and six in the old survey, and on the tenth concession of the new survey of the Township of Trafalgar. The petition of Wm. Coleman, and sixty-eight others, of the Townships of Beverly and Dumfries, praying for aid to repair the allowance for road between the Second and Third Concession of said Townships. The petition of Samuel Pinnock, and sixty others, of the Town of Brockville, praying for an elective Police to be established in said Town. The petition of David Secord, and seven others, residing on the Niagara Frontier, praying to be remunerated for losses sustained during the late war with the United States of America. The petition of Jacob Smith, J.P. and thirty-four others, of the Town of Belleville, praying for a grant of one hundred and fifty pounds, to aid in erecting a Bridge over the River Moira in said Town of Belleville. The petition of Wm. Cunningham, and ten others, inhabitants of the Third Concession Military Tract, in the Township of Hallowell, praying that the eastern boundary line of the said Third Concession, known as the carrying-place road, may be established by law. The petition of James Dougall, and twenty-two others, freeholders of the Third Concession of the said Military Tract, praying against the above. The petition of James F. Smith, and seventy-six others, of the Town of York, praying to be incorporated into a Fire and Navigation Assurance Company. The petition of J. Muirhead, and fifty others, praying for remuneration for losses sustained during the late war with the United States of America. The petition of Thomas McCargar, and thirty-eight others, of Oxford, in the Johnstown District, praying for a new survey of the fourth concession of said Township. The petition of James Fergus, and sixty-five others, of the District of Gore, praying for a loan of six thousand pounds to enable them to complete the Desjardins' Canal. The petition of William Lindsay and Jane his wife, of the Township of Williamsburgh, in the Eastern District, praying for relief in the premises. The petition of Henry Roadhouse, and one hundred and thirty-one others, of Albion, praying for

Petition of Welland Canal Company read.

Petition of the Hon. Thomas Clark and others read.

Petition of Jacob Potts, J. P. and others read.

Petition of A. Proudfoot and others read.

Petition of Wm. Coleman and others read.

Petition of Saml. Pinnock and others read.

Petition of David Secord and others read.

Petition of Jacob Smith and others read.

Petition of Wm. Cunningham and others read.

Petition of James Dougall and others read.

Petition of J. F. Smith & others read.

Petition of J. Muirhead and others read.

Petition of Thos. McCargar and others read.

Petition of James Fergus and others read.

Petition of Lindsay and Wife read.

Petition of H. Roadhouse

& others read.  
 Petition of Jonas Jones and others read; and of J. McDonell and others.  
 Of J. Ketchum and others.  
 Sam'l. Thomas & others; and P. Schofield and others.  
 Petition of John Binkley and others read.  
 And of Carleton C. Smith and others.  
 Of Henry Shaver and others.  
 A. Cameron and others.  
 J. Couke and others.  
 Henry Stuart and others.  
 D. McLellan and others.  
 Sherman D. King and others.  
 Leonard Stoneburner and others.  
 John Rany and others.  
 Isaac Kelly and others.  
 Jacob Upper, senior, and others.  
 Truman Wilcocks and others.  
 Petition of M. Woolery and others read.  
 Petition of W. S. Adams and others read.  
 Petition of Rev. A. McDonell and others read.  
 Petition of J. Muirhead and others read.  
 Petition of Anthony Fitzpatrick and others read.  
 Petition of Jas. Graham, J.P. and others read.  
 Petition of Robt. Stanton, Esq. read.  
 Petition of the Right Revd. A. McDonell and others referred.  
 Petition of Jos. Holme and others referred.  
 Petition of J. Muirhead and others referred.  
 Petition of J. Muirhead and others referred.

pecuniary aid to repair the road leading to York, commonly called the Albion Road. The petition of Jonas Jones, and forty-four others, of Brockville,—of J. McDonell and Company, and ninety others, of Gananoque and vicinity. The petition of John Ketchum, and sixty others, inhabitants of Elizabethtown. The petition of Samuel Thomas, and thirty-four others, of Maitland, in the Johnstown District; and of P. Schofield, and thirty-four others, of Beverly, in the Johnstown District, praying that the capital of the Bank of Upper Canada may be increased to five hundred thousand pounds, to enable the Directors of the same to establish Branch Banks throughout the Province. The petition of John Binkley, Chairman of a public meeting in the Township of Ancaster, and seventy-eight others. The petition of Carleton C. Smith, Chairman of a public meeting in Galt, and one hundred and forty-three others. The petition of Henry Shaver, Chairman of a public meeting, and seventy-one others, inhabitants of the Townships of Osnabrock and Finch, in the Eastern District. The petition of Angus Cameron and fifty-four others, of the same place. The petition of John Couke and thirty-five others, of the Niagara District. The petition of Henry Stuart and one hundred and thirteen others of the Townships of Osnabrock and Finch. The petition of Duncan McLellan, and forty-one others, of Osnabrock and Finch. The petition of Sherman D. King, and thirty three others, of the same Townships. The petition of Leonard Stoneburner, and thirty-five others.—Peter Hoople, and forty-seven others—of John Rany and fifty-one others.—James G. Grant and thirty-eight others, of the same Townships. The petition of Isaac Kelly, and twenty-seven others, of the Niagara District;—of Jacob Upper, Senior, and seventy-six others, of the Niagara District, and of Truman Wilcox, Chairman of a Township Meeting, and one hundred and five others, of the Township of Etobicoke, in the Home District, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank and others of the Township of Vaughan—(see page 17.) The petition of Michael Woolery, and nineteen others, of the Township of Oxford in the Johnstown District, praying for a new survey of the sixth Concession of said Township. The petition of Wm. S. Adams, and nineteen others, of Edwardsburgh, in the Johnstown District, praying for a new survey of the seventh and eight concessions of said Township. The petition of the Rt. Rev. Alexander McDonnell, Ep. Regiopolis, and three others, praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them and their successors to hold land for Church purposes, School Houses, &c. The petition of J. Muirhead, and seventeen others, of the Township of Niagara, praying that all disputes and difficulties respecting the Northern Boundary Line of said Township may be settled by an Act of Parliament for that purpose. The petition of Anthony Fitzpatrick, and thirty-three others, of Esquising and Trafalgar, in the District of Gore, praying for a sum of money to improve the Hill at the sixteen mile creek, in the said Township of Trafalgar. The petition of James Graham, J. P. and four hundred and thirty-nine others, of the County of Norfolk, praying that a Bill may be passed granting a sum of money for the construction of a Harbour at the mouth of Patterson's Creek, Lake Erie; and the petition of Robert Stanton, Esq. of the Town of York, praying to be heard before the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of Hugh C. Thomson and James Macfarlane, Esqs. of Kingston, and that the said Committee be instructed to inquire whether the granting the prayer of their petition will not interfere with his rights—were read.

Mr. Magon, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the petition of the Right Reverend Bishop McDonell, and other Clergymen of the Roman Catholic Religion, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Attorney General, Berczy, and Elliott, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the petition of Joseph Holme and others, of Williamsburgh, be referred to a Committee, composed of Messieurs Shaver, Buell, Lyons and Perry, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. W. Wilson, moves that the petition of J. Muirhead and others, respecting the war losses, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Macnab and Duncombe, to report thereon to the House.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. W. Wilson, moves that the petition of J. Muirhead, and others, respecting the West line adjoining the Military Reserve in Niagara, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Mount and Werden, with power to report thereon by Bill or otherwise, and with power to send for persons and papers.

Ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves that the several

petitions of Jonas Jones, and others; C. and J. McDonald, and others; John Ketchum, and others; Peter Schofield, and others; Samuel Thomas, and others;—be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Robinson and Berczy, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the petition of Robert Stanton, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of H. C. Thomson and James Macfarlane.

Ordered.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the petition of Robert Smith, Esq. and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Buell, seconded by Mr. Cook, moves that the petition of Samuel Pennock, and others, of Brockville, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. Perry and Howard.

Ordered.

Mr. Morris gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for the reading of that part of the Journals of the last day, of the last Session, which relates to school lands.

Mr. Wm. Wilson, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves that the petition of James Graham, and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Duncombe, moves that the several petitions from the inhabitants of the Gore District, praying for a loan to the Desjardins Canal, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency for information on the subject of losses sustained by the inhabitants of this Province, during the late war with the United States of America, was read the third time, passed and signed, and is as follows:

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &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, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House such information as Your Excellency may have received since the last Session of the Provincial Legislature, respecting the disposition of His Majesty's Government relative to the subject of the war losses.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly, }  
8th day of December, 1831. }

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that Messrs. Crooks and Warren be a Committee to carry the Address to His Excellency, on the subject of information on the war losses, and to present the same.

Ordered.

Mr. Solicitor General gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for an Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, for information as to the claims of this Province to a participation in the property known as the Jesuits Estates.

Mr. George Strange Boulton, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that the documents sent down by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative to the building now erecting for the accommodation of the Legislature, be referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Berczy, Ketchum and Macnab, to report thereon for the information of this House, with power to send for persons and papers.

Ordered.

Mr. Roblin gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Elective Franchise to certain Lease Holders within this Province.

Mr. Perry gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the reading of such part of the Journals of last Session as relates to His Excellency's reply to the Address of this House

J. Jones and others; C. & J. McDonell and others; J. Ketchum and others; P. Schofield and others, and S. Thomas and others, referred.  
 Petition of R. Stanton, Esq. referred.  
 Petition of R. Smith Esq. and others referred.  
 Petition of S. Pennock and others referred.  
 Notice of reading Journals on the subject of School Lands.  
 Petition of Jas. Graham and others referred to supply.  
 Petition from Gore District referred.  
 Address to His Excellency on losses passed.  
 Address to His Excellency relative to losses.  
 Committee to carry up Address.  
 Notice of Address on Jesuit's Estates.  
 Documents relative to Parliament Building referred.  
 Notice of Bill to extend the elective franchise.  
 Notice of reading Journals on the subject of

lands to Militia men. on the subject of those persons obtaining lands who did duty in the militia during the late war.  
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. MacKenzie resumes his defence. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Honorable Member for the County of York, William L. MacKenzie, Esquire, resumed his defence, and at half-past five P.M. closed the same, and retired.

Debate on question of privilege adjourned. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the Member for the County of York, W. L. Mackenzie, Esquire, having closed his defence, the debate on the question of privilege be adjourned until to-morrow, and that it be the first item on the order of the day.

Petitions brought up. Ordered.

J. C. Jackson and others. Mr. Bidwell brought up the Petition of Jonathan C. Jackson, and forty-three others, inhabitants of Fredericksburg, in the Incorporated Counties of Lenox and Addington; which was laid on the table.

John Thorpe and others. Mr. Macnab brought up the Petition of John Thorpe, and sixty-one others, inhabitants of the District of Gore; which was laid on the table.

Benjamin Wagoner and others. Mr. VanKoughnettt brought up the Petition of Benjamin Wagoner, and thirty-nine others, of Cornwall, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

N. Eastman Senior, and others. Mr. VanKoughnettt brought up the Petition of Nadab Eastman, Senior, and twenty-seven others, of Cornwall, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Nathan Brunson and others. Mr. VanKoughnettt brought up the Petition of Nathan Brunson, and thirty-seven others, of the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Thomas Johnson and others. Mr. VanKoughnettt brought up the Petition of Thomas Johnson, and ninety-one others, of the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Warner Nelles, J. P. and others. Mr. Macnab brought up the Petition of Warner Nelles, J. P. and fifty-one others, of the Niagara District; which was laid on the table.

Jesse W. Rose and others. Mr. Cook brought up the Petition of Jesse W. Rose, and twenty-eight others, of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table.

C. Markeley and others. Mr. Cook brought up the Petition of Christopher Markeley, and thirty-eight others, of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table.

Adam Nudle and others. Mr. Cook brought up the Petition of Adam Nudle, and forty-four others, of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table.

S. Anderson and others. Mr. VanKoughnettt brought up the Petition of S. Anderson, and thirty-two others, of the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Notice of married women's real Estate bill. Mr. Shaver gives notice, that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to enable married Women to dispose of their real Estate by Will.

Notice of Erie and Ontario Rail Road Company Bill. Mr. Beardsley gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill, that Thomas Clark, Charles Dixie, Samuel Street, Robert Dickson, Richard Woodruff, Robert Kirkpatrick, Alexander Hamilton, David Thorburn, together with all such other persons as shall become Stockholders in such Joint Stock or Capital, to be a body Corporate and Politic, in fact, by and under the name and style of "the Erie and Ontario Rail Road Company."

Petition of A. Proudfoot and others referred to Supply. Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that the Petition of A. Proudfoot, Esquire, and others, of the Township of Trafalgar, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of D. Secord and others referred to Select Committee. Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Warren, moves that the Petition of David Secord, and others, be referred to the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Muirhead, and others, on the subject of the war losses.

Ordered.

Notice of Court of Request Bill. Mr. Morris gives notice, that he will, on Thursday next, move for leave to introduce a bill, to amend the Court of Request laws.

Notice of Spirituous Liquor Bill. Mr. VanKoughnettt gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill to prevent the consumption of Spirituous Liquors in Shops.

Petition of Welland Canal. Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the Petition of the President of the Welland Canal Company, be

referred to a Select Committee. to be composed of Messieurs Attorney General, Samson and Warren, to report thereon by bill or otherwise. Company referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that the Petition of James F. Smith and others, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs Jarvis and Robinson, to report by bill or otherwise. Petition of James F. Smith and others referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that two hundred copies of the Report upon the Petition of David Breakenridge, Esquire, and others, on the subject of the Navigation of the Saint Lawrence, be printed for the use of Members. Report on Petition of D. Breakenridge and others to be printed.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Cook, moves that the order of the day for the adjourned debate on the question of privilege be discharged. Motion for discharging the question of Privilege.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley,	Clark,	Lyons,	Roblin,	Yeas 15.
Bidwell,	Cook,	McCall,	Shaver,	
Buell,	Howard,	Perry,	White—15.	
Campbell,	Ketchum,	Randal,		

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Sol. General,	Nays 27.
Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	Thomson,	
Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Morris,	VanKoughnettt,	
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Mount,	Warren,	
Burwell,	Jones,	Robinson,	Werden,	
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Samson,	W. Wilson—27	
Duncombe,	McMartin,	Shade,		

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of twelve.

On the order of the day being called for renewing the adjourned debate.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves in amendment to the amendment to the original motion, that after the words "motives of their representatives," in the said amendment, the remainder be expunged. Amendment to amendment of original motion on Privilege.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Sol. General,	Yeas 27.
Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	Thomson,	
Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Morris,	VanKoughnettt,	
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Mount,	Warren,	
Burwell,	Jones,	Robinson,	Werden,	
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Samson,	W. Wilson—27	
Duncombe,	McMartin,	Shade,		

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley,	Clark,	Lyons,	Roblin,	Nays 16.
Bidwell,	Cook,	McCall,	Shaver,	
Buell,	Howard,	Perry,	White—15.	
Campbell,	Ketchum,	Randal,		

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve.

The debate on Mr. Samson's amendment (as amended) to Mr. John Willson's motion of the sixth instant, was resumed. Debate on amended question resumed.

On the question for the adoption of the amendment as amended, being put, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:— House divides on the question of amendment as amended.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Sol. General,	Yeas 27.
Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	Thomson,	
Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Morris,	VanKoughnettt,	
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Mount,	Warren,	
Burwell,	Jones,	Robinson,	Werden,	
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Samson,	W. Wilson—27	
Duncombe,	McMartin,	Shade,		

## NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 15.

Beardsley,	Clark,	Lyons,	Roblin,
Bidwell,	Cook,	McCall,	Shaver,
Buell,	Howard, J	Perry,	White—15.
Campbell,	Ketchum,	Randal,	

The question of amendment as amended was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve.

Original question as amended, carried.

The original question as amended was then put and carried, as follows:—

Original Resolution as amended.

Resolved, that an article published in the newspaper called the Colonial Advocate, of the date twenty-fourth November 1831, in the following words:—

## "STATE OF THE COLONY."

"The people of this Province will probably be able to form a tolerable fair estimate of the manner in which their petitions on public affairs are likely to be treated in the Representative Branch of the Legislature, when they learn the manner in which the first of the series has been disposed of."

"The petition of the people of Vaughan unanimously agreed upon at the Town Meeting, and signed by the Chairman, Secretary, and from two to three hundred freeholders and other inhabitants, was the first presented to the House, and after it had been read, and lain two days on the table, Mr. MacKenzie, a representative of the people, from whom it came, moved that it should be referred to a Committee of five Members, viz. Mr. Ketchum, the other Member for the County in which the petition was voted, and Messieurs Buell, Perry and Shaver, with the mover, as a matter of course. Mr. Thomson, of Frontenac, the Editor of the Kingston Herald, who had previously expressed great bitterness against the petitioners and their petition in the public Journals, immediately rose and objected to referring the petition to its friends, and allowing them to consider of and introduce any measures desired by the petitioners, and which they might consider expedient to the notice of the Legislature.—We told the people of York, last July, that this would be the result of any application to the Assembly, and therefore the more earnestly requested them to unite in addressing the King's Government, as by this means distinct propositions could be submitted to a new Assembly called as in England on the Reform Bill. We now urge all those intrusted with the general petitions to the King and House of Assembly, to send them to York, by mail, on the earliest possible day, in order that the former be forwarded to London, and the latter submitted to the Assembly, now in session. We learn that Chief Justice Robinson's successor in the law business, Mr. Draper, either has gone off this week to London, or is now about to set off, to oppose the general petitions and advocate the interests of the Executive faction here, with His Majesty's Government. They take the utmost pains to conceal their weakness, in the estimation of the country, and one of their ablest assistants leaves his own private business and prospects to watch the signs of the times at home."

Libel in Colonial Advocate.

"Mr. Thomson's amendment already spoken of, was a resolution "that the petition of the people of Vaughan, with all other petitions relating to the same subject be referred to a Select Committee of seven members to be chosen at twelve o'clock to-morrow."

"The Attorney General characterized the petitions as the expression of a "few people," "a few individuals," mere casual meetings," "he happened to have seen some of these meetings, but a few respectable farmers met together, did not at all understand the subject," and termed the Committee, "a one sided committee," the petitions he had never seen till that day—they had been got up by some body or other."

"The Solicitor General wished the petitions to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and thus be got rid of at once, and not referred to the committee named by Mr. MacKenzie, who would call witnesses where none were wanted, and thus increase the expenses of the Session. He asserted this, although there was nothing in the motion that gave the committee any power to call a single witness—Messrs. Burwell, Jarvis and others, opposed to the rights of the people; were of course in favor of Mr. Thomson's amendment; the votes in favor of which were as follows: Messieurs Shade, Henry J. and George Boulton, Burwell, Elliott, A. Fraser, R. D. Fraser, Sheriff Jarvis, Lewis, Macnab, McMartin, Solicitor General, Maçon, Mount, Samson, Thomson, Warren, and W. Wilson."

"The Members opposed to Mr. Thomson's amendment, (introducing a species of vote in which the constituents of Members could not learn how they had acted,) and who would

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"have intrusted the petitions to a committee of persons favourable to the prayer of the petitioners, were Messieurs Buell, Campbell, Cook, Duncombe, Howard, Ketchum, McCall, MacKenzie, Perry, Roblin, Shaver and White. The Executive faction carried their measure by a majority of six."

And also a certain other article in the said paper, called the Colonial Advocate, of the date 1st December, 1831, in the following words:

## "EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF LOWER CANADA."

"The harmony which subsists between the Governor-in-Chief, the H. of A. (meaning House of Assembly) and the Colonial Secretary, Lord Viscount Goderich, must be pleasing and gratifying to every true friend of representative government; for it is evidently the consequence of a just and honourable course of procedure in these high parties towards the people of Lower Canada. We are glad to perceive by Lord Goderich's Despatch in answer to the Assembly's petition sent home last Spring by Mr. Viger, that all the Judges are to be dismissed from the Executive and Legislative Council—the Revenues of the Jesuits' Estates are to be applied by the Province to educate the Canadians; that the power of regulating trade is to be exercised in future with great attention to the interests of the colony; that provincial bills for giving corporate powers and making local regulations will be sanctioned; that the right of the colonists to regulate their internal affairs is fully admitted; that offices of trust and profit are to be more equally distributed in future; that officers who have lost the confidence of the country are to be dismissed, if the complaints made against them are proved; that all the proper influence of Government is to be given to the satisfaction of the Colony, and that any Colonial Law increasing the responsibility and accountability of public officers will be sanctioned by England:—In the Assembly we see noble and patriotic efforts made to increase the happiness of the people, enlighten their understandings, and watch diligently over their rights and privileges; and on the part of the Governor-in-Chief, there does really appear to be a willingness to act with the House of Assembly, and faithfully to assist them in securing for the Country the inestimable advantage of good laws and free institutions."

"The contrast between their Executive and ours, betwixt the material of our Assembly and theirs—and between the use they make of an invaluable constitution, and our abuse of it, is any thing but satisfactory to the friends of freedom and social order in Upper Canada."

"Our representative body has degenerated into a sycophantic office for registering the decrees of as mean and mercenary an Executive as ever was given as a punishment for the sins of any part of North America, in the nineteenth century."

"We boast of our superior intelligence; of our love of liberty; but where are the fruits? has not the subservience of our Legislature to a worthless Executive become a byword and a reproach throughout the Colonies? Are we not now even during the present week about to give to the municipal officers of the Government, as a banking monopoly, a power over the people, which, added to their already overgrown influence, must render their sway nearly as arbitrary and despotic as the Iron rule of the Czar of Muscovy? Last winter the majority of our Assembly with our Speaker at their head felt inclined to make contemptuous comparisons between the French inhabitants of the Sister Colony and the enlightened constituents who had returned them, the said majority. In our estimation, and judging of the tree by its fruits, the Lower Canadians are by far the most deserving population of the Constitution they enjoy, for they show themselves aware of its value—while, judging of the people here, by the representatives they return, it might be reasonably inferred that the constituents of the McLeans, Van-Koughnets, Jarvises, Robinsons, Burwells, Willsons, Boultons, Macnabs, McMartins, Frasers, Chisholmes, Crookes, Elliotts, Browns, Joneses, Maçons, Samsons and Hagermen, had emigrated from Grand Tartary, Russia, or Algiers, the week preceding the last general Election; for although in the turgid veins of their members there may be British blood, there certainly is not the appearance of much British feeling,"—are gross, scandalous and malicious libels—intended and calculated to bring this House and the Government of this Province into contempt, and to excite groundless suspicion and distrust in the minds of the inhabitants of this Province, as to the proceedings and motives of their Representatives."

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the further consideration of the question of privilege be adjourned until Monday next, and that it be the first item on the order of the day.

Consideration of question adjourned.

Ordered.

Adjourned till Monday at ten o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY, 12th DECEMBER, 1831.

The House met.

The minutes of Saturday were read.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that it be—

Motion for resolving Mr. MacKenzie guilty of a breach of privilege.

Resolved, that William Lyon MacKenzie, Esq. a member of this House, having avowed himself the author of the articles published in the newspaper called the Colonial Advocate, mentioned in the resolution of this House on Saturday last, which articles are grossly false, scandalous and defamatory; and having been heard in his place, in defence of the same, has, by the whole tenor of such defence, flagrantly aggravated the charge brought against him, and is, therefore, guilty of a high breach of the privileges of this House.

Amendment to motion.

In amendment, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Lyons, moves that after the word "Resolved," in the original, the whole be expunged, and the following words inserted: "That as this House has allowed many other publications to pass without punishment or censure reflecting on the character and motives of its members, for many years past, and as addresses to the head of the Provincial Government, for the time being, have been published in the Official Gazette, containing such reflections with answers of His Excellency, the then Lieutenant Governor, expressing his thanks for such addresses, and as this House has by the resolution adopted on Saturday last asserted its privileges and shewn its determination hereafter to take notice of such offensive publications, it is not expedient to take any further notice of the said libel published in the Colonial Advocate.

House divides on amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 14. Beardsley, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Clark, Cook, Howard, Ketchum, Lyons, McCall, Perry, Randal, Roblin, Shaver,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 26. Atty. General, Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Burwell, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, R. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones, Lewis, MacMartin, Macnab, Maçon, Morris, Mount, Robinson, Samson, Shade, Sol. General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden, W. Wilson—

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of twelve.

Second amendment proposed.

In amendment, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the word "therefore," in the original resolution, be expunged.

House divides.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 26. Atty. General, Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Burwell, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, R. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones, Lewis, MacMartin, Macnab, Maçon, Morris, Mount, Robinson, Samson, Shade, Sol. General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden, W. Wilson—

NAYS.—Messieurs;

Nays 14. Beardsley, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Clark, Cook, Howard, Ketchum, Lyons, McCall, Perry, Randal, Roblin, Shaver,

Amendment carried.

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve.

House divides on original question as amended.

On the original question as amended, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs.

Yeas 26. Atty. General, Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Burwell, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, R. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones, Lewis, MacMartin, Macnab, Maçon, Morris, Mount, Robinson, Samson, Shade, Sol. General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden, W. Wilson—

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Clark, Cook, Howard, Ketchum, Lyons, McCall, Perry, Randal, Roblin, Shaver—14. Nays 14.

The question as amended was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve, and is as follows:

Resolved, that William Lyon MacKenzie, Esquire, a member of this House, having avowed himself the author of the articles published in the newspaper, called the Colonial Advocate, mentioned in the resolution of this House on Saturday last, which articles are grossly false, scandalous and defamatory;—and having been heard in his place, in defence of the same, has by the whole tenor of such defence, flagrantly aggravated the charge brought against him, and is guilty of a high breach of the privileges of this House.

Amended question.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves that it be resolved, that William Lyon MacKenzie, Esq. be expelled this House.

Motion for expulsion of W. L. MacKenzie Esq.

In amendment, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Lyons, moves that after the word "moves" in the original, the whole be expunged and the following inserted: "that this House having fully asserted its privileges, by resolving some particular remarks contained in the Colonial Advocate of the twenty-fourth of November, and the first of December, reflecting on the proceedings of this Assembly and some of its members, to be a libel, and a high breach of the privileges of this House, it is expedient to appoint a committee of privilege to inquire and report to this House, what other, if any libels, have been published against the proceedings of this House or any of its members, since the commencement of the present Session, and that Messieurs Attorney General, Berczy, Duncombe, Beardsley and Ketchum, do compose said Committee.

Amendment proposed.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

House divides on amendment.

YEAS.—Messieurs.

Yeas 14. Beardsley, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Clark, Cook, Howard, Ketchum, Lyons, McCall, Perry, Randal, Roblin, Shaver,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 24. Atty. General, Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Burwell, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, R. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones, Lewis, MacMartin, Macnab, Maçon, Morris, Mount, Robinson, Samson, Shade, Sol. General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Werden—

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of ten.

The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, a Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide that none of the ordinances made by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec shall continue to have the force of law in this Province;" and a Bill, entitled, "An Act to dispense with the necessity of taking certain oaths and making certain declarations in the cases therein mentioned, and also to render it unnecessary to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as a qualification for offices or for other temporal purposes;" both of which the Honourable the Legislative Council had passed and requested the concurrence of this House thereto.

Bill sent from Legislative Council relative to ordinances of Quebec.

And also a bill to dispense with oaths in certain cases.

The Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to provide that none of the ordinances made by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec, shall continue to have the force of Law in this Province;" was read the first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Ordinance Bill read.

The Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to dispense with the necessity of taking certain oaths and making certain declarations in the cases therein mentioned, and also to render it unnecessary to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as a qualification for offices, or for other temporal purposes;" was read a first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Bill to dispense with the necessity of oaths &c. in certain cases, read.

In amendment to Mr. Samson's motion for the expulsion of W. L. MacKenzie, Esq.

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that after the word "moves" in the original motion, the whole be expunged, and the following be inserted: "that it be resolved, that William Lyon MacKenzie, Esq. be called to the Bar of this House, and that he be reprimanded by the Speaker.

Amendment to motion for expulsion proposed.

House divides on amendment. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**  
 Yeas 7. Bidwell, Duncombe, McCall, Randal,  
 Cook, Ketchum, Perry, 7.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**  
 Nays 31. Atty. General, Clark, Lyons, Samson,  
 Beardsley, Elliott, McMartin, Shade,  
 Berczy, A. Fraser, Macnab, Sol. General,  
 Boulton, R. Fraser, Macon, Thomson,  
 Brown, Howard, Morris, VanKoughnett,  
 Buell, Ingersoll, Mount, Warren,  
 Burwell, Jones, Robinson, Werden,  
 Campbell, Lewis, Roblin, 31.

Amendment lost. The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of twenty-four.

House divides on question for expulsion. On the original question the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**  
 Yeas 24. Atty. General, A. Fraser, Macnab, Shade,  
 Berczy, R. Fraser, Macon, Sol. General,  
 Boulton, Ingersoll, Morris, Thomson,  
 Brown, Jones, Mount, VanKoughnett,  
 Burwell, Lewis, Robinson, Warren,  
 Elliott, McMartin, Samson, Werden—24.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**  
 Nays 15. Beardsley, Clark, Ketchum, Randal,  
 Bidwell, Cook, Lyons, Roblin,  
 Buell, Duncombe, McCall, Shaver,  
 Campbell, Howard, Perry, 15.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of nine.

Speaker to direct his warrant for new writ of election. Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnett, moves that it be resolved, that the Speaker do direct his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to issue a new Writ for the election of a Knight to serve in this present Parliament for the County of York, in the place of William Lyon MacKenzie, Esq. expelled this House.

Ordered.

Two thousand copies of the foregoing proceeding to be printed. Mr. A. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Macon, moves that it be resolved, that two thousand copies of the proceedings of this House, on the matter of privilege, relating to the expulsion of William Lyon MacKenzie, be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

Petitions brought up. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Of G. J. Goodhue, & others. Mr. Burwell brought up the Petition of George J. Goodhue, and thirty-seven others, of the London District; which was laid on the table.

S. P. Corlis. Mr. Burwell brought up the Petition of Swain P. Corlis, of the Township of Lobo, in the London District; which was laid on the table.

J. Macaulay and others of Kingston. Mr. Thomson brought up the Petition of John Macaulay, and four others, Magistrates of the Town of Kingston; which was laid on the table.

Chiefs of the Six Nations. Mr. Warren brought up the Petition of the Chiefs and Warriors of the Six Nations, living in the County of Haldimand; which was laid on the table.

F. Evans and others. Mr. McCall brought up the Petition of Francis Evans, and seventy-one others, of the County of Norfolk; which was laid on the table.

John Ellayer and others. Mr. McCall brought up the Petition of John Ellayer, and sixteen others, inhabitants of the Townships of Rainham and Walpole; which was laid on the table.

W. Williams and others. Mr. McCall brought up the Petition of Wynant Williams, and forty-six others, of the Eastern Townships of the London District; which was laid on the table.

P. Embury and others. Mr. Samson brought up the Petition of Philip Embury, and forty-two others, of the Townships of Sidney and Thurlow, in the Midland District; which was laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Petition of Matthew Myers, and twenty-one others, licensed victuallers of the Town of Kingston, praying that an Act may be passed declaring it lawful for licensed Tavern Keepers to sue for and recover debts due to them for Wine, Beer, or Spirituous Liquors, declaring the eleventh section of the twenty-fourth, George 2nd. chapter 40, to be in force, and limiting the smallest quantity of Beer to be sold by Brewers, to five Gallons.—The Petition of J. Muirhead, and thirty-seven others, of the Town of Niagara, praying for the establishment of a lateral cut from the Welland Canal, as provided for by law.—The Petition of the Niagara Harbor and Dock Company, praying for a loan of two thousand five hundred Pounds, to complete the said Harbor and Dock.—The Petition of George Jacob, and sixteen others, of the Town of Sandwich, praying for the establishment of Wharfage Fees for a Wharf about to be erected in said Town.—The Petition of William Hands, and twenty-six others, of the Western District, praying for a law to protect the White Fish Fishery, in the River Detroit.—The Petition of Jordan Post, and two hundred and thirty-five others, inhabitants of the Town of York, praying for the establishment of a second Market place to accommodate the Western Section of the said Town.—The Petition of Seneca Ketchum, of the Township of York, praying for a law empowering himself and others as a body Corporate, to erect a Foundling Hospital in the Town of York.—The Petition of Smith Griffin, and ninety four others, of the Townships of Clinton, Grimsby, &c. in the Niagara District, praying for aid to improve a line of Road for twelve miles, between the mouth of the Thirty Mile Creek, and the River Welland.—The Petition of James Muirhead, and eighty others, of the District of Niagara, praying that the limits of Gaols may be allowed in all cases to extend to the limits of the Towns in which they are situated.—The Petition of Allan McLean, and seventeen others, praying for aid to improve the Road leading to Perth, through the Township of Pittsburgh.—The Petition of James Dougall, and three others, landholders in the Third Concession (Military Tract,) in the Township of Hallowell, praying against the establishment of the Eastern line of the said Concession.—The Petition of Charles Partridge, and twenty-four others, inhabitants of the Penetanguishine Road, praying for further assistance to improve the said road, particularly the Swamp through Lots twenty-two and twenty-three.—The Petition of George Ramsay, and twenty-one others, of the Township of Tecumseth, praying for aid to enable them to erect a Bridge over the River Nottawasaga, and the improvement of the Roads in the said Township.—The Petition of P. H. Hamilton, and sixty-seven others, of the Township of Norwich, in the London District, praying for the sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds, to repair the Road and build a Bridge across the Big Otter Creek, in the Ninth Concession of the said Township.—The Petition of Jonathan C. Jackson, and forty-three others, of the Township of Fredericksburgh, in the Incorporated Counties of Lenox and Addington, praying to be protected in their original rights and possessions.—The Petition of John Thorpe, and sixty-one others, inhabitants of the District of Gore, praying for a loan of six thousand Pounds to the Desjardin's Canal Company, for the purpose of the completion of the said Canal.—The Petition of Benjamin Wagoner, and thirty-nine others, of Cornwall, in the Eastern District, praying for aid to improve the Road between the First and Second Concessions of the said Township.—The Petition of Nadab Eastman, Senior, and twenty-seven others, of the Township of Cornwall, in the Eastern District, praying for the sum of fifty Pounds, to enable them to improve the road commonly called the Nine Mile Road, in said Township.—The Petition of Nathan Brunson, and thirty-seven others, of the Eastern District, praying for one hundred and fifty Pounds, to repair the above mentioned Nine Mile Road.—The Petition of Thomas Johnston, and ninety-one others, of the Eastern District, praying for aid to improve the Road between the Third and Fourth Concessions from the Nine Mile Road, between Lots number Six and Seven in the Township of Cornwall.—The Petition of Warner Nelles, J. P. and fifty-one others, of the Niagara District, praying for the protection of their property, in case of an Act being passed to improve the Navigation of the Grand River.—The Petition of Jacob Frats, and sixty others of the County of Dundas.—The Petition of George Brouse, and sixty-six others.—The Petition of John E. Ault, and thirty-four others.—The Petition of Jesse W. Rose, and twenty-eight others.—The Petition of Christopher Markeley, and thirty-eight others.—The Petition of Adam Nudle, and forty-four others, all of the County of Dundas, as aforesaid, praying the same as the Petition of Peter Frank and others, inhabitants of Vaughan, (see page 17,) and the Petition of S. Anderson, and thirty-two others, of the Eastern District, praying that the Nine Mile Road between Lots number Six and Seven in the Front Concession of Cornwall, may be established by law according to a Survey made by Wm. Brown, Esq. Deputy Surveyor—were read.

Mr. Burwell gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow,

Notice of Address to His Majesty for 1,000,000 acres of Land for School purposes.

Notice of Committee of whole on answer to address on Crown timber.

Petition of J. Frats, Geo. Brown, J. E. Ault, J. W. Rose, Adam Nudle, John Binkley, J. Couke, A. Cameron, Isaac Kelly, P. Hoople, J. G. Grant, D. McLellan, C. Smith, S. King, Henry Shaver, John Kenney, Jacob Upper, T. Wilcocks, H. Stuart, L. Stoneburner and others referred.

Petition of Jacob Potts, and others referred to Supply.

Petition of A. McLean and others referred to Supply.

Petition of J. Muirhead and others referred.

Petition of Jas. Muirhead and others referred.

Petition of Smith Griffin and others referred.

Petition of J. Dougall and others referred. Petition of William Cunningham and others referred.

Petition of William Coleman and others referred.

Petition of George Jacob and others referred.

Petition of Thomas Barnett referred to supply.

Petition of John Thorpe and others referred to supply.

Petition of P. H. Hamilton.

move that this House do most humbly address His Majesty for a grant of One Million of Acres of the Waste Lands of the Crown in this Province, for the maintenance and support of Common Schools within the same; to consist of such Crown Reserves as are not given over to the Canada Land Company, or under Patent to the University of King's College; and if these should fall short of the quantity, the residue to be made up from the waste Lands of the Crown, in the London and Western Districts.

Mr. Morris gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee on the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and Lord Goderich's despatch in answer to the address to His Majesty, of this House, at the last Session, on the subject of the Timber trade.

Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. R. Fraser, moves that the Petitions of Jacob Frats and others, of Dundas, George Brouse, and others, John E. Ault, and others, Jesse W. Rose, and others, Christopher Markeley, and others, Adam Nudle, and others, John Binkley, and others, John Couke, and others, Angus Cameron, and others, Isaac Kelly, and others, Peter Hoople, and others, James G. Grant, and others, Duncan McLellan, and others, C. Smith, and others, Sherman D. King, and others, Henry Shaver, and others, John Ranney, and others, Jacob Upper, and others, Truman Wilcox, and others, Henry Stuart, and others, and of Leonard Stoneburner, and others, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the People of Vaughan.

Ordered.

Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Beardsley, moves that the Petition of Jacob Potts, Esquire, and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves that the Petition of Allan McLean, Esq. and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Beardsley, moves that the Petition of J. Muirhead, and others, respecting the Niagara Canal Company, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messieurs Shade and Werden, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that the Petition of James Muirhead, and others, for extending the Gaol limits, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messieurs Beardsley and Warren, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Clark, seconded Mr. Warren, moves that the Petition of Smith Griffin, and others, for money on Roads, be referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Werden, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that the petition of James Dougall, and others, as also the petition of William Cunningham, and others, on the subject of Surveys be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Survey Bill, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Shade, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the petition of William Coleman and others, of the Townships of Dumfries and Beverley be referred to the Committee on Roads.

Ordered.

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the petition of George Jacob, and others, be referred to a Committee to be composed of Messrs. Ingersoll and Mount, to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the petition of Thomas Barnett be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the Petition of certain inhabitants of the District of Gore, praying for a loan to the Desjardin's Canal Company, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves that the petition of P. H. Hamilton, and others, be referred to a Com-

mittee to be composed of Messrs. Burwell and Mount, to report thereon.

Ordered.

Mr. R. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the petition of Thomas McCarger, and others, Michael Woolery, and others, and Wm. J. Adams, and others, on the subject of surveys be referred to a Committee composed of Messrs. A. Fraser, McMartin and Shaver, to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that the petition of the Niagara Dock and Harbour Company, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Lewis, moves that the report of the Select Committee of this House on the subject of the improvement of the navigation of the Saint Lawrence be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that the petition of William Hands, and others, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Magon and Berczy, to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the petition of Jonathan C. Jackson, and others, be referred to the Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Forshee and others.

Ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Beardsley, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Company to be composed of Thomas Clarke, Charles Dixie, Samuel Street, Robert Dixson, Richard Woodruff, Robert Kirkpatrick, Alexander Hamilton, together with all such other persons as shall become Stockholders in such Joint Stock or capital, to be a body corporate and politic, by and under the name and style of the "Erie and Ontario Rail Road Company."

Which was granted and the Bill was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, representing that there is in this Province a very general want of education, that the insufficiency of the common school fund to support competent, respectable and well educated Teachers, has degraded common school teaching from a regular business, to a mere matter of convenience to transient persons or common idlers, who often stay but for one Season, and leave the schools vacant until they accommodate some other like person; whereby the minds of the youth of this Province are left without due cultivation, or what is still worse—frequently, with vulgar, low-bred, vicious and intemperate examples before them in the persons of their monitors.

That if provision were made for the liberal and punctual payment of common school Teachers under proper regulations, the teaching of common schools would soon become a regular and respectable calling; gentlemanly well-educated persons would not be ashamed to take charge of youth, the schools would be no longer vacant, nor the scholars ignorant: Upper Canada would then form a national character that would command respect abroad and ensure peace, prosperity and happiness at home; perpetuate attachment to British principles and British institutions, and enable posterity to value, as they ought, the inestimable blessings of our Glorious Constitution.

And respectfully requesting His Excellency to represent to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies that there is dormant British capital in this Province, (which might be rendered available and productive if placed at the disposal of the Province) sufficient to place its Schools in as flourishing a condition as they are in any part of the civilized world, and to entreat that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to place at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature, a portion of the waste lands of the Crown as a permanent fund for the support of common schools within the same.

And also that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House, any information which His Excellency may have received since the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, relative to the disposition of His Majesty's Government, respecting the School Lands of this Province, and that Messrs. Mount and Ingersoll, be a Committee to draft and report the same.

In amendment, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Clark,

ton and others referred.

Petition of Thomas McCarger and others, Michael Woolery and others, and William J. Adams and others referred.

Petition of the Niagara Dock and Harbour Company referred to Committee of supply.

Report on improvement of St. Lawrence referred to supply.

Petition of William Hands and others, referred to Committee.

Petition of Jonathan C. Jackson and others referred.

Erie and Ontario Railroad Company bill brought in.

Bill read.

Motion for Addressing His Excellency on the subject of common School teaching.

Amendment proposed.

moves that the question be not now put, but that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the subject of the same on to-morrow.

Which was carried.

The original question, as amended, was then put, and carried.

The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, a bill, entitled "An Act respecting the place of sitting of the Court of King's Bench," which that Honorable House had passed, and requested the concurrence of this House thereto.

The Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act respecting the place of sitting of the Court of King's Bench," was then read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that it be

Resolved.—That by the Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, thirty-first Geo. III. one-seventh of the lands of this Province was set apart for the support of a Protestant Clergy.

That under that Act appropriations have from time to time been made, and which appropriations are in this Province, known by the name of "The Clergy Reserves;" that these appropriations having been generally made in Lots of two hundred acres throughout the several Townships of this Province, the value of the same has been much enhanced by the settlement of the country, and principally from the improvement of the Lands in the neighbourhood of such appropriations by the labor of the inhabitants composed of various denominations of Christians; that these Reserves being so interspersed with the lands of actual settlers have materially retarded the improvement of the country; that by an Act passed in the Reign of His late Most Gracious Majesty, provision was made for the sale of a portion of the said Reserves; that it is unjust as well as impolitic to appropriate the said lands to the support of any one Church exclusively, and it is extremely difficult, if not altogether impracticable, to apportion or divide the same among the Clergy of all denominations of Protestants; that a large majority of the inhabitants of this Province are sincerely attached to His Majesty's person and Government, but are averse to the establishment of any exclusive or dominant Church; that this House feels confident, that to promote the prosperity of this portion of His Majesty's Dominions, and to satisfy the earnest desire of the people of this Province, His Majesty will be graciously pleased to give the most favourable consideration to the wishes of his faithful subjects; that to terminate the jealousy and dissension which have hitherto existed on the subject of the said Reserves, to remove a barrier to the settlement of the country, and to provide a fund available for the promotion of education, it is extremely desirable that the said lands, so reserved, be sold, and the proceeds arising from the sale of the same placed at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature, to be applied exclusively for that purpose; that an humble address be presented to His Majesty, setting forth the subject of this resolution, and praying His Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to His Majesty's Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, to pass an Act to authorize the sale of the Clergy Reserves remaining unsold, and to enable the Legislature of this Province to appropriate the proceeds thereof in such manner as may be considered most expedient for the advancement of education.

In amendment, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that after the word "education," in the original, the following words be added: "or other improvements in which the inhabitants of the Province will generally and equally participate."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley, Campbell, Howard, Shaver, 7.  
Bidwell, Cook, Perry,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Crooks, Lewis, Samson,  
Berczy, Duncombe, McMartin, Shade,  
Boulton, Elliott, Maçon, Sol. General,  
Buell, A. Fraser, Morris, Thomson,  
Burwell, Ingersoll, Mount, Warren,  
Chisholm. Jones, Roblin, Werden, 26.  
Clark, Ketchum,

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of nineteen.

In amendment to the original motion, Mr. Solicitor General,

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seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that all the words after the word "Resolved," be expunged and the following inserted: "that the Imperial Parliament, in pursuance of the gracious recommendation of our late Revered Sovereign Lord King George the Third, hath appropriated for the maintenance and support of a Protestant Clergy within this Province a certain allotment of land usually known as "The Clergy Reserves."

That the diffusion of religious knowledge and instruction is an object of the first importance to the happiness and welfare of mankind.

That the land appropriated for the support of Ministers of religion in this Province, having been made with a view to this object it is repugnant to the best interests of the inhabitants of Upper Canada, to apply them to any other use.

That it is the opinion of this House, that an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will not comply with any request which may be made to recommend to Parliament the alienation of the Clergy Reserves in this Province to any other purpose than that for which they were set apart.

That His Majesty be at the same time informed that it is the earnest desire of his faithful subjects, that the same power which bestowed the land in question should be referred to, to determine on any alteration in the distribution or disposal thereof, which in their wisdom may be deemed necessary to carry their original intention into effect, and that this desire is expressed with a view to the final settlement of a question which has caused much discussion and difference of opinion on this important subject among His Majesty's subjects in Upper Canada."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General. Burwell, Lewis,  
Boulton, R. Fraser, Sol. General—6

House divides on Solicitor General's amendment.

Yeas 6.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley, Crooks, McCall, Roblin,  
Berczy, Duncombe, McMartin, Samson,  
Bidwell, Elliott, Maçon, Shade,  
Buell, A. Fraser, Morris, Shaver,  
Campbell, Howard, Mount, Thomson,  
Chisholm, Ingersoll, Perry, Warren,  
Clark, Jones, Randal, Werden—30.  
Cook, Ketchum,

Nays 30.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative, by a majority of twenty-four.

In amendment to the original motion, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that after the word "Resolved" in the original motion, the whole be expunged, and the following be inserted, "That His late Majesty King George the Third of illustrious memory, was graciously pleased by messages to both Houses of Parliament, in the 31st year of His reign, to express His Royal desire, that an appropriation of Land for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy, in proportion to the Lands already granted by His said Majesty within this Province, and that such provision might be made with respect to all future grants of Land, as might best conduce to the due and sufficient support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy within the said Province, in proportion to such increase as might happen in the population and cultivation thereof. That in accordance with the gracious intentions expressed in the said message, both Houses of Parliament concurred with His message, in declaring by an Act passed in the 31st year of His said Majesty's reign, that a proportion equal in value to one-seventh of the Lands granted, or to be granted by His said Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, within the said Province, should be appropriated to the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy within the same.

Amendment on original motion proposed by Attorney General.

That provision was also made by the said Act for constituting and erecting Parsonages or Rectories within the said Province according to the establishment of the Church of England, and for endowing every such parsonage or Rectory with so much of the lands so appropriated as aforesaid, as by the Executive Government of this Province might be judged expedient, but no provision was made for appropriating any part of the lands towards the support of any other Protestant Clergy.

That doubts have been entertained upon the construction of the term "Protestant Clergy," made use of in the said Act, whether the same was intended to apply exclusively to the Clergy of the Church of England, or to the Clergy of any, and what other Church or Churches within the said Province.

That the population of this Province is composed of persons of various Christian denominations, and that such of the

Amendment carried.

King's Bench Bill sent down from Legislative Council.

King's Bench Bill read first time.

Resolution relative to Clergy Reserves.

Amendment proposed.

House divides on amendment.

Yeas 7.

Nays 26.

inhabitants as profess the Doctrines of the Church of England, unquestionably compose but a minority of the whole, and consequently it would be unjust towards their fellow subjects of other denominations, who are equally attached to His Majesty's person and Government and have equal claims upon the protection and Royal favour of their Sovereign, and by whose industry the value of the Clergy Reserves have been materially enhanced; that the whole of the said appropriation of lands directed by the said Act to be set apart for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy, should be applied exclusively for the benefit of such of the inhabitants as profess to belong to the Church of England, and for relieving them from the necessity of contributing to the support of their own Clergy, while others are left to make such necessary provision for the support of their Clergy out of their own private means, or are driven to solicit voluntary contributions for the attainment of this primary object of all Christian communities, and that whatever might have been the intention of Parliament in making the said appropriation it is expedient that the said Act should be amended, and that it should be explicitly declared, that the term, Protestant Clergy, shall be held to embrace the Clergy of such denominations as in England are called Dissenters, as well as the Clergy ordained according to the rites and ceremonies of the Established Church of England and Ireland, and that provisions be made for carrying such declaration into effect.

your Despatch of the 27th April last, inclosing a Memorial from certain inhabitants of Niagara, relative to the losses sustained by them during the late war with the United States, and to acquaint you that although I regret extremely that the individuals who have suffered losses should not have received the compensation awarded to them, yet it is not in my power to recommend the Lords of the Treasury to depart from the original arrangement communicated to the late Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, by Lord Bathurst, in the year 1823.

I have the honor to be  
SIR,  
your most obedient  
humble servant,  
GODERICH.

MAJOR GENERAL SIR JOHN COLBORNE, }  
K. C. B. }

The Speaker reported having received from the President and Directors of the Welland Canal Company, agreeably to an order of this House, of the twenty-third ultimo, accounts in detail of the receipts and expenditures of said company in accordance with the provisions of the 17th clause of the 9th chapter 10th George IV.

(Accounts—see Appendix.)

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Burwell brought up the petition of G. R. Williams, and forty others, inhabitants of the London District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Burwell brought up the petition of Andrew Miller and James Kirkpatrick, Deputy Surveyors; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of Jonathan Ashbridge, and forty others, of the Town and Township of York; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of Frederick Cheney and fifty-two others, living on the Town line between Whitechurch and Markham, Home District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Chisholm brought up the petition of James Beattie, and fifty-six others, of the Townships of Trafalgar and Esqueving, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Samson brought up the petition of Phillip P. Empey, and twenty-eight others, of the Township of Cornwall; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Christopher Woodcock, and twenty-six others, of the Townships of Sheffield, Hungerford, Richmond and Camden, in the Midland District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. VanKoughnett brought up the petition of Guy Wood and thirty-four others, of the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. VanKoughnett brought up the petition of James Pringle, and thirty-three others, inhabitants of the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Majesty on the subject of the Clergy Reserves was read a third time.

On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs.

Beardsley,	Cook,	Ketchum,	Roblin,
Berczy,	Crooks,	McCall,	Samson,
Bidwell,	Duncombe,	A. McDonald,	Shade,
Brown,	Elliott,	Morris,	Shaver,
Buell,	Howard,	Mount,	Thomson,
Campbell,	Ingersoll,	Perry,	Warren,
Clark,	Jones,	Randal,	Werden,—28.

NAYS—Messieurs;

Atty. General,	A. Fraser,	Robinson,	VanKoughnett,
Burwell,	Lewis,		6.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-two, and the Address was signed by the Speaker, and is as follows:—

House divides on Attorney General's amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 3.	Atty. General,	Burwell,	Elliott, 3.
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NAYS—Messieurs.

Nays 28.	Beardsley,	Cook,	Lewis,	Randal,
	Berczy,	Crooks,	McCall,	Samson,
	Bidwell,	A. Fraser,	McMartin,	Shade,
	Buell,	Howard,	Magon,	Shaver,
	Campbell,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Thomson,
	Chisholm,	Jones,	Mount,	VanKoughnett,
	Clark,	Ketchum,	Perry,	Warren, 28.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of twenty-five.

House divides on original question.

On the original question the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 27.	Beardsley,	Cook,	Ketchum,	Randal,
	Berczy,	Crooks,	McCall,	Samson,
	Bidwell,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Shade,
	Buell,	A. Fraser,	Magon,	Shaver,
	Campbell,	Howard,	Morris,	Thomson,
	Chisholm,	Ingersoll,	Mount,	Warren,
	Clark,	Jones,	Perry,	27.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 4.	Atty. General,	Burwell,	Lewis,	VanKoughnett, 4.
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The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-three.

Committee appointed to draft Address.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that Messrs. A. Fraser and Magon, be a Committee to draft and report an Address pursuant to the resolution of this House on the subject of the Clergy Reserves.

Ordered.

Draft of Address on Clergy Reserves reported.

Mr. A. Fraser, from the Select Committee to draft an Address to His Majesty on the subject of the future disposition of the Clergy Reserves, reported a draft which was received and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee to wait on His Excellency with Address on losses report answer.

Mr. Crooks, from the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the address of this House, requesting information as to the disposition of His Majesty's Government relative to the losses sustained by the inhabitants of this Province during the late war with the United States, reported delivering the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:

GENTLEMEN,

The only information on the subject of the War Losses which I have received from His Majesty's Government, since the last Session, is contained in this Despatch, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:

No. 34 DOWNING-STREET,  
28th July, 1831.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of

Despatch on the subject of war losses.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

Address to His Majesty on Clergy Reserves.

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave most humbly to submit to Your Majesty that, by an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, 31st Geo. 3rd, one-seventh of the lands of this Province was set apart for the support of a Protestant Clergy.

That under that Act appropriations have from time to time been made, and which appropriations are, in this Province, known by the name of the "Clergy Reserves";—that these appropriations having been generally made in lots of two hundred acres, throughout the several Townships of this Province, the value of the same has been much enhanced by the settlement of the lands in the neighbourhood of such appropriations, by the labor of inhabitants composed of various denominations of Christians;—that these Reserves being so interspersed with the lands of actual settlers, have materially retarded the improvement of the country;—that by an Act passed in the Reigu of His late most Gracious Majesty, provision was made for the sale of a portion of the said Reserves; that it is unjust, as well as impolitic, to appropriate the said lands to the support of any one Church exclusively, and it is extremely difficult, if not altogether impracticable, to apportion or divide the same among the Clergy of all denominations of Protestants;—that a large majority of the inhabitants of this Province are sincerely attached to Your Majesty's Person and Government, but are averse to the establishment of any exclusive or dominant Church;—that this House feels confident, that to promote the prosperity of this portion of Your Majesty's Dominions, and to satisfy the earnest desire of the people of this Province, Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to give the most favorable consideration to the wishes of Your faithful Subjects;—that to terminate the jealousy and dissension which have hitherto existed on the subject of the said Reserves—to remove a barrier to the settlement of the country, and to provide a fund available for the promotion of Education, it is extremely desirable that the said lands, so reserved, be sold, and the proceeds arising from the sale of the same placed at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature, to be applied exclusively for that purpose.—We therefore humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to Your Majesty's Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, to pass an Act to authorise the sale of the Clergy Reserves remaining unsold, and to enable the Legislature of this Province to appropriate the proceeds thereof in such manner as may be considered most expedient for the advancement of Education.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,

SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
14th day of December, 1831. }

Notice of Address to His Excellency on the subject of Crown Timber.

Mr. Morris gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency may be pleased to communicate to this House an account, in detail, of all monies collected for timber cut on the Crown Lands in this Province during the present year.

Petition of John Chesley Nathan Brunson and others referred to supply.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the petition of John Chesley and Nathan Brunson and others, of the Eastern District, praying for money for roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of George Ramsay and others referred to supply.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the petition of George Ramsay and others, of Tecumseth, for aid to their roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of N. Eastman and others referred to supply.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the petition of Nadab Eastman and others, of the Township of Cornwall, praying for money for roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of Charles Partridge and others referred to supply.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the petition of Charles Partridge and others, of the County of Simcoe, for aid to their roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of Benjamin Wagoner and others referred to supply.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the petition of Daniel McLoughlin, Benjamin Wagoner, and others, of the Township of Cornwall, praying for money for roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the petition of William Powell and others, inhabitants of the Township of Bertie, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of William Powell and others referred to Committee of supply.

Ordered.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the petition of Thomas Johnston and others, of the Eastern District, praying for money for roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of Thomas Johnston and others referred to Committee of supply.

Ordered.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the petition of Samuel Anderson and others, of the Eastern District, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs McMartin and Shaver, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Petition of Samuel Anderson and others referred to Select Committee.

Ordered.

Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that Messrs. Ingersoll and Warren be a Committee to examine and report upon the returns sent to this House from Commissioners appointed to lay out the money granted by the Legislature for roads.

Committee appointed to examine and report on returns from Road Commissioners.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the accounts of the Welland Canal Company, laid before the House, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Morris and Shade, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Accounts of Welland Canal Company referred.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for Incorporating a Rail Road Company was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Rail-road Company Bill referred to Committee of whole.

Mr. Buell was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Buell reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Progress.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the House do now adjourn for one hour.

Which was lost.

Present, Messieurs Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Chisholm, Cook, Howard, Jones, Lewis, McCall, A. McDonald, Perry, Robinson, Roblin, Shade, Shaver, Thomson, VanKoughnett, and Werden—18.

No quorum.

At two o'clock P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Petitions brought up.

Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of Francis McLaughlin, and ninety others, of the Townships of Mulmur, Tosorontio, Mono, and Adjala, in the County of Simcoe; which was laid on the table.

Francis McLaughlin and others.

Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of Joseph Pearson, and twenty-three others; which was laid on the table.

Joseph Pearson and others.

Mr. Bidwell brought up the Petition of Belyat Cutwater, and eighteen others, of the fourth concession of Fredericksburgh Additional, in the Midland District; which was laid on the table.

Belyat Cutwater and others.

Mr. Chisholm brought up the Petition of George Chalmers, and three hundred and fourteen others, inhabitants of Trafalgar, in the County of Halton; which was laid on the table.

George Chalmers and others.

Mr. Chisholm brought up the Petition of Hugh Black, and one hundred and thirty-two others, inhabitants of Esquesing, in the County of Halton; which was laid on the table.

Hugh Black and others.

Mr. Beardsley brought up the Petition of James G. Strobidge, formerly Contractor for the Burlington Bay Canal; which was laid on the table.

James G. Strobidge.

Mr. Attorney General brought up the Petition of Captain Whitney, of the Steamer Great Britain, and twelve others, Masters of Steam Boats and Schooners on Lake Ontario; which was laid on the table.

Capt. Whitney and others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Petition of George J. Goodhue, and thirty-seven others, of the London District, praying that the District School of the London District, may be removed from Vittoria, to the Town of London.—The Petition of Swain P. Corlis, of the Township of Lobo, in the London District, praying that an Act may be passed, granting him a Pension, he being incapable of following business,

Petition of George J. Goodhue and others.

Petition of Swain P. Corlis and others read.

Petition of John McAulay and others.	in consequence of wounds received in Action with the enemy, during the late war with the United States, at Malcolm's Mills, in the County of Oxford.—The Petition of John Macaulay, and four others, Magistrates of the Town of Kingston, praying for pecuniary aid in the erection of a Lazar House.—The	Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the petition of Philip Embury and others, of the Townships of Sidney and Thurlow, be referred to the Committee of Supply.	Petition of P. Embury and others referred.
Petition of Chiefs of Six Nations.	Petition of the Chiefs and Warriors of the Six Nations, praying to be protected against damages likely to be sustained by them, in case of the improvement of the Grand River, by the erection of Dams, &c.—The Petition of Francis Evans, and seventy-one others, of the County of Norfolk, praying that the District School of the London District, may not be removed from the Town of Vittoria.—The Petition of John Elllayer, and sixteen others, inhabitants of the Townships of Rainham and Walpole, in the Niagara District, praying that, should the London District be divided, the said Townships may be annexed to the contemplated new District.—The Petition of Wynant Williams, and forty-six others, of the Eastern Townships of the London District, praying that said District may be divided and form two distinct Districts, and that a loan may be authorised for the purpose of erecting a Gaol and Court House in the division in which the Petitioners will be situated—	Ordered.	Prince Edward Bill read a second time and referred.
Petition of Francis Evans and others.	and the Petition of Philip Embury, and forty-two others, of the Townships of Sidney and Thurlow, in the Midland District, praying for aid to improve the road leading from Belleville to Marmora, were read.	Mr. VanKoughnett was called to the chair.	
Petition of John Elllayer and others.		The House resumed.	
Petition of Wynant Williams and others.	Mr. Samson gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow move that this House do resolve itself into Committee of Supply, to enable him to move an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to adopt such measures as may appear most effectual for the purpose of procuring information on the subject of the value of merchandize imported into this Province from Lower Canada, and to assure His Excellency that this House will defray the expense of obtaining the same.	Mr. VanKoughnett reported the bill as amended.	Bill amended.
Petition of P. Embury and others read.	Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to enable him to move that a duty of be imposed upon licenses to persons selling goods, wares or merchandize, imported into this Province from Lower Canada.	The report was received and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.	Third reading to-morrow.
Notice of Address to His Excellency relative to merchandise imported from Lower Canada into this Province.	Mr. Burwell gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House any information that may be in his possession respecting the office of Surveyor General of this Province, whether His Excellency has recommended any person for that office; and if any, and what appointment has been made by His Majesty's Government; and if so, whether any, and what communication has been received from the Officer so appointed; and also, upon what footing the Acting Surveyor General stands;—whether he has made any application to His Excellency for the office, and any other matters relating to the same, that may be in His Excellency's power to communicate?	Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for the establishment of an Elective Police in the Town of Brockville, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.	Brockville Police Bill read second time and referred to Committee of whole.
Notice of Committee of supply to license the sale of merchandize from Lower Canada.	Mr. Burwell gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to lay before this House, a copy of the petition of the inhabitants of the District of London, to His Excellency in Council, on the subject of School Lands, and the endowment of District Schools in this Province, agreed upon at their General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in April last—a copy of His Excellency's Letter of reference of that petition to the Honorable the Executive Council; a copy of the report of the Executive Council on that subject; a copy of His Excellency's Letter to the Board of Trustees of District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, communicating to them the report of the Honorable the Executive Council; and also, copies of the several replies which His Excellency may have received from each District Board in reference to his correspondence on this most interesting and important subject.	Mr. Samson was called to the Chair.	
Notice of Address to His Excellency relative to Surveyor General.	Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, to take into consideration the several petitions upon the subject of war losses.	The House resumed.	
Notice of Address to His Excellency for certain information relative to School Lands.	Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the petition of the magistrates of Kingston, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Kirby and others of Kingston.	Mr. Samson reported the Bill as amended.	Bill amended.
Notice of Committee of supply on war losses.	Ordered.	On the question for receiving the report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:	On receiving report House divides.
Petition of J. McAulay and others referred.	Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the petition of certain inhabitants of the District of London relating to the site for holding their District School be referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Mount and Ingersoll, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.	YEAS.—Messieurs,	
Petition of George J. Goodhue and others referred.	Ordered.	Atty. General, Duncombe, Elliott, A. McDonald, Samson, Berzey, Brown, Burwell, Chisholm, Clark, Crooks, A. Fraser, Morris, Mount, Randal, R. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones, Roblin, Lewis, Magon, Sol. General, Warren, Werden, 25.	Yeas 25.
Petition of Swain P. Corlis referred.	Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the petition of Swain P. Corlis, be referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. McCall and Warren, and that they have leave to report by Bill or otherwise.	NAYS.—Messieurs,	
	Ordered.	Bidwell, Buell, Howard, Ketchum, McCall, Perry, Roblin, Shaver—8	Nays 8.
		The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seventeen, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.	Third reading to-morrow.
		Agreeably to notice, Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to communicate to this House, an account in detail of all monies collected for timber, cut on His Majesty's Waste Lands within this Province, during the present year, and that Messieurs A. Fraser and Samson, be a Committee to draft and report the said Address.	An Address to be presented to the Governor for account of monies arising from sale of timber cut on Crown Lands.
		Ordered.	
		Mr. Samson, from the Select Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting an account in detail of the monies collected during the present year as duties on Crown timber, presented a draft, which was received, read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time this day.	Address reported.
		Mr. Mount, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of George J. Goodhue, and others, relative to the site of the District School, of the London District, informed the House, that the Committee had agreed to report by bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.	Committee on Petition of Geo. J. Goodhue and others report a Bill.
		The report was received, and the bill for the removal of the site of the London District School, was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.	Bill for removal of London District School read first time.
		Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill granting a Patent to J. C. Douglas, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.	Douglas' patent Bill read second time and Committed.
		Mr. Macnab was called to the Chair.	
		The House resumed.	
		Mr. Macnab reported the Bill as amended.	Bill amended.
		On the question for receiving the report, the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:	On receiving report House divides.
		YEAS.—Messieurs.	
		Atty. General, A. Fraser, Macnab, Roblin, Beardslay, Howard, Morris, Samson, Chisholm, Ketchum, Perry, Shade, Crooks, McMartin, Randal, Werden—17. Elliott,	Yeas 17.

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Nays 8.	Berczy, Bidwell,	Buell, Campbell,	Cook, Jones,	A. McDonald, VanKoughnett, 8.	Beardsley, Bidwell, Buell,	Campbell, Cook, Howard,	Ketchum, McCall,	Perry, Shaver—10.	Yeas 10.
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Third reading to-morrow. The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of nine, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Bill to prevent felling of trees into the River Thames brought in and read. Agreeably to notice, Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the felling of Timber into the River Thames, and the East and West branches of Bear Creek, in the Western District.

Which was granted, and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Committee on Petition of J. Muirhead and others report. Mr. Attorney General, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of J. Muirhead, and others, of the Town of Niagara, praying that the Act incorporating the Niagara Canal Company, may be amended, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report and the draft of a Bill, both of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The Report was received.

The Report was read.

(Report see Appendix.)

Niagara Canal Bill read. The Bill to amend the Act Incorporating the Niagara Canal Company, was then read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

Petitions brought up. The minutes of yesterday were read.

O. Creighton. Mr. Ingersoll brought up the petition of Ogden Creighton, of Stamford, in the Niagara District; which was laid on the table.

Colin MacKenzie and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Colin MacKenzie, and forty-three others, of the Township of Ernestown, in the Midland District; which was laid on the table.

Port Hope Harbour Company. Mr. Boulton brought up the petition of the President and Directors of the Port Hope Harbor Company; which was laid on the table.

Address to His Excellency for account of duties on Crown timber passed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for a detailed account of duties collected on Crown Timber during the present year, was read a third time, passed and signed, as follows:—

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Address relative to duties on Crown timber. We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to communicate to this House, a statement, in detail, of all monies collected for timber cut on His Majesty's waste lands in this Province, during the present year.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,

SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly, }  
16th December, 1831. }

Committee to carry up Address. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that Messrs. Morris and Lewis be a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when His Excellency will be pleased to receive the address of this House on the subject of monies collected for timber cut on Crown Lands, and to present the same.

Ordered.

Order of the 3rd reading Prince Edward Bill called. On the order of the day for the third reading of the bill to facilitate the erection of a Gaol and Court House in the County of Prince Edward, being called—

Motion for recommitting the bill. Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the bill be not now read a third time, but that the same be re-committed, in order that it may be amended in several respects.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

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*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Atty. General, Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Clark, Crooks,	Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, R. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones,	Lewis, McMartin, Roblin, Samson, Shade, Sol. General,	Thomson, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden—22.	Nays 22.
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The question was decided in the negative by a majority of twelve, and the bill was read a third time. Bill read third time.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the bill be amended, by expunging the clause in the same which secures to the Sheriff of the new District a salary of fifty pounds per annum for four years after the said County shall be set off into a separate District, instead of leaving the Sheriff of the said new District, in that respect, on the same footing with the Sheriffs of other Districts, to be provided for by some general enactment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divided

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Beardsley, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell,	Cook, A. Fraser, Howard, Ketchum,	Lewis, McCall, A. McDonald, Perry,	Randal, Shaver, Thomson,	Yeas 15.
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*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Atty. General, Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Chisholm, Clark,	Crooks, Elliott, R. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones,	McMartin, Macnab, Morris, Roblin, Samson,	Shade, Sol. General, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden,	Nays 21.
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The question was decided in the negative by a majority of six.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves the following as a rider to the Bill: Provided always, and that in case the said County shall not have been set off into a separate District by Proclamation in manner and form as by the said Act provided, within the space of three years, then and in that case the said County shall be liable and bound to pay out of the Assessment of said County, a fair and equal share of the expenses of the said Midland District, in proportion to the whole revenue of said District, and so continue to pay until the said County shall be set off into a separate District, any thing in this or any other Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Rider moved.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides on proposed Rider.

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Bidwell, Buell, Campbell,	Cook, Howard, McCall,	A. McDonald, Perry, Shaver—9.	Yeas 9.
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*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Beardsley, Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Chisholm, Clark, Crooks,	Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, R. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones,	Ketchum, Lewis, McMartin, Morris, Robinson, Roblin,	Samson, Sol. General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden,	Nays 25.
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The question was decided in the negative by a majority of sixteen.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the Bill do not now pass, but that after the words "hereby vested" in the last clause but two, the remainder be expunged, and the following inserted: "in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors forever to have and to hold the same in trust for the purposes and to the uses aforesaid." Motion for amendment to Bill.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Atty. General, Beardsley,	Berczy, Boulton,	Duncombe, Elliott,	A. McDonald, Perry,	Yeas 7.
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NAYS—Messieurs,

Nays 26.	Bidwell,	Crooks,	McCall,	Roblin,
	Brown,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	Samson,
	Buell,	R. Fraser,	Morris,	Shaver,
	Campbell,	Howard,	Mount,	VanKoughnett,
	Chisholm,	Jones,	Perry,	Warren,
	Clark,	Ketchum,	Randal,	Werden,
	Cook,	Lewis,		26.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of nineteen.

Mr. Werden, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that the Bill do not now pass, but that the following words be added to the last clause but two, "and that until the appointment of such Clerk of the Peace for such intended District, the same be vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to have and to hold the same to and for the use and purposes aforesaid."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yeas 19.	Brown,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	Samson,
	Chisholm,	R. Fraser,	Morris,	VanKoughnett,
	Clark,	Jones,	Mount,	Warren,
	Crooks,	Ketchum,	Randal,	Werden,
	Elliott,	Lewis,	Roblin,	19.

NAYS—Messieurs,

Nays 12.	Beardsley,	Buell,	Duncombe,	A. McDonald,
	Berczy,	Campbell,	Howard,	Perry,
	Bidwell,	Cook,	McCall,	Shaver—12.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to establish an Elective Police in the Town of Brockville, was read the third time.

Mr. Buell, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves in amendment to the third clause, that after the words "Town shall" the words "by ballot" be inserted.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 11.	Bidwell,	Cook,	Perry,	Shaver,
	Buell,	Howard,	Randal,	Werden,
	Campbell,	Ketchum,	Roblin,	11.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 25.	Atty. General,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Samson,
	Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Macnab,	Shade,
	Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Maçon,	Sol. General,
	Brown,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Thomson,
	Chisholm,	Jones,	Mount,	VanKoughnett,
	Clark,	Lewis,	Robinson,	25.
	Crooks,	A. McDonald,		

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of fourteen.

Mr. Buell, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves in amendment to the twelfth clause, that after the words "third arbitrator" the following be inserted, "not being an inhabitant of the said Town, or paying any assessment levied therein."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 12.	Bidwell,	Cook,	A. McDonald,	Roblin,
	Buell,	Howard,	Perry,	Shaver,
	Campbell,	Ketchum,	Randal,	Werden,—12.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 23.	Berczy,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Samson,
	Boulton,	A. Fraser,	Macnab,	Shade,
	Brown,	R. Fraser,	Maçon,	Sol. General,
	Chisholm,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Thomson,
	Clark,	Jones,	Mount,	VanKoughnett,
	Crooks,	Lewis,	Robinson,	23.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of eleven.

On the question for passing the Bill, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: On passing Bill the House divided.

YEAS—Messieurs.

Yeas 26.	Atty. General,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Samson,
	Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Macnab,	Shade,
	Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Maçon,	Sol. General,
	Brown,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Thomson,
	Chisholm,	Jones,	Mount,	VanKoughnett,
	Clark,	Lewis,	Randal,	26.
	Crooks,	A. McDonald,	Robinson,	

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 10.	Bidwell,	Cook,	Perry,	Shaver,
	Buell,	Howard,	Roblin,	Werden,—10.
	Campbell,	Ketchum,		

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of sixteen, and the bill was signed.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of Brockville and to establish a Police therein."

Which was carried, and Messrs. Jones and Mount were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill granting a patent to John C. Douglass, was read the third time, passed and signed.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act for the relief of John Cooper Douglass."

Which was carried, and Messrs. Attorney General and Macnab were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Bill to regulate the prices for printing official advertisements.

Mr. Ketchum in the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Ketchum reported the Bill without amendment.

The report was received and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendment to the bill to facilitate the erection of a Gaol and Court House in the County of Prince Edward, was read a third time, and the bill was passed and signed.

Mr. Werden, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act to repeal part of, amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the last Session of the present Parliament, entitled, "An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District," and to authorize the Magistrates within the said County to raise a loan on the credit of the assessments levied in said county."

Which was carried, and Messrs. Werden and Roblin were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of G. R. Williams, and forty-three others, inhabitants of the London District, praying that an Act may be passed, authorising the construction of a Harbour at Big Otter Creek, otherwise called Port Burwell, on Lake Erie. The petition of Andrew Millar and James Kirkpatrick, Deputy Surveyors, praying that wild lands received by Surveyors as payment for their labor and expenses in surveying said lands may be exempted from assessments.

The petition of Jonathan Ashbridge and forty others, of the Township of York, praying for a grant of two hundred pounds to enable them to turnpike the road leading east from the Don Bridge to the Town-line. The petition of Frederick Cheney, and fifty-two others, living on the Town-line between Whitechurch and Markham, in the Home District, praying for a grant of fifty pounds to repair a causeway on said line.

The petition of James Beattie, and fifty-six others, of the Townships of Trafalgar and Esquising, in the Gore District, praying the House to call upon John Kenney, Peter Kenney, and Charles Kennedy, Road Commissioners, to account for the manner in which they expended the money put in their hands as such Commissioners.

The petition of Philip P. Empey, and others, praying that the House may not pass any bill altering the present line of Road between Lots No. 6 and 7 in the First Concession of Cornwall; and the petition of Chris-

The petition of P. P. Empey, and others read.

**Petition of C. Woodcock & others read.**  
 topher Woodcock, and twenty-six others of Sheffield, Hungerford, Richmond and Camden, in the Midland District, praying for a grant of money to enable them to open a road on the allowance between Lots five and six, from Hungerford through the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth concessions of Sheffield, where a Bridge is required across Salmon River to McGreggor's Mills, and to open a Road from thence on the allowance between the sixth and seventh Concessions of Sheffield, to the boundary-line between Sheffield and Camden, and from thence on the boundary-line to the allowance for road between Lots eighteen and nineteen in the ninth, eighth, seventh and sixth concessions of Camden, where it joins the road now travelled in front of the said sixth Concession of Camden—were read.

**Notice of Bathurst representation bill.**  
 Mr. Morris gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Law as prevents the Inhabitants of the District of Bathurst from being represented in this Assembly, as the people of other Districts are.

**Notice of Ale House License Bill.**  
 Mr. Solicitor General gives notice that he will, on tomorrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to continue the Laws now in force, imposing duties on Licenses to Ale Houses.

**Petition of the Hon. Thos. Clark and others referred.**  
 Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Warren, moves, that the Petition of Thomas Clark and others, on the subject of a Rail Road between Lakes Erie and Ontario, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs Chisholm, Elliott, Mount, and Beardsley, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon.

**Petition of P. P. Empey and others referred.**  
 Ordered.  
 Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnett, moves that the Petition of Philip P. Empey, and others, of the Eastern District, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Anderson and others.

**Petitions of Guy C. Wood and others, and of James Pringle and others, referred.**  
 Ordered.  
 Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the Petition of Guy C. Wood, and others, of the Eastern District, relative to Sheep running at large, and also the Petition of James Pringle, and others, of the Eastern District, relative to Bulls and Boars running at large, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs A. Fraser and Mount, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

**Petition of G. C. Williams and others referred to supply.**  
 Ordered.  
 Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that the Petition of G. C. Williams, and others, be referred to the Committee on Supply.

**Midland District Quarter Sessions bill committed.**  
 Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to alter the place of holding the Quarter Sessions in the Midland District, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

**Bill amended.**  
 Mr. Magon was called to the chair.  
 The House resumed.  
 Mr. Magon reported the Bill as amended.  
 The Report was received.

**On question for third reading House divides.**  
 On the question for the third reading of the Bill, on to-morrow, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General.	Elliott,	McMartin,	Shade,
Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Magon,	Shaver,
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Warren,
Chisholm,	Jones,	Randal,	Werden—22.
Clark,	Ketchum,	Roblin,	
Crooks	Lewis,	Samson,	

Yeas 22.

**NAYS.—Messieurs;**

Beardsley,	Campbell,	Howard,	Robinson,
Bidwell,	Cook,	A. McDonald,	Thomson,
Buell,	Duncombe,	Perry,	VanKoughnett,

Nays 12.

**Third reading to-morrow.**  
 The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of ten, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

**Court of Appeal bill sent down from Legislative Council.**  
 The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, a Message, and a Bill entitled, "An Act to constitute a new Court of Appeal for revising the Judgments of the Court of King's Bench," which that Honorable House had passed, and to which the concurrence of this House was requested.

The Message was then read as follows:  
**MR. SPEAKER,**  
 The Legislative Council requests a conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of the bill sent up to this House, entitled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to treat with Commissioners appointed, or to be appointed, on the part of the Province of Lower Canada, for the purposes therein mentioned," and have appointed the Honorable Messieurs Dickson and Hamilton, on their part who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly, on Monday next, at twelve of the clock at noon, for that purpose, in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council Chamber.

Conference requested on Commissioners appointment bill.

**JOHN B. ROBINSON,**  
 SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
 16th day of December, 1831. }

The Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to constitute a new Court of Appeal for revising the Judgments of the Court of King's Bench," was then read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Court of Appeal bill read.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council for a conference on the bill appointing Commissioners to treat with Commissioners to be appointed on the part of Lower Canada, be acceded to, and that Messieurs Attorney General, Buell, Shaver and Clark, be the conferrees on the part of this House.

Request for conference on Commissioners appointment bill acceded to.

Ordered.  
 Mr. VanKoughnett, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of S. Anderson, and others, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by Bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Committee on petition of S. Anderson and others report.

The report was received, and the bill to establish a certain survey in the Township of Cornwall, was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Cornwall Survey bill read first time.

Present, Messieurs Attorney General, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Cook, A. Fraser, Howard, Ketchum, A. McDonald, McMartin, Morris, Perry, Roblin, Samson, Shaver, and VanKoughnett, 16.

No quorum.

At six o'clock P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

**SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1831.**

**THE HOUSE MET.**  
 The minutes of yesterday were read.  
 The Speaker reported a communication from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, which was read as follows:

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery's Office, }  
 York, 16th day of December, 1831. }

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery has the honor to report to the Honorable the Speaker of the Commons House of Assembly, that in obedience to His Warrant of the twelfth instant, he has sued out a Writ of Election for the return of one Member to represent the County of York, in the room of William Lyon MacKenzie, expelled the said House of Assembly, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, has been pleased to appoint John G. Spragge, Esq. Returning Officer, and Monday the second day of January next, the period for holding the said Election.

Communication from Clerk of Crown in Chancery.

**SAMUEL P. JARVIS,**  
 C. C. C.

Mr. Chisholm brought up the petition of John Brown, and sixty others, inhabitants of Trafalgar and Esquising, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Petitions brought up. Of John Brown and others.

Mr. Cook brought up the petition of John Deeks, and seventy-nine others, of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table.

John Deeks and others.

Mr. Cook brought up the petition of Joseph Sawyer, and thirty others, inhabitants of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table.

Joseph Sawyer and others.

Mr. Cook brought up the petition of George Cook, and ninety-nine others, of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table.

George Cook and others.

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Hiram Richardson Harback, of the Town of Kingston; which was laid on the table.

Hiram R. Harback.

D. Fisher, J.P. and others. Mr. Lewis brought up the petition of D. Fisher, J. P. and one hundred and fifty-five others, of the Townships of Nepean, March, Torbolton, Fitzroy, Macnab, and Pakenham, in the Bathurst District; which was laid on the table.

James McCartney and others. Mr. Werden brought up the petition of James McCartney and thirty-three others, of the Townships of Hallowell, Hillier, Sophiasburgh, and Ameliasburgh, in the County of Prince Edward; which was laid on the table.

A. McPaul and others. Mr. Werden brought up the petition of Archibald McPaul, J. P. and fifteen others, of the Townships of Hallowell, Hillier, Sophiasburgh, and Ameliasburgh, in the County of Prince Edward; which was laid on the table.

A. Lewis and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of A. Lewis, and thirty-one others, of the Township of Toronto, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

A. Casons and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Andrew Casons, and thirty-six others, of the Townships of Oxford, Marlborough, and North and South Gower, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

David Hunter and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of David Hunter, and forty-three others, of the Townships of Oxford, Marlborough, North and South Gower, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Jno. Lawrence and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of John Lawrence, and eighteen others, of Edwardsburgh, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Joseph C. Bass and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Joseph C. Bass, and eighteen others, of Edwardsburgh, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Alex'r. Milne and others. Mr. Perry brought up the the petition of Alexander Milne, and ninety-seven others, of the Township of York, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

W. Thompson and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of William Thompson, and sixty-two others, of the Townships of Oxford, Marlborough, and North and South Gower, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

J. Cawthra and William L. MacKenzie. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Joseph Cawthra and William Lyon MacKenzie, of the Town of York; which was laid on the table.

Samuel Heck and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Samuel Heck (chairman of a public meeting in Augusta,) in the Johnstown District, and thirty-six others; which was laid on the table.

Henry Smith and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Henry Smith, and ninety others, of the Township of King, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Robert Post and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Robert Post, and sixteen others, of the Township of Pickering, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Peleg Spencer and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Peleg Spencer, and twenty-nine others, of Edwardsburgh, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

R. Armstrong and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Robert Armstrong, chairman of a public meeting, and sixty-nine others, of Tecumseh, and West Gwillimbury, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

J. Richardson and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of John Richardson, and twenty-two others, of Pickering, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

W. Buchanan and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of William Buchanan, and thirteen others, of the Townships of Oxford, Marlborough and North and South Gower, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

John Erb, sen. and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of John Erb, Sen. and thirty-seven others, of the Township of Waterloo, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

A. Chisholm and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of A. Chisholm, and one hundred and ninety-three others, of the County of Glengarry; which was laid on the table.

Gordon Ross and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Gordon Ross, and forty-five others, of the Townships of Cornwall and Roxborough, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

William Eddy and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of William Eddy, and forty-three others, of Oxford, Marlborough, and North and South Gower; which was laid on the table.

J. McDiarmid and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of John McDiarmid, and six others, of the County of Glengarry; which was laid on the table.

P. McMasters and others. Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Peter McMaster, and seventy-seven others, of the Townships of Wolford and Montague, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of William Ellis, and thirty-eight others, of the Townships of Wolford and Montague, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table. *William Ellis and others.*

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Robert Ralston, and fifty others, of the Town of Prescott and Township of Augusta, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table. *Robert Ralston and others.*

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Thomas Sherwood, and six others, of the Township of Augusta, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table. *T. Sherwood and others.*

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of John Randall, and thirty-seven others, of the Township of Trafalgar, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table. *John Randall and others.*

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of John Corwin, and twenty-four others, of the Niagara District; which was laid on the table. *John Corwin and others.*

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of Robert Finch, and forty-five others, of the Townships of Albion, Caledon and Chinguacousy, in the Home District; which was laid on the table. *Robert Finch and others.*

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of Timothy Street, and seventy-one others, of Toronto, in the Home District;— *Timothy Street and others.*

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to regulate the prices of printing official advertisements was read the third time. *Official Advertising bill read third time.*

On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: *On question for passing the House divides.*

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Beardsley,	Crooks,	McCall,	Randal,	
Berzy,	Duncombe,	A. McDonald,	Roblin,	
Bidwell,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Samson,	
Buell,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	Shade,	Yeas 30.
Campbell,	R. Fraser,	Morris,	Shaver,	
Chisholm,	Howard,	Mount,	Warren,	
Clark,	Ingersoll,	Perry,	Werden—30.	
Cook,	Ketchum,			

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Macnab, Sol. General, *Nays 2.*

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-eight, and the Bill was signed.

Mr. Buell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act to regulate the prices to be charged for printing official advertisements." *Title.*

Which was carried, and Messrs. Buell and Cook were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto. *Bill sent to Council.*

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to regulate the places for holding the Quarter Sessions in the Midland District, was read the third time. *Midland District Quarter Sessions bill read third time.*

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that the following clause be added as a rider to the bill. *Motion for new clause.*

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to enable the said Town of Belleville to return a Member to the House of Assembly of this Province, as long as the Quarter Sessions of the said Midland District shall continue to be holden alternately at Kingston and at Belleville aforesaid."

Which was carried. *Clause proposed and carried.*

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Petition of Hugh Black, and one hundred and thirty-two others, inhabitants of the Township of Esquising in the Gore District, praying the House to Petition His Majesty, to impose such a duty upon American produce coming into our markets, as may enable the Agriculturists of this Country, to compete with it.—The Petition of Captain Whitney, of the Steamer Great Britain, and twelve other masters of Steam Boats and Schooners, navigating Lake Ontario, praying that the subject of erecting a Light House on Long Point, Lake Ontario, may receive the consideration of the House, and stating also that a Light House is much required on Green Point, between Cobourg and Port-Hope.—The Petition of James Gordon Strobridge, formerly contractor for the Burlington Bay Canal, praying that interest may be paid him upon the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds Eight Shillings and Five Pence half-penny, awarded him for labor and materials furnished by him for said Canal.—The Petition of Joseph Pearson, and twenty-three others, of this Province, praying for the passage of an Act to provide for the poor and destitute in this Province, and recommending that some enactment may be made in aid of the *Petition of Hugh Black and others read. Petition of Capt. Whitney and others read. Petition of James G. Strobridge read.*

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Peter McMaster, and seventy-seven others, of the Townships of Wolford and Montague, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table. *Petition of Joseph Pearson and others read.*

Petition of B. Cutwater and others read. cause of temperance.—The Petition of Belyat Cutwater, and eighteen others, of the fourth Concession of Fredericksburgh additional, in the Midland District, praying that a certain Law relative to the survey of said Township, may not be repealed, and the Petition of Francis McLaughlin, and ninety others, of the Townships of Mulmur, Tosorontio, Mono, and Adjala, praying for aid to improve their roads to market, were read.

Petition of Jonathan Ashbridge and others referred. Mr. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that the Petitions of Jonathan Ashbridge, and others, and Frederick Cheney, and others, be referred to the Road Committee.

Ordered.

Motion for referring the Petition of James G. Strubridge. Mr. Beardsley, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves that the Petition of James Gordon Strobridge, be referred to a Committee, consisting of Messieurs Macnab, Duncombe and Mount, with leave to send for persons and papers, and report thereon.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 11. Beardsley, Campbell, R. Fraser, Perry, Bidwell, Clark, Howard, Warren—11. Buell, A. Fraser, McCall,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 22. Atty. General, Elliott, Maçon, Shaver, Berczy, Ingersoll, Morris, Sol. General, Brown, Ketchum, Mount, Thomson, Chisholm, Lewis, Roblin, Werden—22. Cook, A. McDonald, Samson, Crooks, McMartin, Shade,

Question lost. The question was decided in the negative by a majority of eleven.

Petition of Geo. Chalmers and others referred. Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that the Petitions of George Chalmers, Hugh Black, and others, of the Townships of Trafalgar and Esquising, be referred to Messrs. Attorney General, Morris, Crooks and Shade, to report thereon.

Ordered.

Petition of M. Myers and others referred. Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the Petition of Matthew Myers, and others, Licenced Vic-tualers of the Town of Kingston, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messieurs Thomson and R. Fraser, with leave to report thereon.

Ordered.

Petition of B. Cutwater and others referred. Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the Petition of Belyat Cutwater, and others, be referred to a Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Forshee and others.

Ordered.

Motion for reading petition of H.R. Harback. Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the petition of Hiram Richardson Harback, be now read, and that the forty-third rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same.

Harback's petition read. Which was carried, and the petition of Hiram Richardson Harback, of the Town of Kingston, praying that a Bill may be passed to enable him to obtain an exclusive privilege of preparing and vending a newly discovered composition of matter, capable of producing light and applicable to lamps or chandeliers, upon his proving to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that he is lawfully and rightfully possessed of the knowledge and right to the said invention, under the assignment of the assignees of the original patentee, and upon proving and filing the specification thereof, was read.

Petition of Hiram R. Harback referred. Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that the petition of Hiram Richardson Harback, be referred to a Select Committee, with leave to report thereon by Bill or otherwise, and that Messrs. Solicitor General, Shaver, Howard, and Beardsley, do compose the said Committee.

Ordered.

Petition of James Beaty and others referred. Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that the petition of James Beaty, and others, be referred to Messrs. Attorney General and Bidwell, with power to send for persons and papers, and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Midland District Quarter Sessions bill read third time. The rider to the bill for altering the place for holding the Quarter Sessions of the Midland District from Adolphustown to Belleville, was read the third time.

On passing House divides. On the question for passing the bill the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

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**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Elliott, Lewis, Roblin, Berczy, A. Fraser, McCall, Samson, Brown, R. Fraser, McMartin, Shade, Chisholm, Ingersoll, Macnab, Shaver, Clark, Jones, Maçon, Warren, Crooks, Ketchum, Morris, Werden,—24.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Beardsley, Cook, Mount, Thomson, Bidwell, Duncombe, Perry, VanKoughnett, Buell, Howard, Sol. General, 13. Campbell, A. McDonald,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven, and the bill was signed.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-third year of the Reign of King George III., entitled, 'An Act to fix the times and places of holding the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace within the several Districts of this Province, and to authorise the holding of the Quarter Sessions of the Midland District at Kingston and Belleville alternately.'" Title.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Samson and Roblin were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto. Bill sent to Council.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves for leave to bring in a bill to repeal the several laws relating to the appointment, and defining the duties of Parish and Township Officers, and to reduce the same to one Act, with some amendments. Parish and Town Officers bill brought in.

Which was granted, and the bill read.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the bill be read a second time on Monday week, and that it be the first thing on the order of the day after third readings, bringing up and reading petitions, and giving of notices. Motion for second reading on Monday week.

On the which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Beardsley, Cook, Morris, Shaver, Bidwell, Crooks, Mount, Sol. General, Buell, Howard, Perry, Thomson, Campbell, McCall, Randal, Warren, Chisholm, Maçon, Roblin, Werden,—20.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Elliott, Jones, Samson, Berczy, A. Fraser, Lewis, Shade, Brown, R. Fraser, McMartin, VanKoughnett, Clark, Ingersoll, Macnab, 15.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five, and ordered accordingly.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. A. Fraser, moves that that part of the Journals of last Session which contains the report of the Select Committee on School Lands, be read on Tuesday next, and that it be the first item on the order of the day after referring petitions. Journals relative to School Lands to be read.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for the removal of the London District School, from Vittoria to London, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House. London District School Bill referred to Committee of whole.

Mr. Roblin was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Roblin reported the Bill without amendment.

The report was received.

On the question for the third reading of the bill on Monday next, the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides. on question for third reading.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Duncombe, McMartin, Shade, Boulton, A. Fraser, Macnab, Sol. General, Brown, R. Fraser, Maçon, Thomson, Chisholm, Ingersoll, Morris, VanKoughnett, Clark, Jones, Mount, 21. Crooks, Lewis,

## NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 11. Bidwell, Elliott, A. McDonald, Roblin,  
Buell, Howard, Perry, Shaver—11.  
Cook, McCall, Randal,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of ten, and ordered accordingly.

Niagara Canal bill referred to Committee. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Niagara Canal Bill was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Perry was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Bill amended. Mr. Perry reported the bill as amended.

House divides on receiving report. On the question for receiving the Report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

## YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 25. Atty. General, Elliott, McMartin, Robinson,  
Beardsley, A. Fraser, Macnab, Samson,  
Boulton, R. Fraser, Magon, Shade,  
Brown, Ingersoll, Morris, Thomson,  
Chisholm. Jones, Mount, Warren,—25  
Clark, Lewis, Randal,  
Crooks, McCall,

## NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 9. Bidwell, Cook, Roblin,  
Buell, Howard, Shaver,  
Campbell, Perry, VanKoughnett—9.

Third reading Monday. The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of sixteen, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Committee on petition of the Honorable Thomas Clark and others make a report. Mr. Crooks, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of the Honorable Thomas Clark, and others, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a Report, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

The Report was received, and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Adjourned till Monday next.

MONDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1831.

The House met.

Petitions brought up. The minutes of Saturday were read.

John Eaton and others. Mr. Chisholm brought up the Petition of John Eaton, and forty-three others, of East Flamboro', in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

White and Woodhull. Mr. Mount brought up the Petition of Marvel White and Benjamin Woodall, of the Township of Lobo, in the London District; which was laid on the table.

G. W. Warren and others. Mr. Duncombe brought up the Petition of G. W. Warren, and one hundred and thirteen others, of the London District; which was laid on the table.

David Burns and others. Mr. Duncombe brought up the Petition of David Burns, and two hundred and fifteen others; which was laid on the table.

Welcome Yale and others. Mr. Duncombe brought up the Petition of Welcome Yale, and one hundred and ten others; which was laid on the table.

M. Maynard. Mr. Buell brought up the Petition of Moses Maynard, of Brockville; which was laid on the table.

D. Thompson and others. Mr. Clark brought up the Petition of David Thompson, and five hundred and sixty-three others, of the District of Niagara; which was laid on the table.

London District School bill read third time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to remove the site of the London District School, was read a third time.

Motion for throwing out the bill. Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the bill do not now pass; but that it pass this day three months.

House divides. On which the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

## YEAS.—Messieurs.

Yeas 13. Bidwell, Elliott, Perry, Shaver,  
Buell, Howard, Randal, Werden—13.  
Clark, Ketchum, Roblin,  
Cook, McCall,

## NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General. Ingersoll, Morris, Sol. General,  
Boulton, Jones, Mount, Thomson,  
Brown, Lewis, Robinson, VanKoughnett, Nays 21.  
Chisholm, McMartin, Samson, Warren,—21.  
Duncombe, Macnab, Shade,  
R. Fraser, Magon,

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of eight, and the bill was passed. Bill passed.

Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act to repeal so much of an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King George the Third, entitled, 'An Act to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force for establishing Public Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same,' as relates to the opening and keeping the District School for the London District at the Town of Vittoria, and to authorise the holding of the said District School at the Town of London in the said District." Title.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Mount and Duncombe were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto. Bill sent to Legislative Council.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Niagara Canal Company, was read the third time. Niagara Canal Bill read a third time.

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves, that the Bill do not now pass, but that it be amended by striking out the words "and machinery" in the second clause. Motion for amending the Bill.

In amendment, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves, that all the words after the word "moves" be expunged and the following inserted, "that the Bill do not now pass but that the same be recommitted." Motion for re-committing the bill.

Which was carried.

The question as amended was then put, and carried, and Mr. Perry was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Perry reported the Bill as amended. Bill amended.

The Report was received.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Warren, moves that the bill be engrossed and read a third time this day, and the forty-first Rule of this House dispensed with for this purpose. Third reading this day.

Which was carried.

The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, a bill, entitled "An Act to authorise the transporting of offenders," which that Honorable House had passed, and to which the concurrence of this House was requested. Transportation Bill brought down from Legislative Council.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Ogden Creighton, of Stamford, in the Niagara District, praying that the House may not sanction any petition for the Incorporation of a Rail-road Company until the Welland Canal shall have gone into complete operation. The petition of Colin MacKenzie and forty-three others, of the Township of Ernestown, in the Midland District, praying for pecuniary aid to improve the road leading from the Village of Bath to Dundas Street. And the petition of the President and Directors of the Port Hope Harbour Company, praying that an Act may be passed, authorising a loan of two thousand pounds to the said Company, under such restrictions and limitations as to the House may seem meet—were read. Petitions read. Ogden Creighton. Colin MacKenzie and others. President and Directors of Port Hope Harbour.

Mr. VanKoughnett gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill for the relief of persons claiming lands in this Province, in cases when Patents have improvidently issued to the original nominees for such lands. Notice of improvident patent Bill.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that the petition of Captain Ogden Creighton, a Stockholder in the Welland Canal Company, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messieurs Berczy and Samson, to report thereon. Petition of O. Creighton referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Lewis, moves that the petition of Joseph Pearson and others, of the County of York, be referred to Messieurs Ketchum and Thomson, to report by bill or otherwise. Petition of Joseph Pearson and others referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnett, moves that the petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Port Hope Harbour, be referred to the Committee of Supply. Port Hope Harbor petition referred.

Ordered.

Committee on petition of the Rev. G. O'Kill Stuart and others reports. Mr. Thomson, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of the Rev. George O'Kill Stuart, and others, of the Town of Kingston, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a Report, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The Report was received, and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Committee on petition of Thomson and McFarlane reports. Mr. Solicitor General, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Hugh C. Thomson and James McFarlane, Esquires, and also the petition of Robert Stanton, Esquire, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a Report, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The Report was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

200 copies of Statutes to be purchased by the Clerk. Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the Clerk of this House be directed to obtain from Messrs. Thomson and MacFarlane, two hundred copies of the edition of the Laws of the Provincial Parliament published by them, for the use of this House.

Ordered.

Committee to present Address on Crown timber reports answer. Mr. Morris, from the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of this House for an account, in detail, of monies received as duties on Crown Timber, reported delivering the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer :

GENTLEMEN,

Answer. I will direct the information applied for in this Address to be laid before the House of Assembly.

An Address to be sent to His Excellency for information relative to common Schools. Agreeably to a notice of Mr. Burwell, Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to lay before this House a copy of the petition of the inhabitants of the District of London to His Excellency in Council, on the subject of School Lands, and the endowment of District Schools in this Province, agreed upon at their General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for that District in April last ; a copy of His Excellency's letter of reference of that petition, and the subject it embraced, to the Honorable the Executive Council ; a copy of the Report of the Executive Council on that subject ; a copy of His Excellency's letter to the Boards of Trustees of District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, communicating to them the Report of the Honorable the Executive Council thereon ; and also copies of the several replies which His Excellency may have received from each District Board, in reference to his correspondence on this most interesting and important subject.

Which was carried.

Committee to draft Address. Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that Messieurs Ingersoll and Clark be a Committee to draft and report the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for information on the subject of School Lands in this Province, pursuant to the foregoing resolution.

Ordered.

Address on common Schools reported. Mr. Ingersoll, from the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for certain communications relative to Common Schools, reported a draft which was received, and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Third reading to-morrow. Cornwall survey Bill referred to Committee of whole. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Cornwall Survey Bill, was read the second time, and referred to a committee of the whole House.

Mr. Werden was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Leave requested to sit again this day three months. Mr. Werden reported progress, and asked leave to sit agaid this day three months.

House divides on receiving report. On the question for receiving the Report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yeas 15. Atty. General, Clark, Ketchum, Samson, Bidwell, A. Fraser, Lewis, Shade, Buell, Howard, McMartin, Werden—15. Chisholm, Jones, Magon.

NAYS—Messieurs,

Nays 12. Berczy, Ingersoll, Mount, Roblin, Boulton, Macnab, Perry, Shaver, Brown, Morris, Robinson, VanKoughnett, 12.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three, and ordered accordingly.

Address to His Excellency for information on common Schools passed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for copies of sundry communications relative to common Schools, was read the third time, passed and signed, and is as follows.

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Licutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Address to His Excellency for information on the subject of common Schools. We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly request that Your Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House, a copy of the petition of the Inhabitants of the District of London, to Your Excellency in Council, on the subject of School Lands, and the endowment of District Schools in this Province, agreed upon at their General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for that District in April last, a copy of Your Excellency's Letter of reference of that Petition, and the subject it embraced, to the Honorable the Executive Council on that subject—a copy of Your Excellency's Letter to the Boards of Trustees of District Schools, in the several Districts of this Province, communicating to them the report of the Honorable the Executive Council thereon ; and also copies of the several replies which Your Excellency may have received from each District Board, in reference to Your correspondences on this most interesting and important subject.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,

SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly, } 19th December, 1831.

Committee to wait on His Excellency with Address. Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that Messieurs Ingersoll and Magon, be a committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House, for information on the subject of School Lands, and to present the same.

Ordered.

No quorum. Present, Messieurs Attorney General, Berczy, Boulton, Buell, Chisholm, A. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones, Ketchum, Lewis, McMartin, Macnab, Magon, Morris, Mount, Robinson, Roblin, Samson, Shade and Werden—20.

At six o'clock P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

TUESDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Speaker reports communication from C. C. in chancery. The Speaker reported having received a communication from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, which was read as follows :

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery's Office, } York, 19th day of December, 1831. }

Communication. The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery has the honor to report to the Honorable the Speaker of the Commons House of Assembly, that he has received the return of the Writ lately sued out for the return of a Member to represent the County of Grenville, in the present Parliament, and that Hiram Norton, Esquire, has been duly elected for that County.

SAMUEL P. JARVIS,

C. C. C.

Niagara Canal Bill read third time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Niagara Canal Company, was read the third time.

House divides on passing. On the question for the passing of the Bill, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 20. Atty. General, Elliott, Lewis, Robinson, Chisholm, A. Fraser, McCall, Shade, Clark, R. Fraser, Magon, Thomson, Crooks, Ingersoll, Mount, Warren, Duncombe, Jones, Randal, Werden—20.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 8. Bidwell, Howard, Morris, Shaver, Buell, A. McDonald, Perry, VanKoughnett, 8.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve, and the Bill was signed by the Speaker.

**Title.** Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act to amend the Charter of the Niagara Canal Company."

**Bill sent to Legislative Council for concurrence.** Which was carried, and Messieurs Attorney General and Magon, were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

**Petitions read.** Of John Brown and others. Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of John Brown, and sixty others, inhabitants of Trafalgar and Esquimaux, in the Gore District, praying for a grant of one hundred pounds to be expended on the Line between the said Townships.

Of John Deeks and others. Joseph Sawyer and George Cook and others. The petitions of John Deeks, and seventy-nine others, of the County of Dundas; of Joseph Sawyer, and thirty others, inhabitants of the County of Dundas. The petition of George Cook, and ninety-nine others, of the County of Dundas. The petition of A. Lewis, and thirty-one others, of the Township of Toronto, in the Home District. The petition of Andrew Casous, and thirty-six others, of the Townships of Oxford, Marlborough, and North and South Gower. The petition of David Hunter, and forty-three others, of the Townships of Oxford, Marlborough, and North and South Gower, in the Johnstown District. The petition of John Lawrence, and eighteen others, of the Township of Edwardsburgh, in the Johnstown District. The petition of Joseph C. Bass, and eighteen others of the Township of Edwardsburgh aforesaid. The petition of Alexander Milne, and ninety-seven others, of the Township of York, in the Home District. The petition of Wm. Thompson, and sixty-two others, of Oxford, Marlborough, and North and South Gower, in the Johnstown District. The petition of Joseph Cawthra and Wm. Lyon MacKenzie, of the Town of York. The petition of Samuel Heck, Chairman of a public meeting in the Township of Augusta, in the Johnstown District, and thirty-six others. The petition of Henry Smith, and ninety others, in the Township of King, in the Home District. The petition of Robert Post, and sixteen others, of Pickering in the Home District. The petition of Peleg Spencer, and twenty-nine others, of Edwardsburgh, in the Johnstown District. The petition of Robert Armstrong, Chairman of a public meeting, and sixty-nine others of Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury, in the Home District. The petition of John Richardson, and twenty-two others, of Pickering, in the Home District. The petition of William Buchanan, and thirteen others, of the Townships of Oxford, Marlborough and North and South Gower, in the Johnstown District. The petition of John Earle, Senior, and thirty-seven others, of Waterloo in the Gore District. The petition of A. Chisholm, and one hundred and ninety-three others, of the County of Glengarry. The petition of Gordon Ross, and forty-five others, of the Townships of Cornwall and Roxborough, in the Eastern District. The petition of William Edey, and forty-three others, of the Townships of Oxford, Marlborough, and North and South Gower, in the Johnstown District. The petition of John McDiarmid, and six others, of the County of Glengarry. The petition of Peter McMaster, and seventy-seven others, of the Townships of Woolford and Montague, in the Johnstown District. The petition of William Elles and thirty-eight others, of Wolford and Montague, in the Johnstown District. The petition of Robert Ralston, and fifty others, of the Town of Prescott, and Township of Augusta, in the Johnstown District. The petition of Thomas Sherwood, and six others, of the Township of Augusta, in the Johnstown District. The petition of John Randall, and thirty-seven others, of the Township of Trafalgar, in the District of Gore; and the petition of John Corwin, and twenty-four others, of the Niagara District, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank and others, inhabitants of Vaughan—(see page 17.) The petition of D. Fisher, J. P. and one hundred and fifty-five others, of the Townships of Nepean, March, Torbolton, Fitzroy, Macnab and Packenham, in the Bathurst District, praying for a grant of one hundred and fifty pounds for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the River Constans. The petition of James McCartney, and thirty-three others, of the Townships of Hallowell, Hillier, Sophiasburgh, and Ameliasburgh, in the County of Prince Edward, praying for a grant money to repair the road leading from the Village of Wellington to Belleville. The petition of Archibald McFaul, J. P. and fifteen others, of the Townships of Hallowell, Hillier, Sophiasburgh, and Ameliasburgh, praying the same. The petition of Robert Finch, and forty-five others, of the Townships of Albion, Caledon, and Chinguacousey, in the Home District, praying for a grant of fifty pounds to be expended on a road leading from said Townships to York; and the petition of Timothy Street, and seventy-one others, of Toronto, in the Home District, praying for a grant of one hundred pounds, to repair the road from Dundas Street to Streetsville—were read.

A. Lewis and others. And'w. Casous and others. David Hunter and others.

Jno. Lawrence and others.

Joseph C. Bass and others.

Of Alex. Milne and others.

Of William Thompson and others.

Jos. Cawthra and others.

Samuel Heck and others.

Henry Smith and others.

Robert Post and others.

Peleg Spencer and others.

R. Armstrong and others.

J. Richardson and others.

W. Buchanan and others.

J. Earle, sen. and others.

A. Chisholme and others.

Gordon Ross and others.

William Edey and others.

J. McDiarmid and others.

P. McMaster and others.

William Elles and others.

Robert Ralston and others.

Thomas Sherwood and others.

John Randall and others.

John Corwin and others.

D. Fisher J. P. and others.

James McCartney and others.

Archibald McFaul J. P. and others.

Robert Finch and others.

T. Street and others.

Notice of Bill to expend road money.

Mr. Buell gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the expenditure of a

sum of money appropriated to the Roads in the Johnstown District, under the provisions of an Act of the last Session, which remains unapplied, in consequence of one of the Commissioners being dead at the time of passing the Bill.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves that the petition of J. Whitney, and others, shipowners, on Lake Ontario, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Boulton and Chisholm, with power to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Mr. Werden, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that the petition of James McCartney and others; and the petition of Archibald McFaul, and others, praying for aid to improve the Road from Wellington to Belleville, be referred to the Road Committee.

Ordered.

Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Buell, moves that the petitions of Joseph Sawyer, and others; George Cook, and others; and John Deeks, and others; be referred to a Select Committee to be composed of Messrs. McCall and Perry, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

In amendment, Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. A. Fraser, moves that all after the word "moves" in the original motion, be expunged, and the following inserted: "That the petition of Joseph Sawyer, and others, and all other petitions this day read, and relating to the same subject, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the people of Vaughan."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Shade,	Yeas 25.
Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Magon,	Sol. General,	
Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Morris,	Thomson,	25.
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Mount,	VanKoughnett,	
Chisholm,	Jones,	Robinson,	Warren,	
Clark,	Lewis,	Samson,		
Crooks,	A. McDonald,			

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Bidwell,	Ketchum,	Randal,	Nays 9.
Buell,	McCall,	Shaver,	9.
Howard,	Perry,	Werden,	

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of sixteen.

The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Boulton, moves that the petition of William Richardson, and others, of Brantford, praying for a grant of money to build a Bridge over the Grand River, be referred to the Committee on Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the petition of Collin McKenzie, Esq. and others of Ernest-town, be referred to a Select Committee, with leave to report thereon, and that Messrs. Bidwell, Howard, Randal and McCall, do compose the said Committee.

In amendment, Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that all after the word "moves" in the original motion, be expunged, and the following inserted: "that the petition of Collin McKenzie, and others, be referred to the Committee on Roads."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Boulton,	Jones,	Shade,	Yeas 9.
Crooks,	Macnab,	VanKoughnett,	
A. Fraser,	Robinson,	Werden,	9.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Berczy,	R. Fraser,	A. McDonald,	Randal,	Nays 22.
Bidwell,	Howard,	Magon,	Samson,	
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Shaver,	22.
Buell,	Ketchum,	Mount,	Thomson,	
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Perry,	Warren,	
Clark,	McCall,			

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of thirteen.

The original question was then put and carried.

Petition of Captain Whitney and others referred to Committee.

Petition of James McCartney and others referred.

Motion for referring the petitions of Sawyer and others, Cook and others, and Deeks and others.

Amendment.

House divides on amendment.

Yeas 25.

25.

Nays 9.

9.

Petition of William Richardson and others referred.

Petition of Collin McKenzie and others referred.

Amendment.

House divides.

Yeas 9.

Nays 22.

22.

**Petition of John Brown and others referred to supply.**  
 Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the petition of John Brown, and others, of Trafalgar and Esquising, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

**Motion for referring the petition of J. G. Strobridge.**  
 Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the petition of James G. Strobridge be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, and leave to report thereon, and that Messrs. Chisholm, Macnab, Clark, and Randal, do compose said Committee.

**House divides.** On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

**Yeas 11.**  
 Bidwell, Duncombe, McCall, Randal,  
 Buell, R. Fraser, Macnab, Warren,  
 Clark, Howard, Perry,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

**Nays 19.**  
 Berczy, A. Fraser, Mount, Sol. General,  
 Boulton, Jones, Robinson, Thomson,  
 Brown, Ketchum, Samson, VanKoughnett,  
 Chisholm, Lewis, Shade, Werden—19.  
 Crooks, Morris, Shaver,

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of eight.

**Petition of T. Street and others, and T. Terry and others referred.**  
 Mr. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Warren, moves that the petition of Timothy Street, and others, and the petition of Timothy Terry, and others, be referred to the Road Committee.

Ordered.

**Petition of D. Fisher and others referred.**  
 Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the petition of D. Fisher, and others, of the County of Carleton, praying for aid to the roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

**Motion for Address to His Excellency for information relative to the protraction of the York County Election.**  
 Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that it be resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to inform this House, by whose advice the Election for the County of York was appointed to be held at so distant a period as the second day of January next, whereby the Electors of that large, wealthy and populous County were left so long without a full representation in this House, during the Session of the Legislature, when matters of the greatest importance to them may be discussed and disposed of, and whereby a precedent is likely to be established deeply injurious to the constitutional rights of the people of this Province; and that Messrs. Howard and Cook be a Committee to draft and report such address, and that the thirty-second rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same.

**House divides on question.** On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

**Yeas 7.**  
 Bidwell, Howard, Perry, Shaver—7.  
 Buell, McCall, Randal,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

**Nays 29.**  
 Atty. General, Elliott, McMartin, Sol. General,  
 Berczy, A. Fraser, Macnab, Thomson,  
 Boulton, R. Fraser, Magon, VanKoughnett,  
 Brown, Ingersoll, Morris, Warren,  
 Chisholm, Jones, Mount, Werden,—29.  
 Clark, Ketchum, Robinson,  
 Crooks, Lewis, Samson,  
 Duncombe, A. McDonald, Shade,

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of twenty-two.

**King's Bench Bill read second time and Committed.**  
 Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act respecting the place of sitting of the Court of Kings' Bench," was read the second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Samson was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

**Amended.** Mr. Samson reported the Bill as amended.

**Third reading to-morrow.** The report was received and the amendments were ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

**Committee report on petition of John Chisholm.** Mr. Macnab, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of John Chisholm, informed the House that

the Committee had agreed to a report which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

The report was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

**Mr. Shaver, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of Andrew Snider, and two hundred and fourteen others, of Williamsburgh, in the County of Dundas, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.**

The report was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

**Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Duncombe, moves that the Report of the Committee on the Petition of John Chisholm, be referred to the Committee of supply.**

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

**Yeas 11.**  
 Berczy, Ingersoll, Macnab, Samson,  
 Chisholm, Jones, Magon, Shade,—11.  
 Duncombe, McMartin, Robinson,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

**Nays 16.**  
 Bidwell, Crooks, Lewis, Randal,  
 Boulton, A. Fraser, McCall, Shaver,  
 Buell, Howard, A. McDonald, Warren,  
 Clark, Ketchum, Perry, Werden,—16.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of five.

**Mr. Ingersoll, from the Select Committee, to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of this House for certain communications relative to School Lands, reported delivering the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer :**

GENTLEMEN,

I will direct the documents requested in this address, to be laid before the House of Assembly.

**Mr. Jones, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of Jonas Jones, and others, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.**

The report was received, and the bill to extend the charter of the Bank of Upper Canada, was read the first time.

**Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that the bill be read a second time on the third of January, and that it be the first item on the order of the day.**

Ordered.

Present, Messieurs Boulton, Buell, Chisholm, Crooks, Duncombe, Jones, Ketchum, Lewis, Magon, Perry, Robinson, Samson, Shaver and Werden,—14.

At five o'clock, P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

**WEDNESDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1831.**

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Speaker reported that Hiram Norton, Esquire, Member for the County of Grenville, had taken the oath as required by law.

Mr. Norton was then introduced by Messieurs Bidwell and Shaver, and took his seat.

**Mr. McCall brought up the petition of James Maclem, Senior, and thirty-two others, of the Niagara and London Districts; which was laid on the table.**

**Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of James Hyndman, and sixty-two others, of the County of Dundas; which was laid on the table.**

**Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of Hugh McCargar, and one hundred and fifty seven others, inhabitants of the Townships of Mountain, Matilda, and Williamsburgh, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.**

**Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of Aaron Tenick, and thirteen others, of the Townships of Wolford and Montague, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.**

Of D. Ballantine and others. Mr. Shaver brought up the petition David Ballantine, and twenty-nine others, of the Townships of Wolford and Montague, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Of F. J. Massey and others. Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of F. J. Massey, and four others, of Wolford and Montague, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table;

Of Wm. Moad and others. Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of Wm. Moad, and forty-four others, of Oxford, Marlborough, and North and South Gower, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Of A. Adams and others. Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of Andrew Adams, Junior, and nine others, of Oxford, Marlborough, and North and South Gower, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Of S. Bellamy and others. Mr. Shaver brought up the petition of Samuel Bellamy, and seventeen others, of the Township of Augusta, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Of Rev. Geo. O'Kill Stuart and others. Mr. Solicitor General brought up the petition of the Rev. George O'Kill Stuart, and seventeen others, of the Town of Kingston; which was laid on the table.

Of J. Knowlson and others. Mr. Boulton brought the petition of John Knowlson, and one hundred and fifty five others, of the Townships of Cavan, Emily, and Monaghan, in the Newcastle District; which was laid on the table.

Of Charles Rubidge and others. Mr. Boulton brought up the petition of Charles Rubidge, and five hundred and seventy-four others, inhabitants of the Townships of Monaghan, Smith, Ennismore, Otanabee, Douro, Asphodel, Dummer and Belmont, in the Newcastle District; which was laid on the table.

Of M. Priestman and others. Mr. Robinson brought up the petition of Mathew Priestman, and ninety-four others, of Etobicoke, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Of W. Hammill and others. Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of Wm. Hammill, and forty-two others, of Tecumseth and Adjala, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Of J. S. Merwin and others. Mr. R. Fraser brought up the petition of Justus S. Merwin, and seventy-five others, of the Town of Prescott; which was laid on the table.

Of R. Colman and others. Mr. R. Fraser brought up the petition of Robert Colman, and one hundred and five others, of South Gower, Oxford and Mountain, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Of J. Melvin and others. Mr. R. Fraser brought up the petition of John Melvin, and one hundred and fifty-one others, of the Townships of South Gower and Oxford, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

An amendments to King's Bench Bill read third time. Agreeably to the the order of the day, the amendments made to the Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act respecting the place of sitting of the Court of Kings' Bench," were read a third time.

Amendment moved. Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that after the words "respecting the" in the title of the Bill, the words "time and" be inserted.

Carried and. Which was carried.

Amendments signed. The amendments were then passed and signed by the Speaker.

Bill sent to Legislative Council. Messrs. Attorney General and Macnab were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Petitions read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of John Eaton and forty-three others, of East Flamborough, in the Gore District, praying for pecuniary aid to open and repair a road running through the said Township. The petition of Marvel White and Benjamin Woodhull, of the Township of Lobo, in the London District, praying that an Act may be passed to remunerate them for expenses incurred in building a Bridge over the River Thames. The petition of George W. Warren and one hundred and thirteen others, of the London District, praying that an Act may be passed authorising the holding of District and Quarter Session Courts in every County in the said District. The petition of David Burns and two hundred and fifteen others, praying that the House will address His Majesty, praying him to authorise the Parliament of this Province to set apart and appropriate—Acres of the waste lands of the Crown, to constitute a fund for the support of common Schools, with authority to provide for the surveying and disposal of the same. The petition of Welcome Yale and one hundred and ten others, praying that an Act may be passed Incorporating a Joint Stock Company for the improvement of the Grand River, with the necessary provisions for completing the same. The petition of Moses Maynard, of Brockville, in the Johnstown District, praying that an Act may be passed, allowing him to be naturalized without complying with the

Of W. Yale and others.

Of Moses Maynard.

provisions of the Act of the 13th Geo. 2nd, Chap. 7, and in the mean time, to enable him to hold and dispose of real Estate. The petition of David Thomson and five hundred and sixty-three others of the District of Niagara, praying the site for the District Town in the Niagara District may be removed to a more central situation; that individuals chosen by the Freeholders of the District, one for each Township, may be authorised to choose a site for a new Gaol and Court House, and that a loan of three thousand pounds may be authorised for the purpose of erecting the buildings, and the people taxed to pay the interest of the loan until the principal be liquidated from the District Rates, should those Rates be found inadequate for the purpose—were read.

Of D. Thomson and others.

Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that the petition of the inhabitants of Monaghan, Smith, Ennismore, Douro, Asphodel, Dummer and Belmont, be now read, and that the forty-third rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the said petition lying two days on the table before it is read.

Motion for reading petition of C. Rubidge.

Which was carried, and the petition of Charles Rubidge, and five hundred and seventy-four others, inhabitants of the Townships of Monaghan, Smith, Ennismore, Otanabee, Douro, Asphodel, Dummer, and Belmont, in the Newcastle District, praying that an Act may be passed authorising the formation of the said Townships into a separate County, and that the populous and improving Town of Peterboro' be established as the County Town, was read.

Petition of C. Rubidge read.

Petitions referred.

Mr. Boulton, seconded by Macnab, moves that the petition of the inhabitants of Monaghan, Smith, Douro, Ennismore, Asphodel, Dummer and Belmont, be referred to a Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Samson and Brown, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Of C. Rubidge and others.

Ordered.

Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the petition of M. White, and Benjamin Woodhull, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Elliott and W. Wilson, to report thereon.

Of M. White and B. Woodhull.

Ordered.

Mr. Buell, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the petition of Moses Maynard, Junior, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Attorney General and Jones.

Of Moses Maynard.

Ordered.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Buell, moves that the resolution of this House, directing the Clerk of this House to obtain from Messrs. Thomson and Macfarlane, two hundred copies of the Edition of the Laws of the Provincial Parliament, published by them, for the use of the House, be rescinded, and that the report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of Messrs. Thomson and Macfarlane, be referred to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

Motion for rescinding Resolutions respecting a new Edition of the Provincial Statutes.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

Division on motion.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, R. Fraser,	A. McDonald,	Roblin,	
Berczy,	Howard,	Macnab,	Shaver,
Bidwell,	Ingersoll,	Norton,	VanKoughnet,
Buell,	Ketchum,	Perry,	Werden,
Duncombe,	McCall,	Randal,	W. Wilson—20

Yeas 20.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Boulton,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Samson,
Brown,	A. Fraser,	Magon,	Shade,
Chisholm,	Jones,	Morris,	Sol. General,
Crooks,	Lewis,	Mount,	15.

Nays 15.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five, and ordered accordingly.

Question carried, majority 5 and ordered.

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the petition of G. W. Warren, and others, of the County of Oxford, upon the subject of County Courts, be referred to a Committee to be composed of Messrs. Ingersoll and W. Wilson, with power to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Petition of G. W. Warren and others referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the petition of David Burns, and others, of the County of Oxford, upon the subject of common schools, be referred to a Committee to be composed of Messieurs Ingersoll and McCall, with power to report thereon.

Petition of David Burns and others referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting that Honorable body to give leave to the Honorable Wil-

Message to L. C. requesting the attendance

of the Hon. W. Allan and the Clerk on a Select Committee. liam Allan, and also to Grant Powell, Esq. to attend a Committee of this Honorable House.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Boulton and Brown were ordered to carry up the message.

Journals read relative to School Lands. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Journals of the last Session relative to School Lands were read—(MS. copy, page 407, 2d vol. Appendix.)

House in committee on the same. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Duncombe, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the proceedings of last Session, relative to the School Lands Reservation.

Which was carried, and Mr. Clark was called to the chair.

Black Rod. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door. The Speaker left the chair.

Committee rises and The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee. The House resumed.

Chairman reports Resolutions. Mr. Clark reported that the Committee had agreed to several resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

Report received. The Report was received.

The first resolution was put and carried as follows:—

Resolved, that His Majesty, in the year 1797, was graciously pleased to communicate to the Government of this Province, by a Despatch from His Grace the Duke of Portland, to Mr. President Russell, in answer to a joint Address of the Legislature—His Majesty's intention to set apart a certain portion of the Waste Lands of the Crown as a fund for the establishment and support of a Free Grammar School in those Districts in which they are called for, and in due process of time to establish other Seminaries of a more comprehensive nature.

The second resolution was then put and carried nem. con. as follows:—

Resolved, that although more than thirty years have elapsed since His Majesty made this most gratifying communication, it does not come within the knowledge of this House, that even one Free Grammar School has been endowed from these lands, or any other Seminary established out of that reservation.

Present—Messrs. Attorney General, Berczy, Bidwell, Boulton, Buell, Clark, Crooks, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, Howard, Ingersoll, Jones, Lewis, McCall, A. McDonald, McMartin, Macnab, Maçon, Morris, Mount, Norton, Perry, Randal, Robinson, Roblin, Samson, Shade, Shaver, Solicitor General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden, W. Wilson.

The third resolution was then put and carried nem. con. as follows:—

Resolved, that the establishment, by the Legislature, of a Public School in each District, with a salary of one hundred pounds currency, paid out of the Provincial Treasury, to the master, does not afford sufficient means to instruct the youth of the Province in the several branches of classical and scientific learning, and ought not therefore to be considered as a reason for withholding the support which His Majesty intended for the District Grammar Schools.

Present—Messrs. Attorney General, Berczy, Bidwell, Boulton, Buell, Clark, Crooks, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, Howard, Ingersoll, Jones, Lewis, McCall, A. McDonald, McMartin, Macnab, Maçon, Morris, Mount, Norton, Perry, Randal, Robinson, Roblin, Samson, Shade, Shaver, Sol. General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden, and W. Wilson.

The fourth resolution was then read as follows:

Resolved, that it is most important to the contentment and welfare of the people of this Province, that the School Lands be applied to the purposes for which they were originally intended, and immediate steps taken to represent to His Majesty's Government, that the several Districts from their extensive and rapidly increasing population, are now in a state to require the establishment of Free Grammar Schools with a suitable endowment, which Schools, if incorporated with the present District Schools, would afford the means of respectable support to a master and two assistants in each, and thereby enable the inhabitants, generally, to confer the blessings of a liberal education on their children, and find employment as masters for such of them as may be found to have made the necessary proficiency in the acquirement of classical and scientific knowledge.

In amendment, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that all the words in the original resolution be expunged after the word "endowment," and the following words inserted: "which would enable the inhabitants generally to confer the blessings of a liberal education on their children."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy, A. Fraser, McMartin, Roblin, Bidwell, Howard, Norton, Shaver, Buell, McCall, Perry, Warren, Clark, A. McDonald, Randal, W. Wilson—16

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Ingersoll, Morris, Sol. General, Boulton, Jones, Mount, Thomson, Crooks, Lewis, Robinson, VanKoughnett, Duncombe, Macnab, Samson, Werden, Elliott, Maçon, Shade, —19.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of three. Amendment lost, majority three.

The original question was then put and carried nem. con. Original question carried nem. con.

Present—Messieurs Attorney General, Berczy, Bidwell, Boulton, Buell, Clark, Crooks, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, Howard, Ingersoll, Jones, Lewis, McCall, A. McDonald, McMartin, Macnab, Maçon, Morris, Mount, Norton, Perry, Randal, Robinson, Roblin, Samson, Shade, Shaver, Sol. General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden, and W. Wilson. Members present.

The fifth resolution was then put and carried nem. con. as follows:

Resolved, that it would be much more satisfactory to the people of this Province, if the monies arising from the School Lands were paid immediately into the hands of the Receiver General, and the fund placed at the disposal of the Legislature instead of the present arrangement, as not only the controul of the funds, but the general superintendance and organization of the whole system, would thus be open to public inspection, and approval. Fifth Resolution put and carried, nem. con.

Present—Messieurs Attorney General, Berczy, Bidwell, Boulton, Buell, Chisholm, Clark, Crooks, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, Howard, Ingersoll, Jones, Lewis, McCall, A. McDonald, McMartin, Macnab, Maçon, Morris, Mount, Norton, Perry, Randal, Robinson, Roblin, Samson, Shade, Shaver, Sol. General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden, and W. Wilson. Members present.

The sixth resolution was then put and carried as follows:

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, setting forth the substance of the foregoing resolutions, and imploring His Majesty's early attention to the anxious hope of His Majesty's faithful subjects of Upper Canada, that the School Lands may not be applied to any other object than that for which they were intended by His Majesty's late Royal Father. Sixth Resolution put and carried.

The seventh resolution was then put and carried as follows:

Resolved, that the chairman be instructed to draft and report to the House, an Address to His Majesty, founded on the foregoing resolutions. Seventh Resolution put and carried.

Agreeably to order, Mr. Clark, Chairman of the Committee of the whole, on the subject of School Lands, reported the draft of an Address to His Majesty, which was received, read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Chairman reports Address. Address read twice. Third reading to-morrow.

The Speaker reported that the Master in Chancery had brought down two messages from the Honorable the Legislative Council.

The Messages were read by the Speaker as follows:

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have passed the amendments made by the Commons House of Assembly in and to the Bill sent down from this House, entitled, "An Act to remove doubts respecting the jurisdiction over offences committed upon the Lakes and Rivers in this Province."

JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, } 20th day of December, 1831. }

MR. SPEAKER,

The Honorable William Allan has leave to attend a Select Committee of the Commons House of Assembly, as desired by that House in their message of this day, if he thinks fit: and Grant Powell, Esquire, has leave to attend the same Select Committee. Messrs. Allan and Powell have leave to attend a Select Committee of this House.

JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, } 21st December, 1831. }

Amendment moved.

Division on amendment.

Committee of whole on Resolutions relative to Crown Lands on Tuesday next.

Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that that part of the order of the day relative to Committee of the whole on resolutions relating to Crown Lands, be taken up on Tuesday next, and that it be the first item on the order of the day.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General from the Committee of Conference on Commissioners Appointment Bill, presented a report which was received and read.

Report of Committee of Conference on Commissioners appointment Bill.

The Committee of Conference, on the part of this House, upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to treat with Commissioners, appointed or to be appointed on the part of the Province of Lower Canada, for the purposes therein mentioned," are instructed to represent that the Legislative Council bears in mind that upon every occasion in which it has been hitherto necessary to send Commissioners to treat with Lower Canada on any matter relating to this Province, such Commissioners have been appointed by the Crown, under a power given by the Legislature; but have not been named by any Act of the Legislature.

That the Legislative Council is not aware that it has been the practice in Great Britain to delegate otherwise than by Royal Commission, a power of negotiation to be executed by any of the King's Subjects in another country.

That if it is found desirable to make further provision than already exists for treating upon matters of common concern between the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, the Legislative Council will be happy to concur in making such provision in the manner that has been always hitherto accustomed.

Debtor's detention Bill brought in.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Buell, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to continue and amend an Act passed in tenth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George IV. entitled, "An Act to authorise the detention of debtors in certain cases."

Which was granted.

Select Committee on Petitions of Daniel McCall and others; Jacob Lang and others; James Graham and others; & William Young and others, reports.

Mr. McCall, from the Committee to which was referred the petitions of Daniel McCall, and others, Jacob Lang, and others, James Graham, and others, and William Young, and others, of the London District, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to the draft of a Bill, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

London District division bill read first time.

The Report was received, and the Bill to divide the London District, was read a first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Select Committee on petition of Geo. Warren and others reports.

Mr. Duncombe, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of George Warren, and others, of the London District, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to the draft of a Bill which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Report received, and County Courts bill read first time.

The Report was received, and the Bill for the erection of County Courts was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Select Committee on petition of Rubidge and others reports by bill.

Mr. Boulton from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Charles Rubidge and others, of the Townships of Monaghan, Smith, Ennismore, Otanibee, Douro, Asphodel, Dummer, and Belmont, in the Newcastle District, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Report received.

The report was received.

Members present.

Present—Messieurs Atty. General, Bidwell, Boulton, Brown, Buell, Crooks, Duncombe, A. Fraser, Howard, Jones, Ketchum, Lewis, McCall, McMartin, Magon, Mount, Norton, Perry, Roblin, Samson, Shaver—21.

House adjourns for want of a quorum.

At five o'clock P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, 22d DECEMBER, 1831.

The House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Newcastle new County Bill read first time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for authorising the erection of a new County in the District of Newcastle, was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Address to the King on School Lands read third time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Majesty on the subject of School Lands, was read the third time.

On the question for passing the same, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves in amendment, that the Address do not now pass, but that the same be now referred to a Committee of the whole House.

On question for passing, Moved, that Address be re-committed.

Which was carried, and Mr. McMartin was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. McMartin reported the Address as amended.

Address amended.

The Report was received, and the Address was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Third reading this day.

Mr. VanKoughnett gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause the Sheriffs of the several Districts of this Province to lay before this House forthwith, a detailed account, upon oath, of all monies received by them for lands sold in their respective Districts for default of payment of the wild land assessment tax; the particular day on which the same was received; the person or persons from whom received; and the day when the same, or any part, was paid over to the Treasurer; also, that His Excellency will cause the Treasurers of the several Districts throughout the Province to lay before this House a detailed account, upon oath, of all monies received by them from the the Sheriffs on account of lands sold in their respective Districts for default of payment of the wild land assessment tax; the particular day on which the same was received; as also an account of the several payments made for the redemption of such lots or parcels of land as were sold—the number of the lots redeemed—by whom redeemed—and the day when the same was redeemed.

Notice of Address for Returns, in detail, of lands sold for taxes, &c.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the petition of David Thompson and others, inhabitants of the Niagara District, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messieurs Warren and Duncombe, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Petition of D. Thompson and others referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Perry, from the Committee to which was referred the petition of Hiram Richardson Harback, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report, by bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Select Committee on petition of H. R. Harback reports by bill.

The report was received, and the bill for the relief of Hiram Richardson Harback was read a first time.

Harback's Patent Bill read first time.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the bill for the relief of Hiram Richardson Harback be now read a second time, and that the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same.

On motion for second reading of the bill.

In amendment, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that after the word "moves" in the original motion, the whole be expunged, and the following inserted: "that the bill be read a second time this day three months."

Second reading moved this day three months.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Division on motion.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	A. Fraser,	McMartin,	Samson,	
Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Macnab,	Shade,	
Buell,	Ingersoll,	Magon,	Sol. General,	Yeas 25.
Chisholm,	Ketchum,	Mount,	VanKoughnett,	
Crooks,	Lewis,	Norton,	Warren—25.	
Duncombe,	A. McDonald,	Robinson,		
Elliott,	D. McDonald,			

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Bidwell,	McCall,	Randal,	Thomson,	
Clark,	Morris,	Roblin,	Werden,	Nays 12.
Howard,	Perry,	Shaver,	W. Wilson—12	

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirteen, and ordered accordingly.

Motion carried majority 13, and ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for the improvement of the Grand River was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Grand River improvement bill committed.

Mr. Warren was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Warren reported the bill as amended.

Bill reported amended.

On the question for receiving the Report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

On receiving the report, House divides.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 26.

Atty. General,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Samson,
Berzcy,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	Shade,
Boulton,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	VanKoughnett,
Buell,	Ketchum,	Mount,	Warren,
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Norton,	Werden,
Clark,	D. McDonald,	Randal,	W. Wilson—26
Duncombe,	McMartin,		

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 6.

Howard,	A. McDonald,	Roblin,
McCall,	Perry,	Shaver—6.

Question carried, majority 20. Report received. Third reading to-morrow.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty, the report was received, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 23rd DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Majesty on the subject of School Lands, was read a third time and passed nem. con. and is as follows:

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Address to the King on subject of School Lands read a 3rd time and passed, Nem Con.

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly approach Your Majesty, to represent that in the year 1797, Your Majesty's Royal Father was graciously pleased to communicate to the Government of this Province, in answer to a joint Address of the Legislature, His Majesty's intention to set apart a certain portion of the waste lands of the Crown as a fund for the establishment and support of a Free Grammar School in those Districts in which they are called for, and in due process of time to establish other Seminaries of a more comprehensive nature.

That although more than thirty years have elapsed since His Majesty made this gratifying communication, it does not appear that even one Free Grammar School has been endowed from these lands, or any other Seminary established out of that reservation.

We would further represent to Your Majesty, that the establishment (by the Legislature) of a Public School in each District, with a Salary of one hundred pounds currency, paid out of the Provincial Treasury, to the Master, does not afford sufficient means to instruct the Youth of the Province in the several branches of classical and scientific learning, and ought not therefore to be considered as a reason for withholding the support which His Majesty intended for the Free Grammar Schools. It is therefore most important to the contentment and welfare of the people of this Province, that the School Lands, amounting to five hundred and forty-nine thousand two hundred and seventeen acres, be applied to the purposes for which they were originally intended; and as the several Districts are, from their extensive and rapidly increasing population, in a state to require the establishment of Free Grammar Schools, which if suitably endowed, and incorporated with the present District Schools, would afford the means of respectable support to a Master and two Assistants in each, and thereby enable the inhabitants of the Colony to confer the blessings of a liberal education on their children, and find employment as Masters for such of them as may be found to have made the necessary proficiency in the acquirement of classical and scientific knowledge.

We also represent to Your Majesty, that it would be much more satisfactory to the people of this Province, if the monies arising from the School Lands were paid into the hands of the Receiver General, and the fund placed at the disposal of the Legislature, instead of the present arrangement, as not only the controul of the funds but the general superintendance and organization of the whole system would thus be open to public inspection and approval.

We therefore humbly implore Your Majesty to place the School Lands at the disposition of the Legislature of the Province, to be applied exclusively for the purposes intended by Your Majesty's Royal Father.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly,  
23rd day of December, 1831.

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Present—Messieurs Atty. General, Berzcy, Bidwell, Chisholm, Clark, Crooks, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, R. Fraser, Howard, Ingersoll, Jones, Ketchum, Lewis, McCall, D. McDonald, McMartin, Maçon, Morris, Mount, Perry, Randal, Robinson, Roblin, Samson, Shade, Shaver, Sol. General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden, W. Wilson. Members present.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, informing His Excellency that this House has passed an Address to His Majesty on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, and also an Address relative to the School Lands, and requesting His Excellency to transmit the same to His Majesty, and that Messieurs Samson and Cook be a Committee to draft and report the said Address. Address moved, requesting His Excellency to transmit the same.

Ordered.

Mr. Samson, from the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Address to His Majesty on the subjects of Clergy Reserves and School Lands, presented a draft which was received and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time this day. Address reported.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that two hundred copies of the Township Officers' Bill be printed for the use of members. Township Officers' Bill printed.

Ordered.

On the order of the day for the third reading of the Bill for the improvement of the Grand River being called:

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be forthwith recommitted. Grand River improvement Bill recommitted.

Which was carried, and Mr. Warren was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Warren reported the Bill as amended. Bill amended.

The Report was received, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Third reading this day.

The Speaker reported that the Master in Chancery had brought down two messages from the Honorable the Legislative Council, which were read as follows: Messages from the Hon. the Legislative Council.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council requests a conference with the Commons' House of Assembly on the subject matter of the bill sent up to this House, entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Brockville, and to establish a Police therein;" and have appointed the Honorable Messrs. Markland and Hamilton on their part, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly, on Monday next, at three of the clock, P. M. in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council for that purpose. Conference requested on Brockville Police Bill.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
22d day of December, 1831. }

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have adopted the amendments made by the Commons' House of Assembly in and to the Bill sent down from this House, entitled, "An Act respecting the place of sitting of the Court of King's Bench." Amendments to King's Bench Bill adopted by Legislative Council.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
22d December, 1831. }

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. R. Fraser, moves that the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council for a conference on the subject of the Brockville Police Bill be acceded to, and that Messrs. Hagerman, Jones, Samson and Buell, be the conferees on the part of this House, and that a message be sent to that Honorable body, informing them that the conferees of this House will proceed to the Joint Committee Room at the time appointed. Conference acceded to.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Jones and Samson were ordered by the Speaker to carry up the message.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of James Maclem, Senior, and thirty-two others, of the Niagara and London Districts, praying the House to give every reasonable assistance to the erection of a Harbor at the mouth of Patter-son's Creek, on Lake Erie, as well as other parts of Lakes Erie and Huron. The petition of James Hyndman, and sixty-two others, of the County of Dundas, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank and others, inhabitants of Vaughan, (see Petitions read. Of James Maclem, Senior, and others. Of James Hyndman and others.)

Of Hugh McCargar and others.

page 17). The petition of Hugh McCargar, and one hundred and fifty-seven others, inhabitants of the Townships of Mountain, Matilda, and Williamsburgh, in the Eastern District, praying for pecuniary aid to complete a road leading from the Saint Lawrence to the Rideau, between the Counties of Dundas and Grenville. The petition of Aaron Tenick, and thirteen others, of the Townships of Woolford and Montague, in the Johnstown District. The petition of David Balantine, and twenty-nine others, of the Townships of Woolford and Montague, aforesaid. The petition of Frederick J. Massey, and four others, of the same place. The petition of William Moad, and forty-four others, of the Townships of Oxford, Marlborough and North and South Gower, in the Johnstown District. The petition of Andrew Adams, Junior, and nine others, of Oxford, Marlborough, North and South Gower, aforesaid, and the petition of Samuel Bellamy, and seventeen others, of the Township of Augusta in the Johnstown District, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank and others of the Township of Vaughan, (see page 17). The petition of the Rev. George O'Kill Stuart, and seventeen others, of the Town of Kingston, praying that the Act Incorporating the Midland District School Society, may be amended, so as to enable the Heirs and Assignees of Shareholders in the said Society to enjoy the rights and privileges attached to said Shares; and also to provide for vacancies which may arise in the offices of said Society, &c. The petition of John Knowlson, and one hundred and fifty-five others, of the Townships of Cavan, Emily and Monaghan, in the Newcastle District, praying that a sum of money may be appropriated to aid in rendering navigable for boats a large Creek that runs across the Townships of Cavan and Monaghan, and falls into the Otanabe River; and Commissioners appointed for expending the same. The petition of Matthew Priestman, and ninety-four others, of Etobicoke, &c. in the Home District, praying for aid to build a Bridge across the Humber. The petition of William Hammell, and forty-two others, of the Townships of Tecumseth and Adjala, in the Home District, praying for pecuniary aid to repair a road running between the Seventh and Eighth Concessions of the Township of Tecumseth. The petition of Justus S. Merwin, and seventy-five others, of the Town of Prescott, praying that a sum of money may be appropriated and deposited in the hands of responsible persons in order to relieve the sick and destitute emigrants that may come to this Country through the ensuing Season. The petition of Robert Colman, and one hundred and five others, of the Townships of South Gower, Oxford and Mountain, in the Johnstown District, praying for pecuniary assistance to repair a road leading from Johnstown to the Rideau River. The petition of John Melvin, and one hundred and fifty-one others, of the Townships of South Gower and Oxford, in the Johnstown District, praying the same as the petition of Hugh McCargar and others—were read.

Of Aaron Tenick and others.

Of D. Ballantine and others.

Of F. J. Massey and others.

Of Wm. Moad and others.

Of Andrew Adams, Junior, and others.

Of S. Bellamy and others.

Of Rev. George O'Kill Stuart and others.

Of John Knowlson and others.

Of M. Priestman and others.

Of William Hammell and others.

Of Justus S. Merwin and others.

Of Robert Colman and others.

Of John Melvin and others.

Motion for referring the petition of H. McCargar and others, and other like petitions, to a Select Committee.

Motion in amendment for referring the said petition to grievance Committee.

Amended question carried.

Petition of William Hammell and others, and of M. Priestman and others referred to supply.

Petition of John Eaton and others referred to supply.

Petition of Justus S. Merwin and others referred to Committee.

Petition of Jas. Maclem, Senior, referred to supply.

Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves that the petition of Hugh McCargar, and one hundred and fifty-seven others, and all other petitions brought in by him, on this day, on the same subject, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Buell, Howard and Perry, to report by Bill or otherwise.

In amendment, Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that all after the word "moves" in the original motion be expunged, and the following inserted: "that the petition of Hugh McCargar and others, and all other petitions read this day, and relating to the same subject, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the people of Vaughan.

Which was carried.

The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the petition of Wm. Hammell and others, of Tecumseth, and the petition of Matthew Priestman and others of Etobicoke, praying for aid to their roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the petition of John Eaton and others, of the Township of East Flamboro', be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Which was carried.

Mr. R. Fraser, seconded by Mr. A. Fraser, moves that the petition of Justus S. Merwin and others, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. Samson and Norton, to report thereon.

Ordered.

Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. W. Wilson, moves that the petition of James Maclem, senior, and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. R. Fraser, seconded by Mr. A. Fraser, moves that the petition of John Melvin and others, on the subject of Roads, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of John Melvin and others referred to supply.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for the regulation of line and division fences, and water courses, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Line fence Bill read second time and referred to Committee of whole.

Mr. R. Fraser was called to the chair.

The House resumed to receive a message.

Mr. Lee, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, came to the bar and delivered His Excellency's commands for the immediate attendance of the House at the bar of the Legislative Council Chamber.

His Excellency sends for the House.

The Speaker and Members present, in obedience to the commands of His Excellency, proceeded to the bar of the Legislative Council, and having returned, the Speaker reported that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the Bill entitled "An Act to prevent the operation within this Province of an Act of Parliament made in England in the 21st year of the Reign of King James the first, entitled "An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of Bastard Children, and to make other provisions for the prevention and punishment of Infanticide"; the Bill entitled "An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction over offences committed upon the Lakes and Rivers in this Province"; and the Bill entitled "An Act respecting the place of sitting of the Court of King's Bench."

House attends His Excellency.

Royal assent given to 3 Bills.

The House went again into Committee of the whole on the bill to regulate line and division fences, and water courses.

House in Committee on line fence Bill.

Mr. R. Fraser in the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Fraser reported the bill as amended.

Bill amended.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Speaker reported that the Master in Chancery had brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message, and a bill, entitled "An Act for the relief of Roman Catholic Congregations in this Province," which that Honorable House had passed, and to which they requested the concurrence of this House.

Speaker reported Roman Catholic relief Bill from Legislative Council.

The message was then read as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons' House of Assembly on the subject matter of the bill sent up to this House, entitled "An Act to repeal part of, amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the last Session of the present Parliament, entitled 'An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District, and to authorize the Magistrates within the said County to raise a loan on the credit of the Assessments levied in said County,'" and have appointed the Honorable Messieurs Burnham and Markland to be the Conferees on their part, who will be ready to meet a Committee on the part of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose, on Monday next, at two of the clock P. M. in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council.

Message from Council requesting conference on Prince Edward Bill.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,

SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
23rd day of December, 1831. }

The bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act for the relief of Roman Catholic Congregations in this Province," was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Roman Catholic Bill read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that it be resolved, that a Select Committee be appointed to examine what Laws have expired and are about to expire, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise, and that Messieurs Mount, McMartin, R. Fraser and Magon, constitute the same.

Committee on expiring laws appointed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to transmit addresses to the King, was read the third time, passed and signed, and is as follows:—

Address to His Excellency to transmit Addresses to King passed.

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada; Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Address.

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects; the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, have passed an address to His Majesty on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, and also an address relative to the school lands, which we respectfully pray Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that they may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
23rd December, 1831.

Committee to wait on His Excellency for time for the House to present its Address.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that Messrs. Samson and R. Fraser be a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with the addresses to His Majesty, on the subject of Clergy Reserves and School Lands.

Ordered.

Request of the Honorable the Legislative Council for a conference on the Prince Edward Bill acceded to and conferees appointed.

Mr. Werden, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council for a Conference on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of, amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the last Session of the present Parliament, entitled 'An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District,' and to authorise the Magistrates within the said County to raise a loan on the credit of the Assessments levied in said County," be acceded to, and that Messieurs Samson, VanKoughnett, Roblin and Elliott, be a Committee on the part of this House to meet the Conferees on the part of the Honorable the Legislative Council at the time and place appointed, and that a message be sent to acquaint that Honorable Body thereof.

Committee to carry up message.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Samson and Werden were ordered by the Speaker to carry up the message.

Motion for Committee of whole on communication from Legislative Council on Commissioners appointment Bill.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on tomorrow, to take into consideration the Communication of the Honorable the Legislative Council, conveyed to this House through the Conference, relative to the bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to appoint Commissioners to treat with Commissioners appointed or to be appointed on the part of the Province of Lower Canada, for the purposes therein mentioned."

House divides.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 7.

Buell, Howard, Norton, Shaver—7.  
Campbell, Ketchum, Perry,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 20.

Berczy, Ingersoll, Mount, Sol. General,  
Chisholm, Jones, Robinson, Thomson,  
Elliott, D. McDonald, Roblin, VanKoughnett,  
A. Fraser, McMartin, Samson, Werden,  
R. Fraser, Morris, Shade, W. Wilson—20

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of thirteen.

House in Committee on report of Select Committee, on petition of Thomson and MacFarlane, and R. Stanton.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the whole on the report of the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Hugh C. Thomson and James MacFarlane, Esquires, and the petition of R. Stanton, Esquire.

Mr. Chisholm was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Resolution reported.

Mr. Chisholm reported that the Committee had agreed to a resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

The Report was received.

The resolution was then put, as follows:—

Resolution for procuring 200 copies of Statutes.

Resolved—That the Clerk of this House be directed to procure two hundred copies of the edition of the Statutes lately published by Messieurs MacFarlane and Thomson, for the use of this House, and that the same be charged in the contingent expenses of this House.

House divides.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, R. Fraser, McMartin, Sol. General, Yeas 18.  
Berczy, Ingersoll, Morris, VanKoughnett,  
Chisholm, Jones, Mount, W. Wilson—18  
Elliott, Lewis, Samson,  
A. Fraser, D. McDonald, Shade,

NAYS.—Messieurs.

Bidwell, Clark, McCall, Randal, Nays 12.  
Buell, Howard, Norton, Roblin,  
Campbell, Ketchum, Perry, Werden,—12

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six, and ordered accordingly.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, 24th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Petitions brought up.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of Jabez Hall, and one hundred and thirty-five others, of the Township of Whitby, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Jabez Hall and others.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of Benjamin Munger, and thirty-nine others, of Chinguacousey and Caledon, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Benjamin Munger and others.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of Orin Church, and fifty-six others, of the Townships of Chinguacousey and Toronto; which was laid on the table.

Orin Church and others.

Mr. Robinson brought up the petition of John Perry, and fourteen others, of the Township of Essa, in the County of Simcoe; which was laid on the table.

John Perry and others.

Mr. Samson brought up the petition of Mary Ann Shaw, and John S. Baldwin, of the Town of York; which was laid on the table.

Mary Ann Shaw and John S. Baldwin.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Grand River Navigation Bill was read the third time.

Grand River Navigation Bill read the third time.

On the question for passing the same the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

Division on passing.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Ingersoll, Macnab, Samson,  
Berczy, Jones, Morris, Sol. General,  
Buell, Ketchum, Mount, Thomson, Yeas 24.  
Duncombe, Lewis, Norton, VanKoughnett,  
Elliott, D. McDonald, Randal, Warren,  
A. Fraser, McMartin, Roblin, Werden,—24.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Bidwell, Howard, Shaver—5. Nays 5.  
Campbell, Perry,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of nineteen, and the bill was signed by the Speaker.

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that the bill be entitled "An Act to Incorporate a Joint Stock Company to improve the Navigation of the Grand River."

Title.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Duncombe and Ingersoll were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Bill sent to Legislative Council.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the line fence bill was read the third time.

Line Fence Bill read third time.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the bill be amended, by inserting in the last clause but three, after the word "in" in the second line, and after the word "within" in the fourth line from the top, the following words:—"the Western and Eastern Districts of."

Motion for amending Bill.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

House divides on motion for amendment.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Buell, Howard, Perry, Roblin,  
Campbell, McCall, Randal, Shaver,—8. Yeas 8.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Ingersoll, McMartin, Sol. General,  
Berczy, Jones, Macnab, Thomson, Nays 19.  
Duncombe, Ketchum, Morris, VanKoughnett,  
Elliott, Lewis, Mount, Werden—19.  
A. Fraser, D. McDonald, Samson,

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of eleven.

Bill amended. Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. A. Fraser, moves that the word "thirty" in the second clause be struck out, and "ninety" inserted; also, that the words "two shillings and six pence" be inserted in the seventh clause.

Ordered.

Motion for further amendment. Mr. Perry seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the bill be amended by expunging the four last clauses.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 6. Buell, Campbell, Howard, McCall, Perry, Roblin—6.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 19. Atty. General, Berczy, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones, Ketchum, Lewis, D. McDonald, McMartin, Morris, Mount, Samson, Sol. General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Werden,—19.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of thirteen.

On passing Bill House divides. On the question for passing the Bill, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS.—Messieurs.

Yeas 23. Atty. General, Berczy, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones, Ketchum, Lewis, D. McDonald, Macnab, Morris, Mount, Norton, Roblin, Shaver, Sol. General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Werden—23.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 5. Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Howard, Perry,—5.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eighteen, and the bill was signed by the Speaker.

Title. Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. A. Fraser, moves that the title of the bill may be "An Act to regulate line fences and water courses."

Bill sent to Council. Which was carried, and Messieurs Elliott and A. Fraser were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Notice of reading Journals on improvement of Saint Lawrence. Mr. VanKoughnett gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for the reading of so much of the Journal of last Session as relates to the improvement of the Navigation of the Saint Lawrence.

Notice of Bill to prevent sale of Spirits to Indians. Mr. Berczy gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to prevent the selling of Spirituous Liquors to Indians.

An Address to be sent to His Excellency for information relative to the Jesuits Estates. Agreeably to notice, Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before the House of Assembly any information he may possess relative to the property situate in the Canadas, known as the "Jesuits Estates," and particularly what the intention of His Majesty's Government may be with respect to the future disposition of the same—and also whether any portion of the funds arising from those Estates have been, or are at present applied to any public use in Upper Canada, and that Messieurs Morris and Mount be a Committee to draft and report the same.

Ordered.

Address reported. Mr. Morris, from the Select Committee, to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Jesuits Estates, reported a draft, which was received and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

House goes into Committee of whole on message and despatch on timber trade. Agreeably to notice, Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the message of His Excellency the Lieutenat Governor, and Lord Goderich's Despatch on the subject of the timber trade.

Which was carried, and Mr. Howard was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Howard reported the Committee had risen for want of a quorum. Committee rise for want of Quorum.

Present, Messieurs Attorney General, Buell, Duncombe, A. Fraser, Howard, Ingersoll, Jones, Lewis, McCall, D. McDonald, McMartin, Morris, Mount, Norton, Perry, Roblin, Solicitor General, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden and W. Wilson, 21. Members present.

At a quarter before four o'clock P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

MONDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of Saturday were read.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Committee of the whole on the subject of Duties collected on Crown Timber resumed. Committee of whole on timber dues resumes.

Mr. Howard in the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair, on a question of order.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

Mr. Howard reported that the Committee had agreed to three resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Three resolutions reported.

The report was received.

The first resolution was then put as follows:

Resolved, That this House hears with regret that His Majesty's Ministers deem it inexpedient to alter the duties charged for Timber cut on the Crown Lands within this Province, and feels assured that had Lord Goderich been aware that the duty on red pine was established when that description of timber was selling in the Quebec Market at nearly double the price which it has been disposed of for several years past, His Lordship would have felt the necessity of lessening the duty on red pine. First resolution read.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy, R. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jarvis, Lewis, D. McDonald, McMartin, Macnab, Morris, Mount, Samson, Shaver, Thomson, VanKoughnett, 14. Yeas 14.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Elliott, Howard, Ketchum, McCall, Norton, Perry, Randal, Roblin, Sol. General, Warren, Werden, W. Wilson—16. Nays 16.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of two.

The second Resolution was then put as follows:

Resolved, That the payment of duties for permission to cut timber on the Crown Lands would not operate so injuriously to the interests of those engaged in that important trade, if the obstructions to the navigation, which at present occasion such vast loss of property and consumption of time, were removed. It is therefore just that a portion of these duties be expended in the construction of inclined planes or other improvements at the falls of the Chaudiere, Chats, and other rapids on the Ottawa, and such tributary streams as afford timber for the supply of the Quebec Market. Second resolution read.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy, R. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jarvis, Lewis, D. McDonald, McMartin, Macnab, Morris, Mount, Samson, Shaver, Thomson, VanKoughnett, 14. Yeas 14.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Elliott, Howard, Ketchum, McCall, Norton, Perry, Randal, Roblin, Sol. General, Warren, Werden, W. Wilson—16. Nays 16.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of two.

The third Resolution was then put as follows :

Third resolution read.

Resolved, That it is expedient to address His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to convey to His Majesty's Government the desire of this House, that a portion of the duties, not less than one third, collected for timber cut on the Crown Lands, on the Ottawa, be expended for the improvement of such falls and rapids on that river, and its tributary streams, as occasion loss and ruin to many individuals engaged in that trade.

House divides.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 14.

Berczy,	Lewis,	Morris,	Shaver,
R. Fraser,	D. McDonald,	Mount,	Thomson,
Ingersoll,	McMartin,	Samson,	VanKoughnett,
Jarvis,	Macnab,		14.

**NAYS—Messieurs,**

Nays 16.

Atty. General,	Elliott,	Norton,	Sol. General,
Bidwell,	Howard,	Perry,	Warren,
Buell,	Ketchum,	Randal,	Werden,
Campbell,	McCall,	Roblin,	W. Wilson—16

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of two.

Address to His Excellency on Jesuits Estates passed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Jesuits Estates was read the third time, passed and signed, and is as follows :

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Address.

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly request that Your Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House any information Your Excellency may possess relative to the property situate in the Canadas, known as the "Jesuits Estates," and particularly what the intentions of His Majesty's Government may be with respect to the future disposition of the same, and also whether any portion of the funds arising from these Estates has been or is at present applied to any public use in Upper Canada.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
26th December, 1831. }

Committee to carry up Address.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves that Messieurs Macnab and R. Fraser, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House and to present the same.

Ordered.

His Excellency will receive the House with Addresses to King at ten A. M. to-morrow.

Mr. Samson, from the Select Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive this House with their address, requesting His Excellency to transmit the addresses to His Majesty on the subject of the Clergy Reserves and School Lands, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to name the hour of 10, A. M. to-morrow.

Committee to wait on His Excellency with address on medals reports answer.

Mr. R. Fraser, from the Select Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the address of this House on the subject of Medals to Militia men, reported having done so, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer.

GENTLEMEN,

Answer.

I will cause an immediate inquiry to be made on this subject, and will transmit to the House such information as I may be able to obtain.

Several messages from His Excellency.

Mr. Acting Secretary, McMahon, brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, several messages and documents.

The Speaker read the Messages as follows :

J. COLBORNE.

Returns of suits.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, such returns as have been received since His last

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communication to the House upon the subject of Suits commenced in certain Courts in this Province in the year 1830.

Government House, }  
24th December, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, such District Assessment Returns as have been received for the present year.

Government House, }  
24th December, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, a Report and accompanying Documents which he has received from the Commissioners for Superintending the erection of a Light House on Long Point on Lake Erie.

Government House, }  
24th December, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, such information as he has been able to obtain respecting the Medals sent out to this Province, after the late war, for the Militia.

Government House, }  
24th December, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, a letter from the Surveyor General of Woods, with reference to an address from the House during the present Session, respecting the sums arising from the sale of timber cut from the Crown Lands during the present year.

Government House, }  
24th December, 1831. }

Commissioner of Crown Land's Office, }  
York, 24th December, 1831. }

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Instant, transmitting the address of the House of Assembly to His Excellency, respecting the monies collected for timber cut on the waste Lands of the Crown during the present year.—In reply to which I beg to express my regret that the information required cannot immediately be furnished, as I have not yet received the returns from my Agents; but as soon as they are received, the statement asked for will be given without delay.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

PETER ROBINSON.

EDWARD McMAHON, Esq. }  
Acting Secretary. }

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, such Annual Accounts of District Treasurers, as have been received during the present year.

Government House, }  
24th December, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, such Accounts as have been received from Commissioners of the expenditure of monies appropriated by an Act passed in the last Session of the Legislature, for the improvement of Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of this Province.

Government House, }  
24th December, 1831. }

J. COLBORNE.

In transmitting the accompanying memorials and correspondence in compliance with an Address from the House of

Assembly, the Lieutenant Governor acquaints the House, that from the Documents in his possession, it appears that in compliance with an Address to the King from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly in the year 1797, praying that a certain portion of waste lands of the Crown might be appropriated for the establishment and support of a Grammar School in each District—and also a College or University for the instruction of youth in the different branches of liberal knowledge, the Secretary of State for the Colonies expressed His Majesty's intention to comply with the wishes of the Legislature, in such a manner as should be judged most effectual, first, by the establishment of free Grammar Schools in the Districts in which they were called for, and in due time by establishing other seminaries of a larger and more comprehensive nature for the promotion of religious and moral learning, and the study of the arts and sciences; and directed that the Executive Council and Law Officers should be consulted on this subject.

In consequence of these instructions, the Local Government in 1798, recommended twelve Townships to be set apart for the purposes of Education, or about 549,217 Acres. and it appears that none of the Reserves were alienated till the year 1823, when Lord Bathurst authorised a General Board of Education to be formed, and a portion of the reserves to be applied under the management of the Board, towards raising a fund for the establishment of Township Schools.

In the year 1827 His Majesty's Government ordered 255,273 Acres of the Lands, originally set apart for the purposes of Education, to be transferred to the Crown in lieu of the leased Crown reserves granted to the University as an endowment for that institution, and lately 66,000 acres have been set apart for the support of Upper Canada College and Royal Grammar School, and for the purpose of raising a fund, from which the advances made to establish that Seminary by the University Council, and by the Board of Education, may be repaid.

Government House, }  
24th December, 1831. }

Documents (see Appendix.)

Motion relative to proceedings on the order of the day.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the items now appearing on the order of the day be proceeded in as follows, that is to say:—after referring petitions and the disposal of such matter as may have been placed first on the order of the day, by a resolution of the House, all motions for addresses be taken up and disposed of,—secondly, the first reading of bills of which notice has been given,—thirdly, the second reading of bills, and fourthly, motions for Committees of the whole House, and that these respective matters be taken up in the order in which they appear on the order of the day, without debate.

Amendment to preceding motion

In amendment, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Duncombe, moves that after the word "Bills" the whole be expunged and the following inserted: "Thirdly, all motions for Committee of Supply, and fourthly, second readings of Bills—and that these respective matters be taken up in the order in which they now stand on the order of the day without debate."

On which debates ensued.

Motion for adjourning debate.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

House divides.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yea 12. Bidwell, Howard, Perry, Shaver,  
Buell, McCall, Randal, Werden,  
Campbell, Norton, Roblin, W. Wilson—12

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 16. Atty. General. Jarvis, Macnab, Sol. General,  
Duncombe, Jones, Morris, Thomson,  
Elliott, D. McDonald, Mount, VanKoughnett,  
Ingersoll, McMartin, Samson, Warren—16.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of four.

Amendment carried.

Mr. Samson's amendment was put and carried.

House divides.

On the Original question, as at first amended, being put, the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yea 18. Atty. General, Jones, Mount, VanKoughnett,  
Duncombe, Jarvis, Samson, Warren,  
Elliott, McMartin, Sol. General, Werden,  
R. Fraser, Macnab, Thomson, W. Wilson—18  
Ingersoll, Morris,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Bidwell, Howard, Norton, Roblin, Nays 11.  
Buell, McCall, Perry, Shaver—11.  
Campbell, D. McDonald, Randal,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and is as follows:

Resolved, That the items now appearing on the order of the day be proceeded in as follows, that is to say:—After referring petitions and the disposal of such matters as may have been placed first on the order of the day, by a resolution of the House, all motions for addresses be taken up and disposed of—secondly the first reading of Bills—thirdly all motions for Committee of Supply—and fourthly, second readings of Bills, and that these respective matters be taken up in the order in which they now stand on the order of the day, without debate.

Resolution.

Mr. Duncombe, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of David Burns, and others, inhabitants of the County of Oxford, on the subject of Common Schools, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report and the draft of an address, both of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Committee on the petition of D. Burns and others submits a report and draft of Address.

The report was received and read, and the address was read a first time.

Report and Draft of Address on Common Schools— (see Appendix.)

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the report of the Select Committee, just read, upon the subject of Common Schools be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon the same subject.

Report referred to Committee of whole.

Ordered.

Mr. Ingersoll, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that five hundred copies of the report on Common Schools, be printed for the use of Members.

Report to be printed.

Ordered.

On the order of the day for the second reading of the Township Officers' Bill being called, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves that the question be not now put, but that the Bill be the first on the order of the day for Wednesday, fourth January next.

Second reading Township officers' Bill deferred till 4th January.

Ordered.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that his name be expunged from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, and the name of Morris, inserted in its stead.

Which was lost.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that it be—

Resolved, That while this House fully appreciates His Majesty's Gracious intention, in granting a Royal Charter for the establishment of a University in this Province, we would most humbly beg leave to represent that as the great majority of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, are not members of the Church of England, we regret that the Charter contains provisions which are calculated to exclude from its principal Offices and honors all who do not belong to that Church.

Resolution relative to the Charter of King's College.

In consequence of these provisions its benefits will be confined to a few individuals of one religious denomination, while others of His Majesty's Subjects, equally loyal and deserving, will be excluded from participating in advantages which should be open to all. Its influence as a seminary of learning, on this account, must be limited, and will be looked upon with jealousy by a large majority of the inhabitants of this Province, that therefore it is expedient to present an humble address to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause the Charter of King's College to be cancelled, and to grant another free from the objections to which our duty to the people of this Province has induced us to advert.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

House divides on adoption of resolution.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Buell, Jones, Norton, Shaver,  
Campbell, Ketchum, Perry, Thomson,  
Elliott, D. McDonald, Randal, Warren,  
Howard, McMartin, Roblin, Werden,  
Ingersoll, Morris, Samson, W. Wilson—20

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Sol. General,—2.

Nays 2.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eighteen.

Committee to draft Address.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that Messieurs Morris and Mount, be a Committee to draft and report an address pursuant to the resolution of this House on the subject of the Charter of King's College.

Ordered.

Address reported.

Mr. Morris, from the Committee to draft an address to His Majesty, founded on the resolution of the House of this day, on the subject of the Charter of King's College, reported a draft which was received and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

Jury regulation Bill brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Norton, moves for leave to bring in a bill for the regulation of Juries.

Second to-morrow.

Which was granted and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Jury Bill to be printed.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that two hundred copies of the bill for the regulation of Juries be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

Bill relative to actions of ejection brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves for leave to bring in a bill to amend the laws now in force relating to actions of ejection.

Second to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Bill relative to embezzlement brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves for leave to bring in a bill to protect masters against embezzlement by their Clerks or Servants.

Second to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Bill relative to bills of exchange brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves for leave to bring in a bill to regulate acceptances of Bills of Exchange, and to facilitate the recovery of negotiable securities.

Second to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Bill relating to negotiable securities brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves for leave to bring in a bill to afford relief to bona fide holders of negotiable securities.

Second to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Assessment amendment Bill brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves for leave to bring in a bill to amend the several laws now in force which impose Assessments upon wild land in this Province.

Second to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Spirituous Liquors Bill brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Buell, moves for leave to bring in a bill to prevent the consumption of Spirituous Liquors within Shops.

Second to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Married Women's real Estate conveyance Bill brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves for leave to bring in a bill to enable married Women to convey their Real Estate by Will.

Second to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Bathurst Representation Bill brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Lewis, moves for leave to bring in a bill to repeal the law now in force which limits the Representation of the Counties of Lanark and Carleton to one member each.

Second to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Improvident patent Bill brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves for leave to bring in a bill for the relief of sundry persons claiming lands in this Province, in cases where Patents have improvidently issued to the original nominees for such lands.

Second reading to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Bill to expend certain road money brought in and read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Buell, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves for leave to bring in a bill to provide for the expenditure of a sum of money granted last Session, on Roads in the Johnstown District, remaining unexpended, of the grant of last Session.

Second reading to-morrow.

Which was granted, and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of Supply. House in Committee of supply.

Mr. D. McDonald was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. McDonald reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow. Sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Solicitor General, from the Committee of Conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Brockville, and to establish a Police therein," presented a Report, which was received, and read as follows:— Committee of conference on Brockville Police Bill reports.

Report of Committee of Conference on Brockville Police bill—

(Report—see Appendix.)

Mr. Duncombe, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of William Richardson and others, of Brantford, in the Gore District, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it. Committee on petition of W. Richardson and others report.

The Report was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the report of the Committee on the petition of William Richardson and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply. Report referred to supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Duncombe, from the Select committee to which was referred the petition of P. H. Hamilton and others, of the Township of Norwich, in the London District, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report, which he was ready to present whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same. Committee on petition of P. H. Hamilton and others report.

The report was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Mr. Attorney General, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Moses Maynard, the younger, of the Town of Brockville, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same. Committee on petition of Moses Maynard report by Bill.

The report was received, and the bill for the relief of Moses Maynard was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

At ten o'clock, the Speaker, Clerk, Serjeant-at-Arms, and Members present, waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the address of the House to His Excellency, requesting His Excellency to transmit the addresses to His Majesty on the subject of the Clergy Reserves and School Lands, and returned. House waits on His Excellency with address to transmit addresses to His Majesty.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Speaker reported that the House had waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with its address, requesting His Excellency to transmit the addresses to His Majesty, to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:— Speaker reports answer.

GENTLEMEN,

I will take an early opportunity of transmitting to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, these addresses to His Majesty. Answer.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the whole on the settlement of the Province. House in Committee on settlement of Province.

Mr. McCall was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. McCall reported that the Committee had agreed to several resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Several resolutions reported.

On the question for receiving the Report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides on receiving report.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy,	Jones,	Morris,	VanKoughnett,
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Mount,	Warren,
Duncombe,	McCall,	Norton,	Werden,
Elliott,	D. McDonald,	Samson,	W. Wilson—21
R. Fraser,	McMartin,	Thomson,	
Ingersoll,	Macnab,		

*NAYS.—Messieurs.*

*Nays 10.* Bidwell, Campbell, Perry, Sol. General,  
Buell, Howard, Roblin, 10.  
Burwell, Ketchum, Shaver,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven, and the report was received.

The first resolution was then put, and carried, as follows :

*First resolution put and carried.*

Resolved—That it is highly important and desirable, that the greatest facility and convenience should be afforded to the inhabitants of this Province and to Emigrants who arrive in this country with an intention of settling on the waste lands of the Crown.

The second Resolution was then read as follows :

*Second resolution read.*

Resolved—That by an order of the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council of 13th March, 1819, it was declared that "a great inconvenience accrues to Emigrants desirous to become settlers in this Province, from the necessity of presenting themselves at York before they can obtain a location on the waste lands of the Crown. For remedy thereof, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, is pleased to appoint in each District, certain persons to form a Board, with power to locate any Emigrant or other person desirous to become a settler in the respective District, on a lot of one hundred Acres within the same, under such limitations and restrictions and rules, as from time to time may be made for the government of the said Board, by any order in Council."

*Amendment proposed to second resolution.*

In amendment, Mr. Buell seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that after the word "Resolved" in the original resolution, the whole be expunged, and the following inserted:—"That the present mode of disposing of the waste lands of the Crown is in many instances unsatisfactory, and that it is therefore expedient and desirable that the disposal of such lands should be placed under the control of the Legislature and regulated by law."

*House divides on proposed amendment.*

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

*Yeas 11.* Bidwell, Duncombe, Norton, Roblin,  
Buell, Howard, Perry, Shaver,—11.  
Campbell, Ketchum, Randal,

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

*Nays 20.* Atty. General, R. Fraser, McMartin, Thomson,  
Berczy, Ingersoll, Macnab, VanKoughnett,  
Burwell, Jones, Morris, Warren,  
Chisholm, Lewis, Mount, Werden,  
Elliott, D. McDonald, Samson, W. Wilson—20

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of nine.

*House divides on original resolution.*

On the original question the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

*Yeas 19.* Berczy, Jones, Morris, VanKoughnett,  
Chisholm, Lewis, Mount, Warren,  
Duncombe, D. McDonald, Roblin, Werden,  
R. Fraser, McMartin, Samson, W. Wilson—19  
Ingersoll, Macnab, Thomson,

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

*Nays 10.* Bidwell, Campbell, Norton, Randal,  
Buell, Howard, Perry, Shaver—10.  
Burwell, Ketchum,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of nine, and it was—

*Second resolution on settlement of Province.*

Resolved—That by an order of the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council, of the 13th March, 1819, it was declared, that "a great inconvenience accrues to Emigrants desirous to become settlers in this Province, from the necessity of presenting themselves at York before they can obtain a location on the waste lands of the Crown. For remedy thereof, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, is pleased to appoint in each District, certain persons to form a Board, with power to locate any Emigrant or other person desirous to become a settler in the respective District on a lot of one hundred Acres within the same, under such limitations and restrictions and rules as from time to time may be made for the Government of the said Board, by any Order in Council."

The third resolution was put and carried as follows:—

Resolved—That the establishment of the said Land Boards was a measure of wise policy, and afforded the means of settlement to a vast number of respectable Emigrants who, without the convenience thus presented, would have gone to reside in the United States. *Third resolution put and carried.*

The fourth resolution was put as follows:—

Resolved—That the abolition of those Boards, and the establishment at York of an Office for the sale of Crown Lands, may have the effect of raising a revenue of a few thousand pounds, but has, in no wise, operated a change advantageous to the public, but, on the contrary, substituted a system extremely inconvenient to the people and injurious to the settlement of the Province, inasmuch as Emigrant families and the inhabitants of this Province cannot become acquainted with the Townships best adapted for settlement, as no means of information are afforded in the several Districts, and consequently that the expense and uncertainty occasioned by delay drive numerous individuals to a foreign Country. *Fourth resolution on settlement of Province put.*

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: *House divides.*

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Berczy, Jones, Mount, VanKoughnett,  
Chisholm, Lewis, Norton, Warren, *Yeas 21.*  
Duncombe, D. McDonald, Roblin, Werden,  
Elliott, McMartin, Samson, W. Wilson—21  
R. Fraser, Macnab, Thomson,  
Ingersoll, Morris,

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Bidwell, Campbell, Perry, Sol. General, *Nays 10.*  
Buell, Howard, Randal, 10.  
Burwell, Ketchum, Shaver,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven.

The fifth resolution was then put and carried as follows :

Resolved—That in the opinion of this House the high prices at which, in many instances, Lands have been sold, and the fact that a valuation has not been fixed at once upon all the lands throughout the Province, whereby it has repeatedly occurred that persons could not ascertain what they would have to pay for the lots they were desirous to purchase, are circumstances which must have operated to decrease their sale: wherefore it is desirable that a valuation should be put upon all the disposable lands of the Crown, so as to enable the Emigrants, and others who might wish to settle in this Province, to ascertain their price at once. *Fifth resolution put and carried.*

The sixth resolution was then put as follows:—

Resolved—That the disposal of Crown Lands according to the plan now in operation, in place of giving encouragement to the thousands of Emigrants who yearly come to Upper Canada, has a manifest tendency to prevent their location, as their limited means, and anxiety to obtain a speedy settlement, give to the more wealthy inhabitants an easy opportunity of coming into successful competition in the purchase of these lands. *Sixth resolution put.*

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: *House divides on sixth resolution.*

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Berczy, Lewis, Norton, VanKoughnett,  
Elliott, D. McDonald, Roblin, Warren, *Yeas 17.*  
R. Fraser, McMartin, Samson, Werden,—17.  
Ingersoll, Macnab, Thomson,  
Jones, Morris,

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Bidwell, Duncombe, Mount, Shaver,  
Buell, Howard, Perry, Sol. General, *Nays 14.*  
Campbell, Ketchum, Randal, W. Wilson—14  
Chisholm, McCall,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three.

The seventh resolution was then put as follows:—

Resolved—That to remedy the inconvenience and difficulties consequent upon the present arrangement, it were to be desired that agents should be stationed in each District of the Province, who might be under the control of the Commissioner at York, to whom should be delegated the power to dispose of the Crown and Clergy Lands, and through them every information, in relation to quality, situation and prices thereof, *Seventh resolution on settlement of Province put.*

might be obtained without reference to any other Office—for which purpose they should be provided with every requisite to accomplish the end desired.

House divides on seventh resolution. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 20. Berzcy, Jones, Morris, Thomson,  
Duncombe, Lewis, Mount, VanKoughnett,  
Elliott, D. McDonald, Norton, Warren,  
R. Fraser, McMartin, Roblin, Werden,  
Ingersoll, Macnab, Samson, W. Wilson—20

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 11. Bidwell, Chisholm, McCall, Shaver,  
Buell, Howard, Perry, Sol. General,  
Campbell, Ketchum, Randal, 11.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of nine.

The eighth resolution was then put as follows :

Eighth resolution put. Resolved—That there are several large tracts of unoccupied lands belonging to Indians on the main road leading through the Province from Lower Canada to Amherstburgh ; and as their situation much impedes settlement, and makes it difficult to keep the said road in repair, that it would be advisable that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor should treat with, and purchase from the said Indians who are owners thereof, so much of said land as would form a range of lots on each side of the road passing through the same, and dispose of the said Lots, on condition of actual settlement.

House divides on eighth resolution. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 21. Berzcy, Jones, Mount, Thomson,  
Chisholm, Lewis, Norton, VanKoughnett,  
Duncombe, D. McDonald, Randal, Warren,  
Elliott, McMartin, Roblin, Werden,  
R. Fraser, Morris, Samson, W. Wilson—21  
Ingersoll,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 7. Buell, Howard, Perry, Sol. General,  
Campbell, Ketchum, Shaver, 7.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority fourteen.

The ninth resolution was then put and carried as follows :

Ninth resolution put and carried. Resolved, That it is expedient to address His Most Gracious Majesty on this highly important subject, and to communicate to Him the substance of the foregoing resolutions, praying His Majesty to modify the present system which authorises the sale of Crown Lands, in conformity to the wishes suggested in the said resolutions.

Committee appointed to draft address. Mr. Berzcy, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that Messrs. Morris and Mount, be a Committee to draft and report an address in conformity to the foregoing resolutions.

Ordered.

200 copies of resolutions on settlement of Province to be printed. Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Berzcy, moves that two hundred copies of the resolutions on the settlement of the Province, and sale of Crown Lands, with the amendments proposed to the same, and also the yeas and nays be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

Documents relating to School Lands to be printed. Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that five hundred copies of the documents sent down to this House by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in regard to School Lands in this Province, be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

Report of Select Committee on petition of Messrs Thomson and McFarlane to be printed. Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that five hundred copies of the report of the Committee on the petition of Messieurs Thomson and MacFarlane, and the resolutions with the yeas and nays on that subject, be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

House goes into Committee on address on Charter of King's College. On the order of the day for the third reading of the Address to His Majesty, on the subject of King's College being called—

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves that the Address be not now read a third time, but that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the same.

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Which was carried, and Mr. Morris was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Morris reported the Address as amended.

Address amended.  
Third reading to-morrow.

The report was received, and the Address was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Samson, from the Select Committee of Conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal part of, amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the last Session of the present Parliament, entitled, 'An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District,' and to authorise the Magistrates within the said County to raise a loan on the credit of the Assessments levied in said County," presented a report which was received and read.

Committee of Conference on Prince Edward bill report.

(Report of Conference—see Appendix.)

Mr. Shaver, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report to this House what laws had expired, and were about to expire, presented a report which was received and read.

Committee on expiring laws report.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Mr. Werden gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the last Session of the present Parliament, entitled, "An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District."

Notice of Prince Edward District amendment bill.

Mr. Jones gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill to establish an Elective Police in the Town of Brockville, with corporate powers.

Notice of Brockville corporation bill.

Mr. Norton gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill for the purpose of relieving the members of Fire Companies from certain duties.

Notice of Fire Companies bill.

Mr. Norton, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Justus S. Merwin and others, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Committee on petition of Justus S. Merwin and others reports.

The report was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Justus S. Merwin and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Report referred to Committee of supply.

Ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause the Sheriffs of the several Districts of this Province to lay before this House, forthwith, a detailed account, upon oath, of all monies received by them for lands sold in their respective Districts for default of payment of the wild land assessment tax—the particular day on which the same was received—the person or persons from whom received, and the day when the same, or any part, was paid over by them to the Treasurers ;—also, that His Excellency will cause the Treasurers of the several Districts throughout the Province to lay before this House a detailed account, upon oath, of all monies received by them from the Sheriffs, on account of lands sold in their respective Districts for default of payment of the wild land assessment tax—the particular day on which the same was received, as also an account of the several payments made for the redemption of such lots or parcels of land as were sold—the number of the lots redeemed—by whom redeemed, and the day when the same were redeemed—and that Messrs. R. D. Fraser and Duncombe be a Committee to draft and report said Address.

Motion for address to His Excellency for returns from Sheriffs and Treasurers of monies received by authority of the wild land assessment act.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :—

House divides on question.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Duncombe, Macnab, Roblin,  
Berzcy, Elliott, Morris, Shaver,  
Bidwell, R. Fraser, Mount, VanKoughnett, Yeas 21.  
Buell, Howard, Norton, Werden—21.  
Campbell, Ketchum, Perry,  
Chisholm, Lewis,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Jarvis, McMartin, Thomson, Nays 6.  
Jones, Samson, 5.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of sixteen.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Petition of R. H. Algeo and others brought up. Mr. Robinson brought up the petition of Robert H. Algeo and forty-five others, of the County of Simcoe; which was laid on the table.

Address to King on college Charter read 3rd time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Majesty, on the subject of the Charter of King's College, was read the third time.

On passing House divides. On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messieurs.

Table with 4 columns of names: Berzey, Buell, Bidwell, Campbell, Chisholm, Clark, Duncombe, Elliott, Howard, Jones, Ketchum, Lewis, Lyons, McCall, D. McDonald, McMartin, Macon, Morris, Mount, Norton, Perry, Randal, Robin, Samson, Shade, Shaver, Thomson, Warren, Werden. Includes 'Yeas 29.' and '29.'

NAYS—Messieurs.

Table with 4 columns of names: Atty. General, Brown, R. Fraser, Macnab, Robinson, Sol. General, VanKoughnett. Includes 'Nays 7.' and '7.'

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-two, and the Address was signed by the Speaker, and is as follows:

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beg leave to submit to Your Majesty, that while we fully appreciate the gracious intention of our late revered Sovereign, to promote Education by granting a Royal Charter for the establishment of an University in this Province, we feel it incumbent on us to represent that as the great majority of Your Majesty's Subjects in this Province, are not members of the Church of England, it is a matter of regret, that the Charter contains provisions which are calculated to exclude from its principal Offices and honors all who do not belong to that Church.

In consequence of these provisions the benefits of the institution will be confined to a few individuals of one religious denomination, while others of Your Majesty's Subjects, equally loyal and deserving, will be excluded from participating in advantages which should be open to all.

Its influence as a seminary of learning, on this account, must be limited, and will be looked upon with jealousy by a large majority of the inhabitants of this Province.

We therefore humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause the Charter of King's College to be cancelled, and to grant another free from the objections to which our duty to the people of this Province has induced us to advert.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN, SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, 28th December, 1831.

Petition of Jabez Hall and others read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Jabez Hall, and one hundred and thirty-five others, of the Township of Whitby, in the Home District, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank and others, inhabitants of Vaughan—[see page 17.] The petition of Benjamin Munger, and thirty-nine others of Chinguacousy and Caledon, praying that some general method may be adopted by law to remedy the evil existing in the way in which the late Surveys of Townships have been executed. The petition of Orin Church, and fifty-six others, of the Townships of Chinguacousy and Toronto, praying for a grant of money to improve the base line between said Townships. The petition of John Perry, and fourteen others, of the Township of Essa, in the County of Simcoe, praying for a further grant of thirty pounds to complete the

causeway over a swamp, leading to said Township; and the petition of Mary Ann Shaw and John S. Baldwin, Esq. praying that the estates of the late Major General Shaw, may be vested in Trustees for the disposal of the same, in consequence of the heir at law being, at present, of unsound mind—were read.

Mr. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that the petition of Benjamin Munger, and others, be referred to the Committee on Surveying.

Ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves that the petition of John Perry, and others, of the County of Simcoe, praying for aid to their road, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the petition of Mary Ann Shaw, and John S. Baldwin, Esq. be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Attorney General and Robinson, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon.

Ordered.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a second Market in the Town of York.

Which was granted and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, informing His Excellency, that this House has passed an Address to His Majesty, on the subject of the Charter of King's College; and requesting His Excellency to transmit the same: and that Messrs. Morris and Mount be a Committee to draft and report the same.

Ordered.

Mr. Morris, from the Select Committee, to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to transmit the Address to the King, on the subject of the Charter of King's College, presented a draft, which was received and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that two hundred copies of each of the Bills sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of a Court of Appeal, and respecting ordinances of Quebec, be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Warren, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the law now in force for the summary conviction of persons selling liquor without license.

Which was granted and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that the communication of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, of the seventh December, instant, respecting the expenses incurred by the Treasurer and other officers of the Home District, in consequence of the Court House being used by the Legislature for the last Session of the tenth Parliament, and first and second Sessions of the eleventh Parliament, be referred to a Committee composed of Messrs. Macnab and Samson, with power to report thereon.

Ordered.

Mr. Berczy, from the Committee to which were referred the public accounts for the past year, sent down by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a first report, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The Report was received and read.

Report on Public Accounts—(See Appendix.)

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to compel persons holding District Offices to reside in the several and respective District Towns for which they shall be appointed.

Which was granted and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Petition of Mary Ann Shaw and J. S. Baldwin read.

Petition of B. Munger and others referred.

Petition of John Perry and others referred to supply.

Petition of Mary Ann Shaw and J. S. Baldwin referred.

York second market bill read.

Second to-morrow.

An address to be sent to His Excellency to transmit address to King.

Address to His Excellency concurred in.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill from Legislative Council to be printed.

Liquor selling prevention bill brought in and read.

Second to-morrow.

Message of His Excellency respecting expenses incurred by reason of the Parliament sitting in Court House referred.

Committee public accounts report.

District Officers bill read 1st time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Report on public accounts to be printed. Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Buell, moves that fifty copies of the report of the Committee on public accounts be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

Election bill brought in and read. Agreeably to notice, Mr. Roblin, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the elective franchise to lease holders, in certain cases.

Second to-morrow. Which was granted and the Bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

District Court bill read 2nd time and Committed. Agreeably to the order of the day the District Court Bill was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Robinson was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Robinson reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Petition of E. H. Leonard and others brought up. Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of E. H. Leonard, and seventy-four others, of the Townships of Esquesing, Trafalgar, Chinguacousy and Toronto, in the Home and Gore Districts; which was laid on the table.

Of J. Ransom and others. Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of J. Ransom and one hundred and nineteen others, inhabitants of the Township of Toronto; which was laid on the table.

Of Rev. Wm. MacAulay. Mr. Werden brought up the petition of the Rev. William MacAulay, of Picton, in the County of Prince Edward; which was laid on the table.

Of Arad Smalley and others. Mr. Robinson brought up the petition of Arad Smalley, and twenty-eight others, of East Gwillimbury, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Of Samuel Hodgkinson and others. Mr. Clark brought up the petition of Samuel Hodgkinson, of the Township of Grantham, in the County of Lincoln; which was laid on the table.

Of D. McKinnon and others. Mr. D. McDonald brought up the petition of D. McKinnon, and six hundred and thirty-five others, inhabitants of the Ottawa and Bathurst Districts; which was laid on the table.

And of Thos. Duncan, Senior, and others. Mr. D. McDonald brought up the petition of Thomas Duncan, Senior, and two hundred and thirty-four others, inhabitants of the Townships of Lochiel and Kenyon, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Address to His Excellency to transmit address to King passed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to transmit to His Majesty's Secretary of State, for the Colonies, the Address to the King, on the subject of King's College Charter, was read the third time, passed and signed, and is as follows:

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &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, have passed an Address to His Majesty, on the subject of the Charter of King's College, which we respectfully pray Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN, SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
29th December, 1831. }

Committee to wait on His Excellency to know when he will receive the House with address to King. Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Warren, moves that Messrs. Mount and Elliott be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to learn when he will be pleased to receive this House, with the Address to His Majesty, on the subject of the Charter of King's College.

Ordered.

Mr. Duncombe gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill regulating common Schools in this Province. Notice of common School bill.

Mr. VanKoughnett gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Joint Resolutions of the Legislature of last Session, upon the subject of the Improvement of the Saint Lawrence, to the Governor General of Lower Canada, and to request the Governor General to call the early attention of the Legislature of that Province, to that important subject. Notice of address to His Excellency to transmit certain resolutions on improvement of the St. Lawrence to Lower Canada.

Mr. Crooks gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the manner of holding elections in the County of Lincoln. Notice of Lincoln Election bill.

Mr. Roblin, seconded by Mr. W. Wilson, moves that the petition of the Rev. William Macaulay be now read, and that the forty-third rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as relates to the same. Petition of Rev. W. MacAulay read.

Which was carried, and the petition of the Rev. William Macaulay, praying that an Act may be passed to enable the Magistrates of the County of Prince Edward, more effectually to carry into operation the provisions of an Act of the last Session of the Provincial Legislature, for erecting the said County into a separate District, was read.

Mr. Roblin, seconded by Mr. Wm. Wilson, moves that the petition of the Rev. Wm. Macaulay be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Samson and Werden, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise. And referred to select Committee.

Ordered.

Mr. Werden, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of the Rev. Wm. Macaulay, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to the draft of a Bill which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same. Committee on petition of Rev. William MacAulay reports bill.

The report was received, and the Bill for facilitating the erection of the County of Prince Edward into a separate District, was read the first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow. Prince Edward bill read

Mr. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Duncombe, moves that the petition of Jabez Hall, and others, of the Township of Whitby, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Vaughan. Petition of Jabez Hall and others referred.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for the distribution of Intestates Estates, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House. Estates distribution bill read 2nd time and referred to Committee of whole.

Mr. Mount was called to the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair to receive a message.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

Mr. Mount reported the Bill with amendments. Bill amended.

On the question for receiving the Report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy,	Duncombe,	McCall,	Roblin,
Bidwell,	Howard,	Magon,	Shaver,
Buell,	Jones,	Mount,	Warren,
Campbell,	Ketchum,	Norton,	Werden,
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Perry,	W. Wilson—23
Clark,	Lyons,	Randal,	

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Elliott,	Morris,	Shade,
Boulton,	Jarvis,	Robinson,	Sol. General,
Brown,	Macnab,	Samson,	Van Koughnett,

12.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven, the report was received, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Macnab, from the Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of this House relative to the Jesuits' Estates, reported delivering the same, and that His Excellency was pleased to make thereto the following answer:

For answer and communications on Jesuits' Estates: (See Appendix.)

Mr. Speaker reported that the Master in Chancery had brought down, from the Honorable the Legislative Council, a message, which was read as follows :

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject matter of a Bill sent up to this House, entitled, "An Act to regulate Line Fences and Water Courses," and have appointed the Honorable Messrs. Clark and Crooks to be the Conferees on the part of the Legislative Council, who will be ready to meet a Committee on the part of the Commons House of Assembly, for that purpose, to-morrow, at two of the clock, P.M. in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council.

JOHN. B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
29th December, 1831. }

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that the reply of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to the Address of this House, on the subject of the Jesuits' Estates, with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the whole House, on to-morrow.

Ordered.

Mr. Morris seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council for a conference on the subject of the Bill, entitled, "An Act to regulate Line Fences and Water Courses," be acceded to, and that Messrs. Elliott, Magon, Mount and McMartin, be a Committee for that purpose, and that a message be sent to that Honorable House, informing them that the conferees of this House will proceed to the Joint Committee Room, at the time appointed.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of the President and Directors of the Welland Canal Company, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by Bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The report was received, and the Bill to enable the Welland Canal Company to collect tolls on the cut at the mouth of the Welland River, was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 30th DECEMBER, 1831.

THE HOUSE MET.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Solicitor General brought up the petition of John Macanlay, and nine others, Magistrates, of the Town of Kingston; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Brown brought up the petition of William Falkner, Esq. J. P. Chairman of the Quarter Sessions of the Newcastle District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Jones brought up the petition of Henry Sherwood, of Brockville, Esq.; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Duncombe brought up the petition of William Bergin, and twenty-four others of the Town of York; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Norton brought up the petition of Alpheus Jones, and one hundred and forty-nine others, of the County of Grenville; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Joseph Neilson and thirty-six others, of the Incorporated Counties of Lennox and Addington; which was laid on the table.

Mr. VanKoughnettt brought up the petition of Samuel Hart, and fifty-two others, of the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

On the order of the day for the third reading of the Bill for the distribution of Intestates Estates being called, Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be referred to a Select Committee to consider and report to the House a modification of the law of primogeniture which would entitle the younger branches of children, whose father dies intestate, to claim from the heir at law a certain portion of the value of any real estate which the

Intestate may die seized of, and that Messrs. Attorney General and Bidwell do compose the said Committee.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	R. Fraser,	Magon,	Samson,	Yeas 14.
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Shade,	
Crooks,	Jarvis,	Mount,	VanKoughnettt,	
Elliott,	D. McDonald,		14.	

NAYS—Messieurs,

Berezy,	Duncombe,	Norton,	Sol. General,	
Bidwell,	Howard,	Perry,	Thomson,	
Campbell,	Ketchum,	Randal,	Warren,	Nays 20.
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Roblin,	Werden,	
Clark,	McCall,	Shaver,	W. Wilson—20	

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of six, and the Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Berezy, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves in amendment, that the words—"whether there be issue of the Intestate or not," in the second clause of the Bill, be expunged, and after the word "administrators" the following be inserted:—"where there shall be no issue of the Intestate, but in case of the Intestate having issue, then the husband shall have one half of the estate of the said Intestate, and the children of the said Intestate shall equally divide the other half thereof."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messieurs,

Berezy,	Howard,	Randal,	Warren,	Yeas 11.
Buell,	Ingersoll,	Roblin,	W. Wilson—11	
Clark,	Magon,	Thomson,		

NAYS—Messieurs,

Bidwell,	Elliott,	McCall,	Norton,	
Boulton,	R. Fraser,	D. McDonald,	Perry,	
Brown,	Jones,	McMartin,	Samson,	
Campbell,	Ketchum,	Macnab,	Shaver,	
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Morris,	Sol. General,	Nays 23.
Crooks,	Lyons,	Mount,	VanKoughnettt,	
Duncombe,			25.	

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of fourteen.

On the question for passing the Bill, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messieurs,

Berezy,	Howard,	McCall,	Roblin,	
Bidwell,	Ingersoll,	Magon,	Shaver,	
Buell,	Jones,	Mount,	Thomson,	Yeas 25.
Campbell,	Ketchum,	Norton,	Warren,	
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Perry,	Werden,	
Clark,	Lyons,	Randal,	W. Wilson—25	
Duncombe,				

NAYS—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Samson,	
Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Macnab,	Sol. General,	Nays 14.
Brown,	Jarvis,	Morris,	VanKoughnettt,	
Crooks,	D. McDonald,		14.	

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven, and the Bill was signed by the Speaker.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act for the more equal distribution of the property of persons dying Intestate."

Which was carried, and Messrs. Bidwell and Roblin were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Robert H. Algeo, and forty-five others, of the County of Simcoe, praying the House to grant to them one hundred pounds for the purpose of making a good road sufficient for teams and carriages to pass the head of Kempenfelt Bay; and twelve pounds ten shillings for the purpose of opening the road from the head of said Bay to the Penetanguishine road; and a further sum of fifteen pounds for the purpose of opening and repairing the mill road on the fifth concession line of the Township of Vespra, was read.

Message from Legislative Council requesting conference on line fence bill.

Papers relating to Jesuits Estates referred.

Conference on line fence bill needed to, and Committee appointed.

Committee on Welland Canal petition report.

Welland Canal toll bill read.

Second to-morrow.

Petitions brought up.

Of John Macanlay and others, Magistrates.

W. Falkner Esq. and others.

Henry Sherwood Esq.

Wm. Bergin and others.

Alpheus Jones and others.

Joseph Neilson and others.

Samuel Hart and others.

Motion for referring Estate distribution bill to a Select Committee for amendment.

House divides.

Bill read 3rd time.

Proposed amendment to bill.

House divides on proposed amendment.

Yeas 11.

Nays 23.

House divides on passing.

Yeas 25.

Nays 14.

Title.

Bill sent to Legislative Council.

Petition read of R. H. Algeo and others.

Petition of R. H. Algeo and others referred.	Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Lewis, moves that the petition of Robert H. Algeo, and others, of the County of Simcoe, be referred to the Committee of Supply.	Mr. Attorney General brought up the petition of John Carey, of the Town of York, Printer; which was laid on the table.
	Ordered.	Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for attaching the property of Absconding Debtors was read the third time.
Registry bill brought in and read.	Agreeably to notice, Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Registry Laws of the Province.	Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the following clause be inserted in the Bill, as an amendment, before the last clause of the Bill:—
Second to-morrow.	Which was granted, and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.	“And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall not apply or be extended to any case where the debtor shall be absent from this Province at the time of the passing of this Act, unless such debtor shall return into this Province after the passing thereof, and all proceedings in any case hereby excepted from the operation of this Act shall be set aside on its being made to appear to the Court in which such proceedings shall be had, that the person against whom such proceedings were had, was absent from this Province, at the time of the passing of this Act.”
Registry bill to be printed.	Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Duncombe, moves that two hundred copies of the Registry Bill be printed for the use of Members.	Ordered.
Committee on survey bill reports.	Mr. Mount, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill for the regulation of the Survey of the side lines of lots in certain Townships in this Province, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report, which, together with the bill, he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.	Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of E. H. Leonard, and seventy-four others, of the Townships of Esquising, Trafalgar, Chinguacousey and Toronto, in the Home and Gore Districts, praying for a grant of one hundred and fifty pounds, to be laid out on the road leading from McNabb's in Esquising, to Streetsville, on the Town Line between Esquising and Chinguacousey to the side line between ten and eleven in Toronto, thence to the line between the fourth and fifth concession, and thence to Streetsville. The petition of Arad Smalley, and twenty-eight others, of East Gwillimbury, in the Home District, praying for a sum of money to repair the road leading along the third concession of the same, and continuing through West Gwillimbury. The petition of Samuel Hodgkinson, of the Township of Grantham, in the County of Lincoln, praying that his pension may be restored to him. The petition of D. McKinnon, and six hundred and thirty-five others, of the Ottawa and Bathurst Districts, praying that a new District may be formed out of parts of the before mentioned Districts, having reference to their petitions to previous Sessions of the Legislature for that purpose. The petition of Thomas Duncan, Senior, and two hundred and thirty-four others, inhabitants of the Townships of Lochiel and Kenyon, in the Eastern District, praying that said Townships may be attached to the Ottawa District, together with the Indian lands bordering upon the said Ottawa District; and the petition of J. Ransom, and one hundred and nineteen others, inhabitants of the Township of Toronto, in the Home District, praying for the sum of one hundred pounds to repair the road leading from Streetsville to the Lake Shore—were read.
	The report was received and read. (Report—see Appendix.)	Ordered.
Bill read.	The Bill was read a first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.	Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, in certain cases, was read the second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.
Second to-morrow.		Mr. Ingersoll was called to the chair.
Imprisonment for debt abolition bill read 2nd time and Committed.		The House resumed.
Progress.	Mr. Ingersoll reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.	Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the Committee of the whole on the Bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Bidwell and Macnab, with power to report thereon.
Bill to abolish imprisonment for debt referred to Select Committee.		Ordered.
Bill to abolish oaths and tests read 2nd time and Committed.	Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to abolish oaths and tests in certain cases, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.	Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves that the petition of Arad Smalley, and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.
	Mr. Berczy was called to the chair.	Ordered.
	The House resumed.	Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that the petition of John Knowlson, and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.
Again to-morrow.	Mr. Berczy reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.	Ordered.
Banking bill read 2nd time.	Agreeably to the order of the day, the Banking Bill was read a second time, and on the question for the House to go into Committee on the Bill—	Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the petition of Samuel Hodgkinson be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Ingersoll and Crooks, to report thereon.
Bill to be Committed to-morrow.	Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves, in amendment, that the Bill be referred to a Committee to-morrow.	Ordered.
	Ordered.	Mr. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the petitions of George Shunk, and others, Edward H. Leonard, and others, and J. Ransom, and others, be referred to the Road Committee.
Absconding debtors' bill read 2nd time, and Committed.	Agreeably to the order of the day, the absconding debtors' bill was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.	Ordered.
	Mr. Duncombe was called to the chair.	Mr. Morris, from the Select Committee to which was referred the account of expenditures of the Welland Canal Company, during the last year, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report, and the draft of a Bill; both of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.
	The House resumed.	The report was received and read.
Third reading to-morrow.	The report was received and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.	(Report—see Appendix.)
	Adjourned.	The Bill for altering the mode of appointing Directors to the Welland Canal Company, was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

SATURDAY, 31st DECEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Magon brought up the petition of John Wigle, Senior, and forty-two others, inhabitants of the County of Essex; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Clark brought up the petition of Duncan McFarlane, and fifty-one others, inhabitants of the Niagara District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of William Porter, and two hundred and four others, of Etobicoke, Vaughan, Gore of Toronto, Albion, and Caledon, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Committee on petition of Hugh Richardson and others report.

Mr. Jarvis, from the Committee to which was referred the petition of Hugh Richardson, and others, relative to improving the Harbour at York—informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The Report was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Report referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that the report of the Select Committee on the petition of Hugh Richardson, and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Address to His Excellency relative to returns from Sheriffs reported.

Mr. Duncombe, from the Committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, founded on a resolution of this House, relative to returns from Sheriffs and Treasurers, of monies received and paid over on account of assessments on Wild Lands, presented a draft of an Address, which was received and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Third reading on Monday.

Absconding debtors bill passed.

The Bill to attach the property of Absconding Debtors, as amended, was read a third time, and passed.

Title.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act to afford means for attaching the property of absconding debtors."

Bill sent to Legislative Council.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Jarvis and Mount, were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Committee reports on expenses incurred by Parliament sitting in Court House.

Mr. Jarvis, from the Select Committee to which was referred the communication from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative to expenses incurred by the Home District, in consequence of the Court House being given up for the accommodation of the Legislature, presented a Report, which was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Report referred to supply.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that the report of the Select Committee on the subject of the expenses incurred by the Home District, in consequence of the Court House having been used for the accommodation of the Legislature, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Committee of supply.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Elliott was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Two resolutions reported.

Mr. Elliott reported that the Committee had agreed to two resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House; and asked leave to sit again on Monday next.

House divides on reading report.

On the question for receiving the report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy,	Ingersoll,	Magon,	Shaver,
Bidwell,	Jarvis,	Morris,	Sol. General,
Buell,	Jones,	Mount,	Thomson,
Duncombe,	Ketchum,	Perry,	Werden,
R. Fraser,	Lewis,	Samson,	W. Wilson—22
Howard,	McCall,		

Yeas 22.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Clark,	McMartin,	Shade,
Boulton,	Crooks,	Macnab,	VanKoughnett,
Brown,	Elliott,	Randal,	Warren,
Chisholm,	D. McDonald,		

Nays 14.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eight. The report was received, and leave was granted accordingly.

The first resolution was then read as follows:

First resolution.

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, the sum of twenty thousand pounds, to be raised by debenture, and applied upon the Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of this Province.

Amendment proposed.

In amendment, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the words—"to be raised by debenture," in the original motion, be expunged.

House divides on proposed amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Bidwell,	Cook,	McCall,	Roblin,	Yeas 12.
Buell,	Howard,	Morris,	Shaver,	
Campbell,	Lyons,	Perry,	Sol. General 19	

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Duncombe,	McMartin,	Shade,	
Berczy,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Thomson,	
Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Magon,	VanKoughnett,	
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Mount,	Warren,	Nays 27.
Chisholm,	Jones,	Norton,	Werden,	
Clark,	Ketchum,	Randal,	W. Wilson—27	
Crooks,	D. McDonald,	Samson,		

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of fifteen.

The original question was then put and carried nem. con.

Original question carried Nem Con.

Present—Messieurs Atty. General, Berczy, Bidwell, Boulton, Brown, Buell, Campbell, Chisholm, Clark, Cook, Crooks, Duncombe, Elliott, R. Fraser, Howard, Ingersoll, Jones, Ketchum, Lewis, Lyons, McCall, D. McDonald, McMartin, Macnab, Magon, Morris, Mount, Norton, Perry, Randal, Roblin, Samson, Shade, Shaver, Sol. General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden and W. Wilson.

The second resolution was then put as follows:

Resolved, that the sum of twenty thousand pounds be appropriated to the several Districts, as follows:

Second resolution put and carried.

To the Ottawa District, the sum of - - - - -	£1,000
To the Bathurst District, the sum of - - - - -	1,900
To the Eastern District, the sum of - - - - -	1,900
To the District of Johnstown, the sum of - - - - -	1,900
To the Midland District, the sum of - - - - -	2,200
To the Newcastle District, the sum of - - - - -	1,900
To the Home District, the sum of - - - - -	1,900
To the District of Gore, the sum of - - - - -	2,000
To the Niagara District, the sum of - - - - -	1,600
To the District of London, the sum of - - - - -	2,000
To the Western District, the sum of - - - - -	1,700

District distribution of road money.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy,	Elliott,	D. McDonald,	Samson,	
Bidwell,	R. Fraser,	Macnab,	Shade,	
Buell,	Howard,	Magon,	Shaver,	
Campbell,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Sol. General,	Yeas 34.
Chisholm,	Jones,	Mount,	Thomson,	
Clark,	Ketchum,	Norton,	Warren,	
Cook,	Lewis,	Perry,	Werden,	
Crooks,	Lyons,	Roblin,	W. Wilson—34	
Duncombe,	McCall,			

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Boulton,	McMartin,	VanKoughnett,	Nays 4.
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The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirty.

Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that the scale of appropriations for the service of Roads and Bridges, throughout the Province, be referred to the members of the several Districts;—and that the members for each District do prepare and bring into this House, on Thursday next, a scale of the sub-divisions of the sum appropriated for their respective Districts, for the service of Roads and Bridges, and that they name the Commissioners that they think best qualified to superintend the expenditure of the said appropriations.

Subdivisions of appropriations to be given in by the different members.

Ordered.

Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that Messieurs Elliott and Solicitor General, be a Committee to draft and report a Bill, pursuant to the resolutions of this House, granting money for the improvement of Roads and Bridges, in the several Districts of this Province.

Committee to draft road and bridge bill.

Ordered.

Mr. Solicitor General, from the Committee appointed to draft and report a Bill in pursuance of the resolutions of this House, granting twenty thousand pounds, for the roads and bridges, and distributing the same among the various Districts, presented a draft which was received and read.

Road and bridge bill reported.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. R. Fraser, moves that the Bill, not being drawn in pursuance of the resolution of this House, be referred back to the Committee who reported the same.

Bill referred back to Committee.

Ordered.

Motion for adjourning till Tuesday. Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that when this House adjourns, that the adjournment be 'till ten o'clock, on Tuesday next.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 16. Bidwell, R. Fraser, Ketchum, Perry, Randal, Campbell, Howard, Lyons, Roblin, Clark, Ingersoll, McCall, Shaver—16. Cook, Jarvis, Norton,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 22. Atty. General, A. Fraser, Maçon, Sol. General, Berczy, Jones, Morris, VanKoughnett, Boulton, Lewis, Mount, Warren, Chisholm, D. McDonald, Samson, Werden, Duncombe, McMartin, Shade, W. Wilson—22. Elliott, Macnab,

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of six.

Report on Welland Canal accounts and bill to be printed. Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that two hundred copies of the report of the Select Committee appointed to examine and report on the accounts of the Welland Canal Company, and of the Bill reported by the Committee, be printed for the use of members.

Ordered.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, 2d JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of Saturday were read.

Petition of George Chalmers and others brought up. Mr. Chisholm brought up the petition of Geo. Chalmers, and seventeen others, of the Township of Trafalgar, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Address to His Majesty on settlement of Province read 3rd time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Majesty, on the subject of the settlement of the Province, was read the third time.

Address on settlement of Province referred to Committee of whole. Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the Address to His Majesty, on the subject of the settlement of the Province, be now referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Which was carried, and Mr. Macnab was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Address amended. Mr. Macnab reported the Address as amended.

Third reading to-morrow. The report was received, and the Address was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Address for returns from Sheriffs and Treasurers read 3rd time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for returns, from Sheriffs and Treasurers, of monies received and paid over, on account of Wild Land Assessments, was read the third time.

House divides on passing. On the question for passing the address, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

**YEAS.—Messieurs.**

Yeas 24. Beardsley, Crooks, Morris, Shade, Bidwell, Howard, Mount, Shaver, Boulton, Ketchum, Norton, VanKoughnett, Buell, Lewis, Perry, Warren, Clark, D. McDonald, Randal, Werden, Cook, Macnab, Roblin, W. Wilson—24

**NAYS.—Messieurs.**

Nays 11. Berczy, Ingersoll, A. McDonald, Samson, Brown, Jones, McMartin, Thomson—11. A. Fraser, McCall, Maçon,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirteen, and the Address was signed by the Speaker, and is as follows:

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &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,

humbly request Your Excellency will be pleased to direct the Sheriff's of the several Districts of this Province, to lay before this House forthwith, a detailed account upon oath of all monies received by them for Lands sold in their respective Districts, for default of payment of the Wild Land Assessments, the particular day on which the same was received, the person or persons from whom received, and the day when the same, or any part, was paid over by them to the Treasurers.

Also, that Your Excellency will cause the Treasurers of the several Districts throughout the Province, to lay before this House a detailed account, upon oath, of all monies received by them from the Sheriffs, on account of Lands sold in their respective Districts, for default of payment of the Wild Land Assessments, the particular day on which the same was received; as also an account of the several payments made for the redemption of such lots or parcels of Land as were sold—the number of the lots redeemed, by whom redeemed, and the day when the same were redeemed.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,

SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
2nd January, 1832.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that Messrs. Macnab and Boulton, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House, relative to an account from the Sheriffs and Treasurers of the several Districts throughout the Province, of the monies received by them for the sale of lands on account of the Wild Land Assessments, and to present the same.

Committee to wait on His Excellency with address.

Ordered.

Petitions read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of John Macaulay, and nine others, Magistrates of the Town of Kingston, praying that provision may be made for the appointment of a Stipendiary Magistrate, in said Town—the petition of William Falkner, Chairman of the Quarter Sessions of the Newcastle District, praying that authority may be given to the Magistrates of said District to dispose of the old building used as a Gaol and Court House and the Ground on which it stands, and to apply the proceeds towards the completion of the building lately erected for that purpose—the petition of Henry Sherwood, of the Town of Brockville, Esq. praying that an Elective Police may be established in said Town—the petition of William Bergin, and twenty-four others, of the Town of York, praying that means may be used to place the Post Office Department in this Province, under the control of the Provincial Legislature—the petition of Alpheus Jones, and one hundred and forty-nine others, of the County of Grenville, praying for a sum of money sufficiently large to enable them to open a road, recently surveyed from the Town of Prescott to the River Rideau—The petition of Joseph Neilson, and thirty-six others, inhabitants of the Incorporated Counties of Lennox and Addington, praying for a sum of money to repair the road on the Town line between the Townships of Ernestown and Fredericksburgh; and the petition of Samuel Hart, and fifty-two others, inhabitants of the Eastern District, praying against the contemplated improvement of the Saint Lawrence for Durham Boat Navigation, but that it may be made for Schooners, and Steam Boats, and that the necessary improvement may be immediately proceeded in from the head of the Long Sault to Cornwall, were read.

John Mac-Aulay and others.

Wm. Falkner Chairman Quarter Sessions Newcastle District.

Henry Sherwood.

Wm. Bergin and others.

Alpheus Jones and others.

Joseph Neilson and others.

Samuel Hart and others.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill to consolidate the public debt of this Province, and to make provision for reducing the rate of interest now paid thereon.

Notice of bill to consolidate the public debt.

Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves that the petition of the Magistrates of the District of Newcastle, be referred to Messieurs Samson and Thomson, to report thereon.

Petition of Wm. Falkner referred.

Ordered.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that the petition of Samuel Hart, and others, of the Eastern District, praying for the improvement of the Saint Lawrence, for Sloop and Steam Boat Navigation, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of Samuel Hart and others referred to supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that the petition of H. Sherwood, Esq. be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs Morris and Lewis, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Petition of H. Sherwood referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Brown, moves that the petition of Joseph Neilson, and others, of Lennox and Addington, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of Joseph Neilson and others referred to supply.

Ordered.

Address to His Excellency for returns from Sheriffs and Treasurers.

Petition of A. Jones and others referred to supply.

Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. R. Fraser, moves that the petition of A. Jones, and others, of the County of Grenville, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Committee on petition of Henry Sherwood reports a bill.

Mr. Jones, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of Henry Sherwood, Esquire, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Brockville Police incorporation bill read.

The report was received, and the Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Lewis, moves that the Brockville Police Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, tenth January, and that it be the first item on the order of the day, after referring petitions.

Second reading to-morrow.

Which was lost, and the Brockville Police Bill was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Committee on petition of Capt. Whitney and others report.

Mr. Chisholm from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Captain Whitney and others, masters of Vessels, presented a report, which was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Report referred to Committee of supply.

Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that the report of the Select Committee on the petition of J. Whitney and others, masters of Vessels on Lake Ontario, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Motion for address to His Majesty for £500,000 acres of Crown lands for school purposes.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that it be resolved, that this House do address His Majesty, humbly beseeching that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant an appropriation of one million of Acres of the waste lands of the Crown in this Province, for the maintenance and support of Common Schools within the same, to consist of such Crown Reserves as are not given over to the Canada Land Company, or under Patent to the University of King's College, and if these should come short of the quantity, the residue to be made up from the Waste Lands of the Crown, in the London and Western Districts.

On which debates ensued.

Motion for going into Committee on the subject to-morrow.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Campbell, moves that the debate be adjourned, and that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the subject matter of the resolution on Monday next.

Lost.

Which was lost.

Motion for address referred to Committee of whole on common Schools.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves that the question be not now put, but that the resolution be referred to the Committee of the whole on the subject of Common Schools.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messieurs.

Yeas 28

Beardsley,	Crooks,	Lyons,	Perry,
Bidwell,	Duncombe,	McCall,	Randal,
Buell,	A. Fraser,	A. McDonald,	Roblin,
Campbell,	Howard,	D. McDonald,	Samson,
Chisholm,	Ingersoll,	McMartin,	Shaver,
Clark,	Ketchum,	Morris,	Warren,
Cook,	Lewis,	Norton,	Werden—28.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 11

Atty. General,	Burwell,	Magon,	VanKoughnett,
Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Mount,	W. Wilson—11
Brown,	Macnab,	Sol. General,	

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seventeen, and ordered accordingly.

An address to be sent to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for information relative to Surveyor General.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House any information that may be in his possession respecting the Office of Surveyor General of this Province, whether His Excellency has recommended any person for that Office, and if any, and what appointment has been made by His Majesty's Government; and if so, whether any and what communication has been received from the Officer so appointed, and also upon what footing the Acting Surveyor General stands, whether he has made any application to His Excellency for the Office, and any other matters relating to the same, that may be in His Excellency's power to communicate.

Ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves that Messieurs Mount and Ingersoll, be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respecting the Office of Surveyor General of this Province, in pursuance of the foregoing resolution.

Committee to draft address.

Ordered.

Mr. Mount, from the Select Committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the appointment of Surveyor General, presented a draft, which was received, read twice, concurred in and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Address reported concurred in and ordered for 3rd reading to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of Supply.

Committee of supply.

Mr. Boulton was called to the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair to receive a message.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

Mr. Boulton reported that the Committee had agreed to a resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

A resolution reported.

The report was received, and leave was granted accordingly.

The resolution reported was then put as follows:—

Resolved—That the sum of five thousand pounds be granted to His Majesty, to enable Him to loan the like sum of money to the Desjardin's Canal Company, upon security of the bond and mortgage of the said Company, and of such other real and personal security as the Lieutenant Governor for the time being, with the advice of His Majesty's Executive Council, shall deem sufficient to ensure the annual payment of the interest upon such loan, and eventually to redeem the principal.

£5000 to Desjardins Canal Company.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

House divides on resolution.

YEAS—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Shade,
Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Magon,	Sol. General,
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Mount,	Thomson,
Burwell,	Jarvis,	Randal,	Warren,
Chisholm,	Jones,	Robinson,	W. Wilson—25
Clark,	McCall,	Samson,	
Crooks,	A. McDonald,		

Yeas 25.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley,	Cook,	D. McDonald,	Roblin,
Berezy,	A. Fraser,	McMartin,	Shaver,
Bidwell,	Howard,	Morris,	VanKoughnett,
Buell,	Lewis,	Perry,	Werden—18.
Campbell,	Lions,		

Nays 18.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven.

The Speaker informed the House that the Master in Chancery had brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada," which that Honorable House had passed, with some amendments; and a bill passed by that Honorable House, entitled "An Act to facilitate legal remedies against Corporations," to both of which the concurrence of this House was requested.

Kingston Bank bill brought down from Legislative Council amended, and a bill for remedies against corporations.

The amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President Directors and Company of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada," were read the first time as follows:

Amendments to Kingston Bank bill read.

In the title—Line 3, after the word "of" expunge "Upper Canada," and insert "Midland District."

Amendments to Kingston Bank bill.

Press 1.—Line 20, after the words "Bank of" expunge "Upper Canada," and insert "the Midland District."

Press 2.—Line 5, after the words "Bank of" expunge "Upper Canada," and insert "the Midland District."

" " Line 12, after the word "Gore," insert "London."

" 11—Line 13, after the words "Specie or" expunge "other lawful," after the word "money," insert "made a legal tender, by any act of the Legislature."

Rule suspended and amendments read a 2nd time and referred to Committee of whole.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the thirty ninth rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as respects the Bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President Directors and Company of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada," and that the amendments made thereto by the Honorable the Legislative Council, be now read a second time.

Which was carried, and the amendments were read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. A. Fraser was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. A. Fraser reported the amendments.

The report was received, and the amendments made by the Hon. the Legislative Council in and to the Bill entitled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President Directors and Company of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada," were ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to facilitate legal remedies against Corporations," was then read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Speaker reports communication from C. C. C.

The Speaker reported that he had received a communication from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

*Clerk of the Crown in Chancery's Office, }  
York, 3rd January, 1832. }*

W. L. McKenzie re-elected for York County.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery has the honor to report to the Honorable the Speaker of the Commons' House of Assembly, that he has received the return of the Writ issued out for the Election of a Member to represent the County of York, in the present Assembly, in the room of William Lyon MacKenzie, expelled the same—and that William Lyon MacKenzie, Esquire, has been duly Elected to represent the said County of York.

SAMUEL P. JARVIS,  
C. C. C.

Petitions brought up.

Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of R. C. Horne Esquire, of the Town of York; which was laid on the Table.

Of R. C. Horne Esq.

Of D. McDougall and others.

Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of David McDougall, and seventeen others, residing on the Penetanguishine Road; which was laid on the Table.

Address on settlement of Province passed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Majesty on the subject of the Settlement of the Province was read a third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, and is as follows :—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly solicit Your Majesty's attention to some of the obstacles which retard the Settlement of the Province by an industrious and loyal class of Emigrants from the Mother Country, and by the natural increase of its own population.

Address to His Majesty on settlement of Province.

Under the persuasion of Your Majesty's paternal solicitude for the welfare of this Province we have no doubt Your Majesty is fully sensible that it is highly important and desirable, that the greatest facility should be afforded to its Inhabitants, and to Emigrants arriving therein, who have the intention of settling upon the waste lands of the Crown. We would therefore respectfully suggest some alteration in the system now acted upon in this Province, which we hope may meet the favorable attention of Your Majesty.

By an Order of the Executive Council of this Province of the 13th March, 1819, certain persons were appointed to form a Board in each District, with power to locate Emigrants or other persons desirous to become Settlers therein; a measure, in the opinion of this Assembly, of wise policy, as affording the means of settlement to a number of respectable Emigrants who, without the convenience thus afforded them, would probably have sought a residence out of this Country; and that is to be

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regretted some plan similar in its operations had not been adopted when those Boards were abolished.

The establishment at the Seat of Government of an Office for the sale of Crown Lands, has, in no wise, produced a change convenient to the public, but, on the contrary, substituted a system much less advantageous, inasmuch as it has taken away from the people the means of obtaining information in relation to the Townships best adapted for settlement in the several Districts, and thereby increased the uncertainty, delay and expense, in obtaining lands, particularly to the thousands of Emigrants who yearly come into the Country, whose limited means render it most desirable that they should meet with as few obstacles as possible in speedily settling themselves. That in addition to this, the high price at which, in many instances, lands have been sold, has given to the more wealthy an opportunity of coming into successful competition for the purchase of these lands; at the same time, that it must have materially decreased the extent of their sale; and lastly, from the circumstance of no valuation having been fixed on a large portion of the lands which might have been offered for sale, it has repeatedly happened, and it still daily occurs, that applicants experience much difficulty and procrastination from being unable to ascertain the prices of the lots they wish to purchase.

To remedy the inconvenience and difficulties consequent upon the present arrangement, it is to be desired, that a valuation should be put upon the disposable lands of the Crown, and that Agents, under the superintendence of the Commissioner of Crown Lands at York, should be stationed in each District of the Province, to whom should be delegated the power to dispose of the lands to be placed under their management, and through whom every information in relation to their quality, situation and prices, might be obtained, without reference to any other Office.

We also respectfully beg leave to represent to Your Majesty, that there are several large tracts of unoccupied lands belonging to Indians, on the great Post Road leading through the Province, from Lower Canada to Amherstburgh, in the Western District, which from their present situation, much impede settlement, and make it difficult to keep the said road in repair.—We would, therefore, recommend to Your Majesty, that orders might be given to treat with, and purchase from the said Indians, who are owners of the said land, so much thereof as would form a range of lots on each side of the road passing through the same, and to be disposed of on condition of actual settlement.

ARCHIBALD McJEAN,  
SPEAKER.

*Commons' House of Assembly, }  
3rd day of January, 1832. }*

Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, informing His Excellency that this House has passed an address to His Majesty, on the subject of altering the present system of disposing of the Crown Lands, and requesting His Excellency to transmit the same to the Secretary of the Colonies; and that Messieurs Morris and Mount be a Committee to draft and report the same.

An address to be sent to His Excellency to transmit address to King on settlement of Province.

Ordered.

Mr. Morris, from the Select Committee to draft an address to His Excellency, requesting His Excellency to transmit the address to His Majesty, on the subject of the settlement of the Province, to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, reported a draft, which was received, read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Address to His Excellency reported and concurred in.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Speaker reported that William Lyon MacKenzie, Esquire, a Member returned to represent the County of York in the present Parliament, had taken and subscribed the Oath required by law.

Speaker reports W. L. McKenzie Esq. having taken the oath required by law and Mr. McKenzie takes his seat.

Mr. MacKenzie was then introduced by Messrs. Ketchum and Perry, and took his seat in the House.

Barney Cotton taken into custody.

The Serjeant-at-Arms reported that he had taken into custody, and brought to the bar, a man whom he had seen guilty of disorderly conduct below the bar of the House.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that Barnabas Cotton, the person taken into custody by the Serjeant-at-Arms for a contempt against this House, be committed to the common Gaol of the District, during the pleasure of this House.

Motion for Committing Barney Cotton.

In amendment, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that after the word "moves" in the original, the whole be expunged, and the following inserted:—"that Barnabas Cotton's defence.

Motion for Barney Cotton's defence.

Cotton, now at the bar, be asked what he has to say in explanation of his alleged disorderly conduct."

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

Yeas 19. Beardsley, Chisholm, McCall, Randal,  
Brown, Clark, MacKenzie, Roblin,  
Bidwell, Howard, Mount, Shaver,  
Buell, Ketchum, Norton, W. Wilson—19  
Campbell, Lyons, Perry.

**NAYS—Messieurs,**

Nays 20. Atty. General, Jarvis, Macnab, Sol. General,  
Berezy, Jones, Macon, Thomson,  
Burwell, Lewis, Robinson, VanKoughnett,  
Elliott, D. McDonald, Samson, Warren,  
A. Fraser, McMartin, Shade, Werden—20.

Question lost. The question was decided in the negative by a majority of one.

Motion for discharging Barney Cotton. In amendment to the original motion, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that after the word "moves" in the original, the whole be expunged, and the following inserted: "that it is inexpedient to take any further notice of the disorderly behaviour of Barnabas Cotton, now at the bar, and that he be discharged."

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

Yeas 28. Atty. General, Chisholm, Lewis, Norton,  
Beardsley, Clark, Lyons, Perry,  
Bidwell, Cook, McCall, Roblin,  
Boulton, A. Fraser, D. McDonald, Randal,  
Brown, Howard, MacKenzie, Samson,  
Buell, Jones, Macon, Shaver,  
Campbell, Ketchum, Mount, W. Wilson—28

**NAYS—Messieurs,**

Nays 13. Berezy, McMartin, Robinson, Thomson,  
Burwell, Macnab, Shade, VanKoughnett,  
Crooks, Morris, Sol. General, Werden—13.  
Elliott,

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen.

The original question as amended, was then put and carried.

Committee to wait on His Excellency to know when His Excellency would receive the House with address to King reported H. A. M. tomorrow. Mr. Elliott, from the Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive this House with its address, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Address to His Majesty, on the subject of King's College, to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be by him laid at the foot of the Throne, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to name the hour of eleven, A. M. to-morrow.

Address to His Excellency relative to appointment of Surveyor General passed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the appointment of a Surveyor General of this Province, was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, and is as follows:

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Address. We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House, any information that may be in Your Excellency's possession, respecting the Office of Surveyor General of this Province; whether Your Excellency has recommended any person for that Office; and if any, and what appointment has been made by His Majesty's Government, and if so, whether any, and what communication has been received from the Officer so appointed; and also upon what footing the Acting Surveyor General stands, whether he has made any application to Your Excellency for the Office; and any other matters relating to the same, that may be in Your Excellency's power to communicate.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
3rd day of January, 1832. }

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Lewis, moves that Messieurs Ingersoll and Mount, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House, and present the same.

Ordered.

Amendments to Kingston Bank Bill. Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council, in and to the Bill entitled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President Directors and Company of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada," were read the third time, passed and signed by the Speaker, and are as follows:

In the title—Line 3, after the word "of" expunge "Upper Canada," and insert "the Midland District."

Press 1.—Line 20, after the words "Bank of" expunge "Upper Canada," and insert "the Midland District."

Press 2.—Line 5, after the words "Bank of" expunge "Upper Canada," and insert "the Midland District."

" " Line 12, after the word "Gore," insert "London."

" 11—Line 13, after the words "Specie or" expunge "other lawful," after the word "money," insert "made a legal tender by any Act of the Legislature."

Committee to draft and report bill for loan to Desjardin's Canal. Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that Messieurs Attorney General and Chisholm, be a Committee to draft and report a Bill in pursuance of the resolutions of yesterday in Committee on Supply, relative to the Desjardin's Canal.

Ordered.

Motion for address to His Excellency on securities of Receiver General. Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Buell, moves that it be resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to inform this House what security the Receiver General has given to the Country in place of the late Honorable John Richardson, of Lower Canada, who was his security for Ten Thousand Pounds, shewing the nature and amount of the security given, the opinions that have been taken on its validity, and the date and tenor of such security, and that Messieurs Shaver and Howard be a Committee to draft and report said Address, and the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with so far as that rule relates to this motion.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

Yeas 10. Beardsley, Howard, Mackenzie, Roblin,  
Buell, McCall, Perry, Shaver,—10.  
Cook, A. McDonald,

**NAYS—Messieurs,**

Nays 26. Atty. General, A. Fraser, Morris, Sol. General,  
Berezy, Ingersoll, Mount, Thomson,  
Boulton, Jones, Randal, VanKoughnett,  
Chisholm, Lewis, Robinson, Warren,  
Clark, McMartin, Samson, Werden,  
Crooks, Macnab, Shade, W. Wilson—26  
Elliott, Macon,

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of sixteen.

Desjardin's Canal bill reported and read. Second to-morrow. Mr. Attorney General, from the Committee to draft and report a Bill, founded on the resolution of this House, authorising a loan to the Desjardin's Canal Company, reported a draft, which was received and read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Committee on petition of Hon. John Kirby and others report. Mr. Solicitor General, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Honorable John Kirby, and others, of the Town of Kingston, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The report was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

and referred to Committee of supply. Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the report of the Select Committee on the petition of the Honorable John Kirby, and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

**Petitions read.**  
 John Wigle and others.  
 Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of John Wigle, Senr. and forty-two others, Inhabitants of the County of Essex, praying that Mr. Peter Scratch may be allowed to import from the United States, Machinery for propelling a Mill by Steam, duty free—the petition of Duncan MacFarland, and fifty-one others, of the Niagara District, praying for pecuniary assistance to build a Bridge across the river Welland, at the Village of Robinson, and to cut a road from thence to the Sugar Loaf Road—the petition of William Porter, and two hundred and four others, of the Townships of Etobicoke, Vaughan, Gore of Toronto, Albion, Caledon, &c. praying for aid to build a Bridge across the West Branch of the Humber, and repair the Road leading from thence to the Gore of Toronto—and the petition of John Carey, of the Town of York, Printer, praying that he may be paid the sum of twenty one pounds fifteen shillings which he claims as a balance of his account for printing the Journals of the last Session, and that he may be compensated for loss sustained by the violation of a contract entered into with him by a Committee of the House of last Session, were read.

**Petition of John Wigle and others referred.**  
 Mr. Magon, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the petition of John Wigle and others, of the Township of Gosfield, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messieurs Burwell and Elliott, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

**Petition of John Carey referred.**  
 Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the petition of John Carey, be referred to Messieurs Solicitor General, Bidwell, and Jarvis, with power to report thereon.

Ordered.

**Petition of John McAulay Esq. and others referred.**  
 Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Lewis, moves that the petition of the Magistrates of the Town of Kingston, be referred to a special Committee, to be composed of Messrs. Thomson and Vankoughnett, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

**Petition of Wm. Porter and others referred.**  
 Mr. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that the petition of William Porter, and others, be referred to the road Committee.

Ordered.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1832.

THE HOUSE met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

**House waits upon His Excellency with address to transmit to His Majesty address on Charter of King's College.**  
 At eleven o'clock the House waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with its Address, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Address to His Majesty on the subject of King's College Charter, to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be by him laid at the foot of the Throne, and having returned, the Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:

GENTLEMEN,

I will forward this Address to the King immediately.

**Answer.**  
 It may, however, be satisfactory to you to receive information that I have reason to believe that either the exclusive provisions considered exceptional in the Charter of King's College have been cancelled, or that such arrangements have been decided on by His Majesty's Government, as will render further applications on this subject unnecessary.

A Charter solemnly given cannot be revoked, or its surrender obtained, without much delay and circumspection, but His Majesty's Ministers have long directed their attention to the great advantages which the Province will derive from a University being established on principles that may be approved of by every good and enlightened person.

**Petitions brought up.**  
 John Shipman and others.  
 Mr. Buell brought up the petition of John Shipman, and forty others, Inhabitants of the Townships of Kitley, Yonge and Bastard, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

**Allan Sweet and others.**  
 Mr. Buell brought up the petition of Allan Sweet, and thirty others, Inhabitants of Brockville, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Lansdown, Elmsley, Burgess, and North and South Crosby, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

**Levi Soper and others.**  
 Mr. Buell brought up the petition of Levi Soper, and ten others, of the aforesaid Townships, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Buell brought up the petition of Truelove Butler, Chairman of a Public Meeting in the Town of Brockville, and one hundred and thirteen others, Inhabitants of the Townships of Leeds, Lansdown, Elmsley, Burgess, and North and South Crosby, and the said Town of Brockville, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Truelove Butler and others.

Mr. Buell brought up the petition of Benjamin Yates, and forty-five others, of the same places; which was laid on the table.

Benjamin Yates and others.

Mr. Buell brought up the petition of John Dickey, and thirty three others, of the Townships of Yonge, Kitley, and Bastard, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

John Dickey and others.

Mr. Buell brought up the petition of Alpheus Howard, and twenty-four others, of Brockville, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Lansdown, Elmsley, Burgess, and South and North Crosby, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

A. Howard and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Arch'd. McEwen, and eighty six others, of the Townships of Cornwall and Roxborough, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Archibald McEwen and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of George Sullivan, and twenty-two others, Inhabitants of the County of Glengarry; which was laid on the table.

George Sullivan and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of William B. Reeve, Chairman of a public meeting, and seventy two others, Inhabitants of the Township of Toronto, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

William B. Reeve and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of James Milroy, and thirty-five others, Inhabitants of the Townships of Cornwall and Roxborough, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

James Milroy and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Martin Switzer, and fifty-three others, Inhabitants of the Township of Toronto, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Martin Switzer and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Thomas Burrell, and one hundred and seventy others, Inhabitants of Toronto, aforesaid; which was laid on the table.

Thomas Burrell and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Samuel Lindsay, and twenty-two others, of the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Samuel Lindsay and others.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of John Bagwell, and eighty one others, of the Townships of Toronto, Chinguacousay, and the Gore of Toronto; which was laid on the table.

John Bagwell and others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to transmit the Address to His Majesty, on the subject of the settlement of the Province, was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, and is as follows:

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

Address to His Excellency to transmit address to King on settlement of Province.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, have passed an humble Address to His Majesty, praying for a change in the system of disposing of the waste Lands in this Province, which we respectfully pray Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
 SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
 4th day of January, 1832. }

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that Messrs. Werden and William Wilson, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to learn when he will be pleased to receive this House with the Address to His Majesty on the subject of the disposal of the waste Lands of the Crown in this Province.

Committee to inquire when His Excellency will receive the House with address.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of George Chalmers, and seventeen others, of the Township of Trafalgar, in the Gore District, praying for money to complete the cutting of the hill at the Sixteen Mile Creek, or otherwise improving the road and bridge at that place—was read.

Petition of George Chalmers and others read.

House in Committee on Township Officers' Bill. Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the whole on the Township Officers' Bill.

Mr. Shaver was called to the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair to receive a message.

The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a bill entitled, "An Act to make valid certain proceedings in the Home District Court," which that Honorable House had passed, and to which they requested the concurrence of this House.

The Bill entitled, "An Act to make valid certain proceedings in the Home District Court," was then read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had risen for want of a quorum.

Present, Messieurs Berczy, Brown, Chisholm, Crooks, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, Lewis, Lyons, D. McDonald, McMartin, Magon, Morris, Mount, Perry, Robinson, Roblin, Samson, Shade, Shaver and Werden—21.

At half past five o'clock, P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

Bill to make valid proceedings in Home District Court brought down.

Bill read.

Committee resumed.

Committee rises for want of quorum.

Committee on Township Officers' Bill resumes.

Bill reported with amendments.

On receiving report the House divides.

THURSDAY, 5th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Committee of the whole House on the Township Officers' Bill, resumed.

Mr. Shaver in the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Shaver reported the Bill with amendments.

On the question for receiving the report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Clark,	MacKenzie,	Robinson,
Beardsley,	Duncombe,	Mount,
Bidwell,	Elliott,	Norton,
Brown,	A. Fraser,	Perry,
Buell,	Howard,	Randal,
Burwell,	McCall,	Roblin,

Yeas 23.

NAYS.—Messieurs.

Berczy,	A. McDonald, McMartin,	Magon—7.
Jones,	D. McDonald, Macnab,	

Nays 7.

Third reading Tuesday next.

Petition of Richard Callaghan and others brought up.

John McCall and others.

Ja's Durand.

G. T. Burke Esq. and others.

John Orr and others.

George Clemens and others.

Thomas Thompson and others.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of sixteen, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Robinson brought up the petition of Richard Callaghan, and thirty-seven others, of the Townships of Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of John McCall, Chairman of a Township Meeting, and forty-five others, Inhabitants of Esquising, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Duncombe brought up the petition of James Durand, of the Village of Dundas, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Lewis brought up the petition of George T. Burke, Esquire, and four hundred and twenty-two others, Inhabitants of the County of Carleton; which was laid on the table.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of John Orr, and twenty-five others, Inhabitants of the Township of Esquising, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Shade brought up the petition of George Clemens, and three hundred and forty-nine others, Inhabitants of the Township of Waterloo, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Thomas Thompson, and thirty-one others, of the Township of Esquising, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of David Brown, and thirty-eight others, of the Township of Esquising; which was laid on the table.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of William Campbell, and sixteen others, of the Township of Esquising; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Norton brought up the petition of Samuel Heck, and forty-seven others, Inhabitants of the Village of Prescott, and Township of Augusta, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Norton brought up the petition of John Whitney, and two others, of Edwardsburgh, in the Johnstown District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Norton brought up the petition of Andrew Adams, Chairman of a Public Meeting, and thirty-three others, of the Township of Edwardsburgh; which was laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Robert Charles Horne, formerly Government Printer, praying to be remunerated for printing the Laws agreeably to the present scale of prices, instead of eighty pounds per annum, the allowance made while he performed that duty; and the petition of David N. Dougall, and seventeen others, residing on the Penetanguishine road, praying for pecuniary aid to improve said road—were read.

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that the petition of William Bergin and others, praying that proper measures may be adopted to place the Post Office Department of this Province under the controul of the Provincial Legislature, be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by address to His Majesty or otherwise; and that Messieurs Morris and Samson be a Committee to consider and report upon the same.

Ordered.

Mr. Boulton, from the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the address of this House requesting returns from Sheriffs and Treasurers, reported delivering the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:—

GENTLEMEN,

I will order immediately the Sheriffs and Treasurers to be directed to forward the information required in this address.

Mr. Mount, from the Select Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of this House on the subject of the appointment of a Surveyor General to this Province, reported delivering the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:—

GENTLEMEN,

I will forward to the House of Assembly the correspondence which has take place on the subject of this Address.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to extend the Charter of the Bank of Upper Canada, was read the second time.

On the question for referring the bill to a Committee of the whole House, Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves in amendment to the original question, that this House do not now resolve itself into a Committee on the Bank Bill, but that this House do resolve itself into Committee on said bill, on Monday next, and that the bill be placed first on the order for that day.

Ordered.

Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that one hundred copies of the draft of the Upper Canada Bank Bill be printed for the use of Members, with all convenient speed.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the education bill was read the second time.

On the question for the commitment of the bill, the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Solicitor General, Member for Kingston, rose and submitted a question of privilege, and read in his place certain passages from an article in a public Newspaper called the "Colonial Advocate," entitled, "Articles of Impeachment, or public accusation read and submitted to the consideration of the Electors of the County of York, in County Court Assembled,

David Brown and others.

William Campbell and others.

Samuel Heck and others.

John Whitney and others.

Andrew Adams and others.

Petition of R. C. Horne read.

Petition of David McDougall and others read.

Petition of Wm. Bergin and others referred.

Committee to wait on His Excellency with address for returns from Sheriffs and Treasurers reports answer.

Answer.

Committee to wait on His Excellency with address relative to Surveyor General reports answer.

Answer.

Bank Charter extension bill read 2nd time.

Bill to be committed on Monday next.

Bill to be printed.

Education Bill read second time.

Question of libel submitted by Solicitor General.

on Monday, January 2nd, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, by Mr. MacKenzie, their late Member, against the Lieutenant Governor of the Province and the Advisers of the Crown," and signed W. L. MacKenzie—and also a certain other article in the said paper addressed "To the People of Canada,"—and charged W. L. MacKenzie, Esquire, a Member of this House, for the County of York, with the publication of the same, as false, scandalous, and malicious libels upon this House; in contempt of its privileges. The Solicitor General then delivered at the table the paper containing the said articles; and called upon the House to put the said William Lyon MacKenzie, Esquire, on his trial for the publication of the said alleged libels.

Mr. MacKenzie called upon for his defence.

The Speaker then called upon the Honorable Member for York to admit or deny the said articles; or to defend himself as to the publication thereof; and Mr. MacKenzie, in his place, acknowledged that he was the author of the said articles, and prayed the indulgence of the House for half an hour to prepare for his defence; which was granted.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

Clerk reads the publication complained of.

The Clerk read at the table the publications complained of, which are as follow:

"SALUS POPULA SUPREMA EST LEX.

"ARTICLES OF

**"IMPEACHMENT**

"OR PUBLIC ACCUSATION,

"Read and submitted to the consideration of the Electors of the the County of York, in County Court Assembled, on Monday, January 2nd 1832, by Mr. MacKENZIE, their late Member, against the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, and the advisers of the Crown.

\* \* \* *"The Decision of the Freeholders on these Charges was made known by the result of the County Election.*

"TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF YORK:

Publication in Colonial Advocate complained of as libelous.

*"My Friends! I continue steadfast in the belief that your happiness and security as a people depend as much upon the equal distribution of knowledge as upon the equal distribution of wealth or political power; that communities must either be governed by public opinion or by the sword.*

"For adhering to these sentiments as a public journalist I am condemned and sent back to you by the House of Assembly, who have appealed to you to sustain their decision and confirm their act by making another and a better choice of a representative to serve the Province in the House of Assembly in my room. The Members of the House of Assembly are the Trustees of the Province and the advisers of the Crown—their responsibility like mine is great, although the decision of the country in respect to their conduct may be still further procrastinated. I have earnestly desired that the House might be filled with "the talented, the instructed, the humane, the virtuous, and the patriotic; the lovers of their species and the friends of man;" the supporters of constitutional freedom, the encouragers of the arts, sciences, improvements; the friends of the wretched, the instructors of the ignorant, the visitors of the prison the cottage and the poorhouse; men who adorn society and create the true riches and glory of any people; who would seek diligently to solve the grand problem—how the advantages of government are to be secured with the least possible inconvenience to the governed; who would seek to better the condition of the whole human race, and to find perhaps some means wherewith to bear down those obstacles which "individual short sightedness, selfishness, and passion, have thus far opposed to all improvements, and by which the highest hopes have been blighted and the fairest prospects marred." If there are some of this class in the People's House, I could only find them in the minority. As an independant journalist I felt it my duty to warn the country that according to "my best judgment the besetting sin of the majority was—sycophancy! "This is the height and depth of my offending." Are we sycophants, ask they one of another. And they ordered a new writ for a Member to serve in my stead.

"When about to appear before so enlightened and intelligent a jury as you are, I feel bound to crave your indulgence while I state at some length the view I take of the machinery of Government as it appears in operation in this colony; this I do in justification of "those opinions of the press," of which the Legislature complain.

"And first, with regard to the conduct of the Lieutenant Governor: Is he not deserving of Impeachment?

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"He has assumed the character of a high-church partizan; declared his intention of debasing religion into an engine of state policy; identified himself with the bitter enemies of His Majesty's Government; answered the addresses of numerous religious bodies, couched in courteous and respectful language, with offensive, injurious and intolerant insinuations, shewn the most marked enmity to the Methodist Church, and manifested a proportionate degree of contempt of all who dissent from "his own church."

"He has waged a war of extermination against the principle of equal rights and equal laws, and has singled out obnoxious denominations of professing christians, endeavouring by pointed deliberate and bitter denunciations to bring down upon them the enmity and ill-will of all who value his favour and protection.

"He has stood between a large and respectable body of Christians and their Sovereign, and has answered with insulting insinuations, bitter reflections, and unprovoked sarcasm, their constitutional request that he would cause their assurances of affectionate attachment to His Majesty's Government and confidence in his Patriotic Ministers to be laid at the foot of the throne. In attempting to interfere with their privileges he has deeply wounded the feelings of every friend of civil and religious freedom in Upper Canada.

"He has endeavoured to aid the falling fortunes of ultratortoryism in England, and create uneasiness in the minds of His Majesty's Ministers, by fomenting civil and religious dissensions in the colony; by neglecting to conciliate the people under his government; by encouraging in the most pointed and direct manner those newspapers which are in the habit of slandering His Majesty's Ministers, to speak in the most disrespectful and abusive terms of individuals and bodies high in the confidence of the country, of religious sects which have incurred his hatred, and of the yeomanry of this Colony and the People and Assembly of Lower Canada. These newspapers are owned, conducted, and edited by deputy Clerks of the Crown, Justices of the Peace, District Teachers, Postmasters, District Court Clerks and others to whom he gives his exclusive favour and patronage, and who triumphantly boast of the stations of honour and profit they hold and enjoy during his pleasure, and while creating disquiet in the colony. Thus we have a wise paternal and liberal government in authority in England, and the bitter and uncompromising enemies of that liberal government bearing rule here.

"He has taunted the ministers of certain religious sects with their ignorance of a university education, and has provided a College at the expense of the people, the sectarian rules of which must necessarily for ever exclude these ministers and their congregations from participating in its benefits.

"He has often given evasive and unsatisfactory answers to applications from great bodies of the people praying for redress of certain complaints; and in a recent case wherein application was made by the yeomanry of this county in a respectful petition for the dissolution of the Legislature, they were treated, as they afterwards resolved, with absolute rudeness.

"He has endeavoured to lay the foundation of a dangerous system of Education:

"1 By desiring the Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford to elect "the Principal and most of the Masters" of the Provincial College, although that Vice-Chancellor and the institution over which he presides are bitterly opposed to the patriotic and liberal cabinet of His present Majesty, and although Oxford has been justly characterized as a sanctuary where exploded systems and obsolete prejudices find shelter and protection.

"2. By conducting the affairs of the College in this town, on a narrow, bigotted and sectarian plan, calculated to raise up a class of educated men, opposed to the liberal principles of the British Government, and wedded to the aristocratic notions of the fallen tory oligarchy.

"3. By arbitrarily blending the Home District School, and Grammar School, with the above dangerous sectarian institution.

"4. By exposing for sale the lands set apart for a District School in the Home District, as well as the School house and offices, without the consent of the people or the authority of the Legislature, and appropriating the proceeds according to his own pleasure, and without accounting to the country.

"5. By capriciously withholding from the teachers of common schools qualified and recognized by law, their proportion of the common school money raised from the taxes, at the instigation of Doctor Strachan or of others of his favourites, of which the case of Thomas Appleton of this town recorded on the Assembly's Journals, is a striking instance; by causing his boards of education to dictate to the teachers and school

trustees what books they may or may not use; and by keeping secret from the public the expenditures in detail of some of the common school appropriations, and illegally permitting the board to consume a part in salaries and perquisites expressly forbidden by the statutes.

"6. By selecting as masters of the District Schools persons of certain favoured creeds, or who have become converts to the Church of England, under suspicious circumstances, after the manner of the Archdeacon of York; and by choosing almost exclusively, as school trustees and members of boards of education, persons of those religious tenets held by a minority of the people of Upper Canada. There is perhaps not one Methodist or Baptist school trustee or member of a board of education in the colony.

"7. By causing to be printed, with the public money, large quantities of Church of England Catechisms, and other school books, and giving the public no regular account in detail of what has become of these books.

"He has tampered with the privileges of the people in the Commons House of Assembly—

"1. By allowing the collectors of the customs and excise, the inspectors of tavern shop and still licenses, persons holding lucrative offices, during his pleasure, to hold their said offices after obtaining seats in the provincial parliament, and with the knowledge that they were neglecting to attend to the collection of the revenue, while in this town auditing their revenue accounts, as members of the Legislature.

"2. By allowing Clerks of the Peace, holding office by the like tenure, to neglect their important duties as such district or county officers, while Legislating here.

"3. By encouraging principal Sheriffs receiving large emoluments during pleasure, to seek seats in the Provincial Legislature for places within their jurisdiction; excusing them from acting as returning officers, and thereby giving them opportunities to canvass the electors; and by permitting them to hold the said lucrative office of principal Sheriffs; in connexion with the unpaid employment of representatives of the people.

"4. By allowing Postmasters, holding office by the like tenure, under the inspection of the deputy postmaster general, to absent themselves from the duties of their respective post offices, for several months each year as members of the House of Assembly, and yet continue in office as such collectors of the post office revenue and receivers and distributors of letters and correspondence.

"5. By successfully exerting himself to procure the passage of a law (by the influence and suffrages in the Legislature, of such Sheriffs, Clerks, Collectors, Inspectors, Postmasters, and other public functionaries interested by reason of their office.) to render his own salary, and the income of the judges, Crown Lawyers, and other Officers of the Government, independent of this present Parliament, or of any future House of Assembly, for ever, while the said judges and officers continued to hold their respective offices during the pleasure of the Crown; said incomes being placed by the law thus passed on a most extravagant scale, unsuitable to the limited means of the colony.

"6. By allowing the officers of his government, on several occasions, to delay the making up of the public accounts of the revenue to a late period of the Session; and to keep the accounts when so made up, many weeks and even months in arrear of the period of their delivery.

"7. By allowing the said Officers, to present said accounts, on several occasions, in a confused, unintelligible and jumbled manner; in three various currencies; and so as to render a right understanding of the actual receipts and appropriations of the whole income of the country, (so far as professedly made known,) a matter of difficult comprehension.

"8. By using the powers vested in him by law, to call county elections at places inconvenient for the electors to assemble at, of which one instance of many was an election for the whole Niagara District called at a busy season of the year at Grimsby!

"9. By appointing elections at times the most inconvenient for the landowners, as for instance the general election of 1830, in the uncomfortable month of October, and the election you are now about to engage in, delayed twelve or thirteen days longer than the Statute required, in order that it might take place on the same day on which you are obliged to attend your town meetings, and enable a favourite majority in York to proceed with their favourite measures during the greater part of the Session, while your interests remained partially represented.

"10. By refusing a vote of supply from Parliament, and asserting his intention to appropriate the whole revenue with-

out the people's consent or interference, either in person or by their Representatives.

"He was pledged several years ago to lay before the House of Assembly, (at its request) returns of the revenue raised from the Menonists, Tunkards and Quakers, for Militia exemptions during the then preceding sixteen years; also, the account of all fines received from officers and privates of Militia, for the then preceding fifteen years; but, though often reminded of that promise, has yet left it unfulfilled.

"He has neglected to obtain from the Officers of his Government, at the request of the House of Assembly, and in fulfillment of his promise, full, true and particular accounts of their fees, salaries, places and perquisites; but has laid before the House instead thereof, in many cases, partial, unfair and untrue statements of such fees and incomes, made up without the least regard to the request of the Legislature; and although a second Session is far advanced since the request was made, a number of functionaries holding important situations during pleasure, some of them in this Town and District, have given in no reports at all.

"He has sent to the Legislature (after the delay of a whole Session in complying with the request contained in their address,) partial, defective, and not seldom untrue statements of the expenses incurred in the several Law Courts of the Colony during the two bygone years; and has neglected to enforce true, complete and ample returns as required by the address, although all the officers and judicial functionaries hold office at his pleasure.

"He has on another occasion delayed and refused unnecessarily and unseasonably, to afford useful and essential information on public affairs required by the Legislature, and in some cases where information was professed to be given, presented it in an incomplete, careless, and unsatisfactory form, inconvenient for reference, although he keeps up at great public cost, needless clerks and clerkships, in nearly all the offices, and allows some of the principals to pay themselves for the same services twice, thrice, and even four times, in the course of the year.

"He has never recommended any provision for the payment of the war losses, but leaves that heavy claim to be liquidated by a vexatious tax on your salt, and a loan to be paid by taxes on your Estates, although there are vast revenues accruing from public property wasted under the present irresponsible system.

"He has manifested the utmost carelessness and apathy relative to your interests as a Province, in the regulation of your trade in wheat and other staple commodities with Great Britain and her other Colonies, and in reference to the present injudicious system of favouring the United States farmer at your expense.

"He has neglected or refused to profit by the example of wise and paternal rulers; seldom or never recommending the adoption of any general laws and regulations for the better government of the Province, and at no time, either by precept or example, shewing a disposition to enforce an economical expenditure of the revenue raised by your industry.

"He is a friend to monopolies, and monopolies are and ever will be opposed to freedom and to the genius of free Governments.

"He has given injudicious advice to His Majesty's Government:

"In his opinion laid before the House of Commons that the Chief Justice ought, for many reasons, to remain a Member of the Executive Council.

"In selecting prejudiced and dependant persons, Officers on half-pay; Priests, Bishops and pensioned individuals, to seats in the Legislative Council, under the pretence of adding to the independence of that Body.

"In recommending that £1000 sterling, of the monies raised from the people, should be expended on building a new Church in York for Doctor Strachan and the Church of England, without a vote of the Legislature, and in despite of public opinion.

"He has wasted the produce of the taxes in pensions of £500, £1000, £1200, and other large sums, bestowed on useless, idle or unworthy persons, and on persons who had been before amply recompensed for any services they gave to the Colony.

"He has applied the product of a permanent grant for the support of the Civil Government to the purposes of Court favouritism, and as a pension fund, still further to increase overgrown wealth.

"He has allowed the President of his Council, without security, to retain a large sum out of the public funds for years, without interest, and even to charge for keeping the money,

under the specious title of a special receiver, while the Province is borrowing, and while a princely income is paid to a Treasurer who is under sureties to account for his intrusions.

"He has, under the plea of Royal instructions, refused to lay before the Legislature detailed accounts of very large sums of money raised by his Officers from the people of Upper Canada, for several successive years, but has granted such statement for one particular year, after denying that he had authority to do so. And there is a strong reason for suspecting that these secret revenues are (in part) grossly misapplied.

"He has continued to permit the exaction of unsuitable fees by public Officers, not authorized by law; and to grant his warrants on the provincial treasury from year to year for the payment of the most ridiculous, absurd and extravagant charges by public functionaries, that can well be imagined; and this too in disregard of the recommendations of the finance report of 1829, and many other remonstrances both by the Legislature and the people.

"He has authorized the continuance of useless and expensive Offices—mere sinecures—burthens upon the industry of the Country.

"He has neglected to see the law fulfilled by requiring the whole of the legal evidences of the expenditure of those monies granted during the last two years for road improvement.

"He has paid unfair and extravagant prices to a favourite printer for printing the provincial laws and publishing legal advertisements, although there is no law in existence recognizing any state printer, and although it has been the usage to give the statutes by contract to the lowest bidder.

"He has allowed the revenue to accumulate unduly in the hands of Officers appointed to collect the taxes and duties, has sought no security from defaulters, has omitted in some cases to enforce the regular returns for years and yet allowed delinquents to hold Office, and by a lax and careless superintendance has added to the evils of a system in which there are no checks, and in which the receivers are not even required to give their returns under oath.

"He has permitted the Judges of the District Courts, at their pleasure to create Deputy Judges, a thing elsewhere unheard of; has authorized one Judge to hold and enjoy the ample revenues of three District Judgeships, consisting altogether of seven populous Counties; and made no complaint when Judges reported that they had absented themselves for years together from their judicial functions, leaving the administration of justice to any friend whose residence and habits might be the most suitable.

"He is continually surrounded, flattered, guided, and advised by a host of Church and State priests, placemen, sinecurists, courtiers, parasites and sycophants, greatly augmented in strength, numbers and tact, since the good old days of Sir P. Maitland; and the wholesome influence which the country and those who possess its fullest confidence ought to exercise over him is yielded to such persons as contrived the Alien Bill, Mr. Justice Robinson and Doctor John Strachan.

"He has depressed the actual value of landed property in many places, by draining the specie from the landowners and farmers to bestow upon idle and useless favourites, placemen and sinecurists, and refusing to practice that economy which would cause a handsome surplus revenue to return among the people; and by wasting the proceeds of the sales of reserves, insomuch that upwards of half a million of acres exposed to public sale within the last eighteen or twenty months have been actually disposed of for arrears of taxes at the average price of sixpence farthing per acre for clear deeds, the farmers having no means to purchase, although the land was placed in the most favourable locations all over the Province.

"He has permitted the High Sheriffs of this and the Western, Niagara, and Bathurst Districts, to charge fees on these land sales far higher than are authorized by law, altho' even the lawful fees were thrice or four times higher than they ought to have been; nor has the report of a Committee, recorded on the Journals of Parliament and printed for his information, induced him to call the delinquents to account for their illegal conduct, conduct too that is continued daily in Mr. Billings your Treasurer's office.

"He assented to a bill by which his income or salary was from this time forward to be £2000 British Money, yet not content with this and his other perquisites here and in England, he claims about £680 to £700 a year for his first private Clerk, and also £1000 sterling for himself out of the fines and seizures of which he is so unwilling to render a public account.

"He allows the sons and nephews of the Judges to trump up very large accounts to be annually paid by the public for their services as Clerks of Assize, a title not known in law, instead of requiring the Deputy Crown Clerks to do the service for a consideration of a few dollars per diem; and he also

permits the Judges themselves, together with the Crown Lawyers, to consume from £400 to £700 a year, as travelling expenses, although they have all princely incomes from the people, and the latter are following their private as well as the public business.

"He has appointed the principal Judge of the chief criminal court to the station of Speaker of the Legislative Council, thereby involving that officer in the political disputes of the Colony, and has ordered him to receive a salary for such Speakership double in amount to the salary of the Speaker of the other House, and for not one-third of the service, and although the said Chief Judge enjoys £1500 sterling a year in another capacity.

"He allows much public money to be swallowed up in office rents, and a hundred other trumpery charges of contingencies got up and passed and paid by Government, to public officers, without legislative check.

"He authorized what is called a general court martial to be held somewhere in the London District lately, dispatched a young attorney as Judge Advocate, and paid him and the other actors in the well spun out pageant about a thousand dollars out of the public chest. These expensive things have formed sundry valuable and costly items for his favourites of late years.

"He has placed or retained individuals in a plurality of offices, the several duties of which were evidently incompatible with each other, and has allowed the incumbents to neglect from time to time the functions they received public money for performing, and all this to your essential injury and in neglect of your repeated petitions and complaints; and in this, as in nearly all other things, has he followed closely the footsteps of Sir Peregrine Maitland, who bent the whole powers of his government to the purpose of neutralizing or subverting constitutional checks, and left your shores followed by the honest indignation of the whole Province.

"He has placed the control of the ample funds raised from your industry by local taxation and the sale of lands in the hands of a few irresponsible courtiers and favourites, holding offices dependant on his pleasure, and has spurned your petitions, complaints and remonstrances, personally or through your representatives, for an independant magistracy, and for the appointment of Justices of the Peace from among the ancient, wealthy, and intelligent land owners in your various townships.

"He has allowed the magistracy of the several districts to receive in their individual capacities and expend, or profess to expend, many thousand pounds on improvements, and has taken advantage of the wording of a vicious alteration of a statute, the handiwork of your Chief Justice and Judge Jones, to require no account from them whatever, until asked to do so by a motion of one of the Members for Leeds the other day. £1000 nearly are now about to be paid them in the same way, in this District alone. In anything that concerns your interests in matters of revenue, the Lieutenant Governor resembles the Lord Mayor of London's state coach, he is more for ornament than use. His habits unfit him for such business.

"He has sustained in the commission of the peace filthy, abandoned and notorious drunkards, guilty of habitual intoxication, and has turned a deaf ear to the remonstrances and complaints of the country and of the public press.

"He has replied to applications from freeholders and Members of the Legislature for the appointment of Magistrates, in the Johnstown District, that the old inhabitants were unfit for the office, and he would decline commissioning them, but that he expected a more intelligent race of people to arrive in Canada, from the settlers of whom he would supply that section of the country with Justices of the Peace; he has also in many cases shewn his contempt and aversion for the old settlers of the Colony.

"He has refused to allow his officers to account for the many extraordinary and ruinous sums of money collected by them as fines, and in their capacity of informers for hire, and has obstinately kept the Colony in ignorance concerning the disposal of such fines, in detail.

"Instead of selecting disinterested and responsible individuals as bank directors on behalf of the Provincial Stock, he has chosen placemen, politicians, persons who are rapidly enriching themselves by the abuses of the system and dependant on its abuses; and thus he completes the close political faction of official persons who secretly control the monied interests of the Colony, through the bank as it may best answer their own personal views.

"I have thus briefly stated some parts of His Excellency's public conduct; and from the whole of that conduct since he first came among us to this present day I infer that his creed and principles are the same as are professed and acted upon by

the majority of the House of Peers of England, and by those Monarchs in Europe whose example he so closely follows, to wit: Nicholas of Russia, Frederick William of Prussia, Charles X of France, Ferdinand of Spain, Francis of Austria and the Duke of Brunswick.

"He believes that you were made to be governed—to be ruled—to be taxed—to labour—and to laugh, weep, sigh or be merry, as directed by vice-regal authority. He believes that it is his duty to do as he pleases, and your duty to do as he orders you. He believes that the circulation of knowledge in your Townships and Concessions is a great evil, and the education of the yeomanry of Upper Canada dangerous to the peace and good order of society. He wishes to keep you ignorant in order that you may be obedient, and to keep you obedient in order that you may be enslaved. He believes that you have few natural rights, and that all social privileges are enjoyed through the bounty of Princes and Lieutenant Governors. He believes that the liberty of the Press is the invention of Beelzebub, and that newspapers and newspaper editors are the curse of the earth and the scourge of mankind; and strongly inclines to the opinion that all popular Governments are the judgements of Heaven upon Earth for the sin and disobedience of the lower orders. He further believes that Methodism and Atheism are equally dangerous, and that John Knox and John Wesley were workers of much mischief. He has been bred to believe the people only of importance as pigs and sheep are of importance, in order to furnish Governors, Generals, Colonels, Captains and Legislative Councillors with subsistence, and he treats them accordingly. "All the Methodists in America would fail in their attempts to soften the heart of one single Arab, brought up in the notion that it is more glorious to rob cavarans than to labour for a living." His Excellency is the creature of Education, and has been early taught "that man possesses few rights as a member of society, and that all he enjoys and hopes for, he derives from, or should look up to his earthly Sovereign, or his Representative, to confer. He further firmly believes that it is impossible to combine in any government on earth, the will of the people with royal authority; and that the Initiative and Executive; the thought, word and deed, should all be united in one being such as himself." Military rule in Upper Canada would be his pride and glory: that is what he was bred to. Constitutional Government he may have read of in books. But to command his fellow creatures as if they were so many Africans in Jamaica he has had long practice. I dare say, gentlemen, he would make a tolerably mild despot. These principles he holds in common with Archdeacon Strachan, Chief Justice Robinson, and those venerable bodies the Executive and Legislative Councils of Upper Canada; all of whom are horror struck at the very name of political responsibility to the people.

A majority of the advisers of the person thus administering this Government, as his Executive Council, are the same persons who were denounced by the Commons House of Assembly by a vote of thirty-six to six, on the 12th day of January, 1829, as having "deeply wounded the feelings and injured the best interests of the Country." They are the same persons concerning whom the Commons' House of Assembly, on the 13th of January, 1830, solemnly declared their "settled conviction that the continuance about His Excellency of the same advisers, who, from the unhappy policy they have pursued, have long deservedly lost the confidence of the Country, is highly inexpedient, and calculated seriously to weaken the expectations of the people from the impartial and disinterested Justice of His Majesty's Government."

"They are the same Executive Council who upheld and maintained an organized system of espionage throughout the Province, who received the secret and injurious reports of hireling tale-bearers, against the most worthy and exalted characters, and placed the same in the confidential archives of office for the worst of purposes.

"They are the same Executive Council who upheld and encouraged and paid from the Provincial chest licentious and abusive presses wantonly to defame the honest yeomanry of the country.

"They are the same Executive Council who secretly denounced the House of Assembly, to the King, as a band of rebellious and traitorous conspirators, when that House ventured to stand up for the rights and liberties of their country.

"They are the same Executive Council who tampered with the independence of the Legislative Council, and induced a majority of its Members to swerve from their integrity.

"They are of the Council who banished Mr. Gourlay, a native born British subject, by a course of the most cruel, unjust and tyrannical proceedings.

"They are the Council who dragged from the bench of justice the Hon. John Walpole Willis, and after affecting his removal from the judicial office, pursued him into retirement and even to banishment with the most disgraceful and malicious

slanders ever engendered by envy or hatred in the human breast.

"They are the Council who advised the secret despatch to England, marked "separate," in which the most gross and infamous slanders are reiterated against Doctor Baldwin, Mr. Rolph, Mr. Bidwell, the majority of the House of Assembly, Mr. Justice Willis, and the people of this great County; and their baneful and destructive influence extends over this Province until this day.

"They are the same Council who placed on the records an opinion, sent *secretly and unasked for*, to His Majesty's Government, by the person since elevated to the centre seat on the bench of justice, but then in the House of Assembly, that the Speaker of that House (Mr. Bidwell,) with Mr. Rolph and others of its Members were a most wicked and factious cabal, engaged in that House in an unprincipled opposition to the measures and institutions of the Government.

"They are the same Council who endeavoured to deprive many of you of your civil rights by the infamous Alien Bill.

"They are the same Council who have interfered in the most unwarrantable and irritating manner with the education of the people, contrary to law; and who have suffered 500,000 acres of land granted by His Majesty's Government many years ago for the purposes of education, to remain a wilderness.

"They are the Council who screened the Hon. William Allan in his alleged misapplication of the revenue, and refused to do justice upon the petition of the much injured Leonard Wilcox.

"They are the Council who advised and urged to maturity the detested everlasting salary bill of last March.

"They are the Council who did so much to injure the country, by their united and individual slanders against a majority of the several Christian Denominations in Upper Canada.

"They are the Council who granted £31 to W. Knot out of the revenue, as a per centage on £621 of Militia fines collected by him in 3rd York Militia during the war; no account being given by His Excellency of the amount and application of such monies although all public accountants account to the Receiver General.

"They are the Council who refused others having prior claims, and granted part of the harbour of this Town to Henry Hamilton and persons who had busied themselves for the present Chief Justice in his contested Election for the Town of York, an election famed through Canada for the corrupt manner in which it was conducted. They too are the Council who have for many years acted in the most injudicious manner as a Land Council, of which innumerable proofs can be adduced.

"They are the Council who persecuted and shamefully entreated the gallant Captain Matthews.

"The Legislative Council is chiefly composed of persons dependant on the Executive Government for their salaries, pensions and fees of office, or who have been selected by that Government, upon the principle on which the English Tories have selected Peers and Bishops for the last forty years, absolute and unlimited servility. It also contains naval and military half pay officers, Roman Catholic and Protestant Bishops, Venerable Archdeacons, Excise Officers and Bank Directors; and its official organ is the Chief Criminal Judge of the Colony. From its very nature and composition it has scarce one feeling or sentiment in common with the country, being the mere breath of the Executive, and an expensive and cumbrous screen to shield that Executive from deserved odium.

"The Legislative Council rarely if ever originates any Bills of general interest for the advancement of the public prosperity.

"It has on innumerable occasions rejected the most wise, salutary laws, laws earnestly desired by the people, and calculated to promote their welfare. Among the measures thus wantonly rejected by the Council since my entrance into the Legislature, I shall particularly enumerate bills:

"For abolishing the law of primogeniture and dividing real estate more equally among the sons and daughters of landowners who die intestate.

"For selling a part of the Clergy Reserves for the benefit of the country.

"For rendering Sheriffs and their Deputies ineligible to seats in Parliament for places within their jurisdiction.

"For appointing Commissioners to meet Commissioners already appointed by Lower Canada, to consider of the regulation of trade, customs' duties, and other matters of mutual interest.

"For appointing, 1st, the Hon. J. W. Willis, and secondly Mr. Speaker Papineau, to act as a judge in equity and reconsider the case of Mr. Randal's Chauviere estate.—For assigning yards to debtors incarcerated in prison.

"For facilitating the administration of justice, by removing the grounds on which frequent charges of partiality and corruption, or deep suspicion of corruption, have often been made against Sheriffs and Coroners for arbitrarily returning and impannelling juries.—For excluding the Judges from the Legislative and Executive Councils. For relieving Quakers, Methodists and Tinkards from the payment of fines for non-performance of militia duty in time of peace.—For establishing on a just and liberal principal Upper Canada College in this Town.—For authorising creditors to sue for debts against the Canada Company.—For allowing persons who may be charged with felony, and unable to defend themselves, the benefit of full defence by Counsel.—For the better regulation of Township Meetings and the duties of Town and Township Officers.—For more fully securing the independence of Town Members, by granting them the same wages as County Members.—For stopping the payment of an Episcopalian Chaplain when the Assembly no longer required his services.—For allowing the people of Kingston to elect Municipal Officers instead of having their local affairs regulated by a few irresponsible individuals arbitrarily selected by the Executive Government.—For granting a small aid for a few years to the Academy incorporated in Grant-ham.—For incorporating a number of you as an Association to hold your public Store-House in York, and store your grain.—For repealing the £2,500 or Pension Fund Act; for amending the law of evidence and contracts.—For amending the Law of Libel.—For granting in 1829, £13,650 in aid of the Roads. And for authorising the appointment of Commissioners of Roads and other officers for the management of highways by the Township Meetings. Also—

"For lessening the number of lawsuits and authorizing the appointment of Arbitrators in certain cases; &c. &c.

"The Legislative Council is the cause of much waste of time and money in the House of Assembly, by continually rejecting Bills much called for by the people, which causes great delay in the business of the Assembly each year, in again going thro' and discussing the same measures.—The Gourlay Banishment repeal Bill; the Prince Edward Division Bill, and several other Bills of a general or local character, were often passed in the Lower House at a great expense to the Colony, and finally assented to.

"The Legislative Council is opposed to a liberal system of banking, because its Members are almost all deeply interested in the political and exclusive Bank already established, as well from their profits as Stockholders as from the influence they derive as placemen from the secret control of this dangerous institution.

"The Legislative Council have passed Addresses in favor of particular Church establishments, and are as much opposed to the independence of the Judges on the Crown, as they were anxious to secure their independence of the people. They have no fear of the present Judges lacking in pliability towards any Administration.

"The Legislative Council grant the money arising from the taxes levied on you, to their door-keepers and favourites for pretended extra services; and last Spring grossly imposed upon the House of Assembly by representing a demand made to pay a door-keeper a douceur for some pretended service some years before, as being to pay contingencies of the then existing Session.

"His Majesty's Government will find the causes of the conduct I have thus described fully developed in your addresses to the King, of last July and August, in the sentiments of which I heartily concur.

"I have charged the present House of Assembly with sycophency, in my capacity of a public journalist; I here before you and in the face of the world reiterate that charge, as applied to the majority of its Members.

"They have passed at the request of the local Executive, and contrary to British Constitutional principle, the everlasting Salary Bill; refusing at same time to limit its operation to the present reign; refusing to provide for the independence of the Judges on the Executive while they secured to them forever the most extravagant incomes; refusing also to inquire into the wasteful and dangerous system of applying the greater part of the revenue by a power unknown to the constitution; refusing to exclude the Judges from seats in the Legislative and Executive Council; refusing to exclude Bishops, Archdeacons and Gospel Preachers from seats in the Executive Council; and refusing to curtail the extravagance of the Council Clerk, and the unjust charges of the Crown Officers, before these officers had voted themselves and their successors, and the said Clerk and his successors, incomes out of the taxes for ever.

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"They have imitated the Legislative Council in squandering your revenues, under the head contingencies; they double and treble the incomes of some of their servants, grant the most extraordinary demands for services, carelessly examine accounts, and openly vote down Session after Session ordinary motions of enquiry into the items of expense which compose the thousands of pounds demanded in a lump from time to time as contingencies by the Legislative Council. Adding together the probable incidental charges of the two houses from March last until March next, we shall have about £9,000. And as the whole expense of their sittings £25,000. The Legislature of Vermont costs annually about half as many dollars, including the salary of Governor, Judges, and all other charges; yet the population of Vermont exceeds ours.

"They allowed the St. Lawrence to remain unimproved, altho' its being made navigable would have benefitted every body; and neglected further to encourage education, altho' the people cried out for it; they put a negative in their first Session upon the bill for distribution of intestate estate, altho' Upper Canada had but one voice in its favor; they delayed and refused to pass the Clergy Reserve Address in the same Session, lest, (as they said) the petitioners by Mr. Ryerson should profit by it; and found, nevertheless, £50,000 to expend on Welland Canal, an unprofitable undertaking, a job prematurely gone into for the advantage of a few officers of this Government, Legislative Councillors and speculators in waste lands.

"They neglected your numerous petitions, presented by myself and other friendly Members, praying for the passage of many salutary enactments, or delivered them into the custody and safe keeping of placemen by whom I had been personally insulted and defamed as a rebel and traitor, and by this means prevented several useful Bills being introduced into the House on your petitions.

"They passed the obnoxious York Market Bill in opposition to your petitions, and in defiance of the protestations of your Members.—They negatived and condemned the principle of voting by ballot.—They disapproved by their votes of the excellent principle of regulating by law the sales of all public or Crown Lands, and preferred the present secret and corrupt system.—They refused to censure the Lieutenant Governor for keeping back this Election 21 days instead of eight, in order that it might interfere with your annual Town Meetings, and delay my return.—They refused to enquire into the Tea Monopoly by which you are so heavily taxed.—They refused to remonstrate against the principle of the Trade Act of last April, so deeply affecting your interests.—They allow the important statements respecting extravagant pensions, salaries, fees, and law charges to slumber on their shelves, and thereby increase the incomes of Attornies, Bailiffs, Sheriffs, and other public functionaries at the expense of justice and good government.—They neglect to inquire into the details of the many thousands of pounds granted for road and bridge improvements.—They neglect to inquire into the whole Provincial expenditure, and to provide due checks on the revenue Officers.—They propose to double the power of the political Bank of this place, and they get rid of motions for enquiring into the state of its affairs by motions for adjournment.

"They appoint Committees on the state of the representation of the people in their own House, and refuse to allow said Committees to report.

"They get rid of bills for the general regulation of Banking; revenue inquiries; Bank inquiries; inquire into salaries, incomes, fees and perquisites; bills to amend the representation; inquiries into fines, forfeitures, seizures; and the application of the same, and of your opposition to destructive monopolies, by summarily expelling a Member you sent to attend to these matters.

"They (the said majority) are chiefly placemen during pleasure, such as sheriffs, crown lawyers, postmasters, judges, registrars, custom house officers, military men on half pay or with retired allowances, collectors of the customs elect, &c. &c. who receive from the Government 6, if not 10 times the amount they obtain from the people as Legislators. They are the enemies of free discussion thro' the press, although such free discussion of the conduct of public men is your best guarantee for the preservation of the rights of freemen.

"Having stated these facts at length, I have only now to add my own individual opinion thereon, which is, 1st, that His Excellency Sir John Colborne, Lieutenant Governor of this Province, by the abuses and mal-administration of which he has been guilty, and by the general tenor of his administration, has entirely forfeited all confidence on the part of the people of Upper Canada, and is incapable of acquiring the confidence of any House of Assembly in which the people would be faithfully represented.

"2. That John Strachan, D. D. and his fellow Members of the Executive Council, have utterly forfeited all claim to the confidence of the people.

"2. That the Legislative Council, as now constituted, is a grievous burthen upon the Colony, and has not answered the purposes for which it was instituted.

"4. That, for the reasons given in your petition lately presented to the Lieutenant Governor, as well as those others above stated, it is essential to the prosperity of the Country that the Provincial Legislature should be forthwith dissolved.

"5. That the Country cannot be restored to a state of tranquillity, confidence, and quiet, but when His Excellency Sir John Colborne shall have been recalled from his Government and his administration changed by the removal of the persons composing the present Executive Council; when the places of Henry John Boulton and Christopher Alexander Hagerman, the present Attorney and Solicitor General shall be filled by other persons; and the people of the Province allowed to amend their late choice of a representation.

"6. That it is expedient to suggest to His Majesty's Government, that the interests of this country as connected with England, would be best promoted by the appointment of a person to the head of this government, who had not "gathered his knowledge" of civil rule from the usages of camps and garrisons, nor "formed his ideas" of religious freedom from the maxims of the University of Oxford.

"7. That I approve of the petition and address to the King, and the petitions to the House of Assembly, adopted by you in July and August last.

"8. That I am decidedly opposed to the increase of the power of the Bank of Upper Canada, or the extension of its Capital Stock.

"Electors of the County of York, you have had a long and intimate acquaintance with my public and private character and conduct. My political opinions, on the most important questions likely soon to arise in the country, I have also this day distinctly avowed, together with the grounds on which I entertain such opinions.

"If you agree with me in sentiment on these important questions, and are satisfied with my past conduct as your member; disapproving of the late steps taken by the House of Assembly against the freedom of the Press, and their violation of your rights in my person; I humbly request your suffrages in my favour, as a demonstration of public opinion in the most populous, wealthy, and influential shire in Upper Canada; that shire too which has the best means of judging of the government and the representative body, from their location within it.

"If, on the other hand, you approve of the conduct of the Provincial Executive and Assembly, it will be my duty to close my career as a public journalist, and respectfully to desire your permission to return into private life, filled with a deep and lively sense of your kindness and condescension, and of my own utter unworthiness of the high honor your friendship has twice freely bestowed."

W. L. MACKENZIE.

"TO THE PEOPLE OF CANADA.

"FRIENDS, COUNTRYMEN, AND BROTHERS!

"Let it never be forgotten by you, that it is to the possession of a Free and Independent Press that Great Britain owes her greatness; that but for the absence of the censorship, France would have ere now relapsed into her ancient despotism under the iron sway of Charles the 10th; and that a shackled Press in Upper Canada would speedily convert your fifty representatives into fifty tyrants, in close and unholy alliance with trained bands of public robbers elsewhere. Remember, that wherever the Press is not free the people are poor, abject degraded slaves; that the Press is the life, the safeguard, the very heart's blood of a free country; the test of its worth, its happiness, its civilization; and that thirty individuals "dressed up in a little brief authority," aimed a deadly thrust at this great palladium of your rights. The members of your Legislature who contributed their aid to put down the free expression of public opinion, by violent means, in the case of the expulsion of Mr. MacKenzie are, J. H. Samson (with whom the dark proceeding originated), his seconded Asa Warden, Absalom Shade, Hugh Christopher Thomson, William Morris, Christopher A. Hagerman, W. B. Robinson, John Wilson, William Willson, Henry J. Boulton, William B. Jarvis, Allan N. Macnab, Richard D. Fraser, Alexander Fraser, William Berzcy, George Boulton, William Chisholm, William Crooks, William Elliott, Henry Jones, Alex. McMartin, Charles Ingersoll, Chas. Duncombe, Roswell Mount, John Warren, Philip VanKoughnet, John Lewis, John B. Magon, John Brown, and Mahlon Burwell.

"NOBLE CANADIANS!—See that ye inscribe their names and deeds in your most sacred family records; publish them

in your schools and colleges; and teach your children, and your children's children, that as they would desire to avoid bringing misery and destruction upon their beloved country, to take warning and avoid the pernicious example of these misguided men."

Mr. MacKenzie then entered upon his defence.

The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a Message, and a series of Resolutions, passed by that Honorable House, and a Newspaper called the Colonial Advocate, dated the fifth instant.

Message and several resolutions brought down from Legislative Council.

The Speaker read the Message as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has passed certain resolutions on the subject of its privileges, which they communicate to the Commons' House of Assembly.

Message.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,

SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
6th day of January, 1832. }

Mr. MacKenzie resumed his defence, and at six o'clock P.M. concluded the same.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that it be resolved, that William Lyon MacKenzie, Esquire, a Member returned to represent the County of York, in Provincial Parliament, has been expelled this House during the present Session, for the publication of certain gross, scandalous, and malicious libels, intended and calculated to bring this House, and the Government of this Province, into contempt, and to excite groundless suspicion and distrust in the minds of the inhabitants of the Province, as to the proceedings and motives of their representatives.

Resolution for declaring W. L. MacKenzie guilty of libel.

That, since his re-election, in a certain Newspaper called the "Colonial Advocate," dated 5th January, instant, in an article therein published, entitled "Articles of Impeachment, or public accusations, read and submitted to the consideration of the Electors of the County of York, in County Court assembled, on Monday, second January, 1832, by Mr. MacKenzie, their late Member, against the Lieutenant Governor and the advisers of the Crown"—of which he has avowed himself the author; and in a certain other article in the same paper, of the same date, purporting to be an address "To the people of Upper Canada," of which he has also acknowledged himself the author, has, in high contempt of this House and its privileges, not only reasserted the said gross, scandalous and malicious libel, for which he, the said William Lyon MacKenzie, had been expelled, but hath also in the said articles endeavoured, by false, scandalous, and malicious misrepresentations, to cause his Majesty's Subjects of this Province to believe that the Majority of their Representatives should be held in execration and abhorrence by posterity, as enemies to the liberties of the people they represent—as persons who would by violent and unconstitutional means destroy the liberty of the press, and convert the fifty Members of which this House is composed, into tyrants, in close and unholy alliance with trained bands of public robbers:—Wherefore, It is resolved, that the said William Lyon MacKenzie be expelled this House, and declared unfit and unworthy to hold a seat therein.

In amendment, Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnet, moves that after the word "therein" the following be added:—"during the present Parliament."

Amendment proposed.

On which debates ensued.

Debates.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the debate on the question of privilege be adjourned until to-morrow, and that it be the first thing on the order of the day.

Question adjourned.

Ordered.

The Resolutions from the Honorable the Legislative Council were read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Resolutions from Legislative Council read.

Resolved—That a Newspaper called the "Colonial Advocate," published at York on the 5th day of January, instant, is a scurrilous and unwarrantable libel upon the Legislative Council.

Resolutions from Legislative Council, complaining of libel in Colonial Advocate.

Resolved—That it appears by several passages of the said paper, that William Lyon MacKenzie, Esquire, a Member of the House of Assembly, now in Session, is the publisher thereof, and the author and composer of the said libel.

Resolved—That with whatever forbearance the Legislative Council may be disposed to treat less flagitious libels, published under other circumstances, it becomes them not to submit to the indignity of being thus slanderously traduced at the very place, and at the time in which they are exercising their functions committed to them by the constitution, and by

libels avowedly sanctioned by the name of a Member of another branch of the Legislature, with which it is the duty and desire of the Legislative Council to co-operate in all measures for promoting the public good.

Resolved—That the Legislative Council cannot but feel a confident reliance that, if the said paper is really published, as it professes to be, by the said William Lyon Mackenzie, the House of Assembly will view with just indignation the efforts thus made by one of their Members for impairing the independence of the Legislative Council, and diminishing the respect which is due to them as a part of the constitution of this Province, and that they will desire to afford reparation to the Legislative Council for so unwarrantable a breach of their privileges.

Resolved—That these resolutions, together with the paper referred to, be communicated to the House of Assembly.

Truly extracted from the Journals, 6th January, 1832.

GRANT POWELL,  
CLERK, L. C.

Paragraphs in the Colonial Advocate, adverted to in the foregoing resolutions.

Matter complained of as libelous by Legislative Council.

“In selecting prejudiced and dependant persons, Officers on half-pay; Priests, Bishops and pensioned individuals, to seats in the Legislative Council, under the pretence of adding to the independence of that Body.

“The Legislative Council is chiefly composed of persons dependant on the Executive Government for their salaries, pensions and fees of office, or who have been selected by that Government, upon the principle on which the English Tories have selected Peers and Bishops for the last forty years, absolute and unlimited servility. It also contains naval and military half pay officers, Roman Catholic and Protestant Bishops, Venerable Archdeacons, Excise Officers and Bank Directors; and its official organ is the Chief Criminal Judge of the Colony. From its very nature and composition it has scarce one feeling or sentiment in common with the country, being the mere breath of the Executive, and an expensive and cumbrous screen to shield that Executive from deserved odium.

“The Legislative Council rarely if ever originates any Bills of general interest for the advancement of the public prosperity.

“It has on innumerable occasions rejected the most wise, salutary laws, laws earnestly desired by the people, and calculated to promote their welfare. Among the measures thus wantonly rejected by the Council since my entrance into the Legislature, I shall particularly enumerate bills:

“For abolishing the law of primogeniture and dividing real estate more equally among the sons and daughters of land-owners who die intestate.

“For selling a part of the Clergy Reserves for the benefit of the country.

“For rendering Sheriffs and their Deputies ineligible to seats in Parliament for places within their jurisdiction.

“For appointing Commissioners to meet Commissioners already appointed by Lower Canada, to consider of the regulation of trade, custom duties, and other matters of mutual interest.

“For appointing, 1st, the Hon. J. W. Willis, and secondly Mr. Speaker Papineau, to act as a judge in equity and reconsider the case of Mr. Randal's Chaudiere estate.—For assigning yards to debtors incarcerated in prison.

“For facilitating the administration of Justice, by removing the grounds on which frequent charges of partiality and corruption, or deep suspicion of corruption, have often been made against Sheriffs and Coroners for arbitrarily returning and empannelling juries.—For excluding the Judges from the Legislative and Executive Councils. For relieving Quakers, Mennonists and Tunkards from the payment of fines for non-performance of militia duty in time of peace.—For establishing on a just and liberal principle Upper Canada College in this Town.—For authorising creditors to sue for debts against the Canada Company.—For allowing persons who may be charged with felony, and unable to defend themselves, the benefit of full defence by Counsel.—For the better regulation of Township Meetings and the duties of Town and Township Officers.—For more fully securing the independence of Town Members, by granting them the same wages as County Members.—For stopping the payment of an Episcopalian Chaplain when the Assembly no longer required his services.—For allowing the people of Kingston to elect Municipal Officers instead of having their local affairs regulated by a few irresponsible individuals arbitrarily selected by the Executive Government.—For granting a small aid for a few years to the Academy incorporated in Grant-ham.—For incorporating a number of you as an Association to

hold your public Store-House in York, and store your grain.—For repealing the £2500 or Pension Fund Act; for amending the law of evidence and contracts.—For amending the Law of Libel.—For granting in 1829, £13,650 in aid of the Roads. And for authorizing the appointment of Commissioners of Roads and other officers for the management of highways by the Township Meetings. Also—

“For lessening the number of lawsuits and authorizing the appointment of Arbitrators in certain cases; &c. &c.

“The Legislative Council is the cause of much waste of time and money in the House of Assembly, by continually rejecting Bills much called for by the people, which causes great delay in the business of the Assembly each year, in again going thro' and discussing the same measures.—The Gourlay Banishment Repeal Bill; the Prince Edward Division Bill, and several other Bills of a general or local character, were often passed in the Lower House at a great expense to the Colony, and finally assented to.

“The Legislative Council is opposed to a liberal system of banking, because its Members are almost all deeply interested in the political and exclusive Bank already established, as well from their profits as Stockholders as from the influence they derive as placemen from the secret control of this dangerous institution.

“The Legislative Council have passed addresses in favor of particular Church establishments, and are as much opposed to the independence of the Judges on the Crown, as they were anxious to secure their independence of the people. They have no fear of the present Judges lacking in pliability towards any Administration.

“The Legislative Council grant the money arising from the taxes levied on you, to their door-keepers and favorites for pretended extra services; and last Spring grossly imposed upon the House of Assembly by representing a demand made to pay a door-keeper a douceur for some pretended service some years before, as being to pay contingencies of the then existing Session.

“They have imitated the Legislative Council in squandering your revenues, under the head contingencies; they double and treble the income of some of their servants, grant the most extraordinary demands for services, carelessly examine accounts, and openly vote down Session after Session ordinary motions of enquiry into the items of expense which compose the thousands of pounds demanded in a lump from time to time as contingencies by the Legislative Council. Adding together the probable incidental charges of the two houses from March last until March next, we shall have about £9000. And as the whole expense of their sittings £25,000. The Legislature of Vermont costs annually about half as many dollars, including the salary of Governor, Judges, and all other charges; yet the population of Vermont exceeds ours.

Mr. Werden, from the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive this House with its address requesting His Excellency to transmit the address to His Majesty on the subject of the settlement of the Province, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to name the hour of eleven A.M. to-morrow.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

At eleven o'clock the House waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with its address, requesting His Excellency to transmit the address to His Majesty, on the subject of the settlement of the Province, to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be by him laid at the foot of the Throne—and being returned, the Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:

GENTLEMEN,

I will transmit to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Answer. this address to His Majesty.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that so much of the order of the day as relates to the question of privilege be discharged.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs.

Beardsley,	Duncombe,	A. McDonald,	Randal,
Bidwell,	Howard,	D. McDonald,	Roblin,
Buell,	Ketchum,	Norton,	Shaver,
Clark,	McCall,	Perry,	White—17.
Cook,			

Committee to wait on His Excellency to know when he would receive the House with address to King on settlement of Province. reported 11 A. M. to-morrow.

House waits on His Excellency with address to transmit address to King. on settlement of Province.

Motion for discharging question of privilege. House divides.

Yeas 17.

NAYS.—Messieurs.

Atty. General, A. Fraser,	Morris.	Sol. General,
Boulton, Jones,	Mount,	Thomson,
Brown, Lewis.	Robinson,	Van Koughnett,
Burwell, McMartin,	Samson,	Werden,
Chisholm, Macnab,	Shade,	J. Willson—22.
Elliott, Magon,		

Nays 22.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of five.

The Speaker then read the Solicitor General's motion of yesterday, as follows :

Sol. General's motion for declaring Mr. MacKenzie guilty of libel read again.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that it be resolved that William Lyon MacKenzie, Esquire, a member returned to represent the County of York, in Provincial Parliament, has been expelled this House during the present Session, for the publication of certain gross, scandalous and malicious libels, intended and calculated to bring this House and the government of the Province into contempt, and to excite groundless suspicion and distrust in the minds of the inhabitants of the Province, as to the proceedings and motives of their representatives.

That since his re-election, in a certain newspaper, called the "Colonial Advocate," dated 5th January instant, in an article therein published entitled, "Articles of Impeachment or public accusations read and submitted to the consideration of the electors of the County of York, in County Court assembled, on Monday, 2nd January 1832, by Mr. MacKenzie, their late Member, against the Lieutenant Governor and the advisers of the Crown," of which he has avowed himself the author—and in a certain other article in the same paper, of the same date, purporting to be an address "to the people of Upper Canada," of which he has also acknowledged himself the author—has, in high contempt of this House, and its privileges, not only repeated the said gross, scandalous and malicious libels, for which he, the said William Lyon MacKenzie had been expelled—but hath also, in the said articles, endeavoured by false, scandalous and malicious misrepresentations, to cause His Majesty's subjects of this Province to believe that the majority of their representatives should be held in execration and abhorrence by posterity, as enemies to the liberties of the people they represent—as persons who would by violent and unconstitutional means destroy the liberty of the press, and convert the fifty Members, of which this House is composed, into Tyrants, in close and unholy alliance with trained bands of public robbers.

Wherefore it is resolved, that the said William Lyon MacKenzie be expelled this House, and declared unfit and unworthy to hold a seat therein.

And also Mr. MacNab's motion in amendment thereto, as follows :

Mr. Macnab's amendment read.

Mr. MacNab, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnett, moves that after the word "therein" the following words be added, "during the present Parliament."

House divides on amendment.

On which amendment the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :—

YEAS.—Messieurs.

Atty. General, Elliott,	Magon,	Thomson,
Berzey, A. Fraser,	Morris,	Van Koughnett,
Boulton, Jarvis,	Mount,	Warren,
Brown, Jones,	Robinson,	Werden,
Burwell, Lewis,	Samson,	J. Willson,
Chisholm, McMartin,	Shade,	W. Willson—27
Crooks, Macnab,	Sol. General,	

Yeas 27.

NAYS.—Messieurs.

Beardsley, Cook,	McCall,	Randal,
Bidwell, Duncombe,	A. McDonald,	Roblin,
Buell, Howard,	D. McDonald,	Shaver,
Campbell, Ketchum,	Norton,	White—19
Clark, Lyons,	Perry,	

Nays 19.

Amendment carried.

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of eight.

The original question as amended was then put as follows :

Original question as amended put.

Resolved, that William Lyon MacKenzie, Esquire, a Member returned to represent the County of York in Provincial Parliament, has been expelled this House during the present Session, for the publication of certain gross, scandalous, and malicious libels, intended and calculated to bring this House, and the Government of the Province, into contempt, and to excite groundless suspicion and distrust in the

minds of the inhabitants of the Province, as to the proceedings and motives of their representatives.

That since his re-election, in a certain newspaper called the "Colonial Advocate" dated 5th January, instant, in an article therein published entitled, "Articles of impeachment or public accusations, read and submitted to the consideration of the electors of the county of York, in County Court assembled, on Monday 2d January 1832, by Mr. MacKenzie their late member, against the Lieutenant Governor and the advisers of the Crown," of which he has avowed himself the author—and in a certain other article in the same paper, of the same date, purporting to be an address "to the people of Upper Canada," of which he has also acknowledged himself the author, has, in high contempt of this House, and its privileges, not only repeated the said gross, scandalous and malicious libels, for which he, the said William Lyon MacKenzie, had been expelled, but hath, also, in the said articles, endeavoured, by false, scandalous and malicious misrepresentations, to cause His Majesty's subjects of this Province to believe that the majority of their representatives should be held in execration and abhorrence by posterity, as enemies to the liberties of the people they represent, as persons who would by violent and unconstitutional means destroy the liberty of the press, and convert the fifty members, of which this House is composed, into Tyrants in close and unholy alliance with trained bands of public robbers, wherefore it is resolved that the said William Lyon MacKenzie be expelled this House, and declared unfit and unworthy to hold a seat therein, during the present Parliament.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

House divides on question of libel and expulsion.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Elliott,	Magon,	Thomson,
Berzey, A. Fraser,	Morris,	Van Koughnett,
Boulton, Jarvis,	Mount,	Warren,
Brown, Jones,	Robinson,	Werden,
Burwell, Lewis,	Samson,	J. Willson,
Chisholm, McMartin,	Shade,	W. Willson—27
Crooks, Macnab,	Sol. General,	

Yeas 27.

NAYS.—Messieurs.

Beardsley, Cook,	McCall,	Randal,
Bidwell, Duncombe,	A. McDonald,	Roblin,
Buell, Howard,	D. McDonald,	Shaver,
Campbell, Ketchum,	Norton,	White—19.
Clark, Lyons,	Perry,	

Nays 19.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eight.

Question carried. Mr. MacKenzie expelled.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnett, moves that it be resolved, that the Speaker of this House do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the present Parliament as Representative of the County of York, in the place of the said William Lyon MacKenzie, Esquire, who has been expelled this House and declared unfit and unworthy to hold a seat therein during the present Parliament.

Motion for new writ for the County of York.

Ordered.

Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of Charles Perry, of the Town of York, Blacksmith; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Charles Perry brought up.

Mr. Roblin brought up the petition of Neil McArthur, and ninety-seven others, of the Township of Ameliasburgh, and adjoining Townships, in the Midland District; which was laid on the table.

Petition of Neil McArthur and others brought up.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of Saturday were read.

Petitions brought up.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of J. Ransom, and sixty-four others, Inhabitants of the Township of Toronto, in the County of York; which was laid on the table.

J. Ransom and others.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of William Devenish, and eleven others, of the Townships of Scarborough and York; which was laid on the table.

Wm. Devenish and others.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of Joseph Abbott, and twenty-five others, Inhabitants of the Township of Whitby, in the County of York; which was laid on the table.

Joseph Abbott and others.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of William Johnston, and fifty-one others, Inhabitants of the Township of Chinguacousy, in the County of York; which was laid on the table.

Wm Johnston and others.

**D. Gander, and others.** Mr. Clark brought up the petition of M. D. Gander, and fifty-five others, Freeholders of the District of Niagara; which was laid on the table.

**Petitions read.**

**Sam'l. Lindsay and others.** Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Samuel Lindsay, and twenty-two others, of the Home District, praying for aid in opening and crosswaying a part of Hurontario Street. The petition of John Bagwell, and eighty-one others, of the Townships of Toronto, Chinguacousey, and the Gore of Toronto, praying for aid to improve the road along the sixth Concession East of the centre road, in said Townships.

**John Bagwell and others.** The petition of Richard Callaghan, and thirty-seven others, of the Townships of Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury, in the Home District, praying for assistance to improve the road running between said Townships, commonly called the Town line.

**R. Callaghan and others.** The petition of James Durand, of the Village of Dundas, in the Gore District, praying the House to appoint a Committee to inquire into the present state of the affairs of "the Desjardins' Canal Company," with power to send for persons and papers. The petition of Geo. T. Burke, Esq. and four hundred and twenty-two others, inhabitants of the County of Carleton, praying that an Act may be passed authorizing the holding of County Courts in the several Counties throughout the Province. The petition of George Clemens, and three hundred and forty-nine others, inhabitants of the Township of Waterloo, in the Gore District, praying for a grant of five hundred pounds for improving a road commonly called the Swamp Road, leading from said Township to Burlington Bay.

**James Durand.** The petition of John Shipman, and fifty others, of the Townships of Kitley, Yonge, and Bastard, in the Johnstown District.

**George T. Burke, Esquire and others.** The petition of Allan Sweet, and thirty others, inhabitants of Brockville, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Lansdown, Burgess, and North and South Crosby. The petition of Levi Soper, and ten others, of the same places. The petition of John Dickey, and thirty-three others, of the Townships of Yonge, Kitley, and Bastard, in the Johnstown District. The petition of Truelove Butler, Chairman of a Public Meeting in the Town of Brockville, and one hundred and thirteen others, inhabitants of the Townships of Elizabethtown, Leeds, Lansdown, Elmsley, Burgess, and North and South Crosby, and the said Town of Brockville. The petition of Benjamin Yates, and forty-five others, of the same places. The petition of Alpheus Howard and twenty-four others, of the same places. The petition of Archibald McEwen, and eighty-six others, inhabitants of the Townships of Cornwall and Roxborough, in the Eastern District. The petition of George Sullivan, and twenty-two others, inhabitants of the County of Glengarry. The petition of W. B. Reeve, Chairman of a Public Meeting, and seventy-two others, inhabitants of the Township of Toronto, Home District. The petition of James Milroy, and thirty-five others, inhabitants of the Townships of Cornwall and Roxborough, in the Eastern District. The petition of Martin Switzer, and fifty-three others, inhabitants of the Township of Toronto, in the Home District. The petition of Thomas Burrell, and one hundred and seventy others, of Toronto, aforesaid. The petition of John McCall, Chairman of a Township Meeting, and forty-five others, inhabitants of the Township of Esqueving, in the District of Gore. The petition of John Orr, and twenty-five others, of the same place. The petition of Thomas Thompson, and thirty-one others, of the same place. The petition of David Brown, and thirty-eight others, of the same place. The petition of William Campbell, and sixteen others, of the same place. The petition of Samuel Heck, and forty-seven others, inhabitants of the Village of Prescott and Township of Augusta, in the Johnstown District. The petition of John Whitney, and two others, of Edwardsburgh, in the Johnstown District. And the petition of Andrew Adams, Chairman of a Public Meeting, and thirty-three others, of the same place, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank, and others of the Township of Vaughan, (see page 17.) were read.

**Geo. Clemens, and others.**

**John Shipman, and others.**

**Allan Sweet and others.**

**Levi Soper and others.**

**John Dickey and others.**

**Truelove Butler and others.**

**Benj'n. Yates and others.**

**A. Howard and others.**

**Arch. McEwen and others.**

**Geo. Sullivan, and others.**

**W. B. Reeve, and others.**

**James Milroy, and others.**

**M. Switzer, and others.**

**Thos. Burrell, and others.**

**John McCall, and others.**

**John Orr, and others.**

**T. Thompson, and others.**

**David Brown, and others.**

**W. Campbell, and others.**

**Samuel Heck, and others.**

**John Whitney and others.**

**Andrew Adams and others.**

Mr. Shade, seconded by Mr. Warren, moves that the petition of George Clemens, and three hundred and thirty-two others, of the Township of Waterloo, be referred to the Committee on Supply. Petition of Geo. Clemens and others referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that the petition of R. C. Horne be referred to the Committee of Supply. Petition of R. C. Horne Esq. referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that it be resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, informing His Excellency that during the present Session of Parliament this House has resolved that certain articles published in different numbers of a newspaper called the Colonial Advocate, in which some of the Members of this House were accused of sycophancy, and of being an Executive faction, were gross, scandalous, and malicious libels on this House and the Government of this Province, and that William Lyon MacKenzie, Esquire, then a Member for the County of York, having avowed himself the author of the said articles, be expelled this House, and has ordered two thousand copies of its proceedings relative thereto to be printed for the use of Members.—That the said William Lyon MacKenzie, Esquire, was afterwards re-elected, and took his seat in this House; and that this House has subsequently resolved, that certain other articles in another number of said newspaper, which appeared to have been a communication made by him (as a Candidate) to the Electors of said County, at the Hustings, before his re-election, was a gross, scandalous, and malicious libel, and has again expelled the said William Lyon MacKenzie from this House, and has declared him unfit and unworthy to hold a seat therein during this Parliament.—That this House has reason to believe that these proceedings have produced a good deal of excitement in the minds of the people of this Province, and that this House is anxious to take the most effectual means for vindicating the character of its Members, which will be by submitting their conduct to the decision of their constituents: and therefore humbly praying His Excellency to dissolve the present Parliament and summon a new one, and that the thirty-second Rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same.

Motion for an Address to His Excellency relative to proceeding of House in the case of libel in Colonial Advocate.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divided.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

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| Beardsley, | Cook,    | A. McDonald, Randal, |           |
| Bidwell,   | Howard,  | D. McDonald, Roblin, |           |
| Buell,     | Ketchum, | Norton,              | Shaver,   |
| Campbell,  | Lyons,   | Perry,               | White—18. |
| Clark,     | McCall,  |                      |           |

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

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| Atty. General, | Elliott,   | Macnab,   | Sol. General, |
| Berczy,        | A. Fraser, | Maçon,    | Thomson,      |
| Boulton,       | Ingersoll, | Morris,   | VanKoughnett, |
| Brown,         | Jarvis,    | Mount,    | Warren,       |
| Burwell,       | Jones,     | Robinson, | Werden,       |
| Crooks,        | Lewis,     | Samson,   | W. Wilson—27  |
| Duncombe,      | McMartin,  | Shade,    |               |

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of nine.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Campbell, moves that two thousand copies of the whole proceedings, (with the yeas and nays) relative to the late privilege question, together with the alleged libel and the resolution of this day, be printed for the use of members. Motion for printing the whole proceedings of the libel case.

In amendment, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that after the word "moves" the remainder be expunged and the following inserted, "that two thousand copies of the Resolutions of this House on the question of Privilege, together with the amendments proposed, with the yeas and nays upon the same, be printed for the use of Members." Amendment proposed.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides on amendment.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

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| Atty. General, | Jarvis,   | Morris,       | Thomson,      |
| Burwell,       | Jones,    | Mount,        | VanKoughnett, |
| Crooks,        | Lewis,    | Robinson,     | Warren,       |
| Elliott,       | McMartin, | Samson,       | Werden,       |
| A. Fraser,     | Macnab,   | Shade,        | W. Wilson—23  |
| Ingersoll,     | Maçon,    | Sol. General, |               |

**Notice of dower bill.** Mr. Boulton gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill to amend the law of Dower in this Province.

**Motion for referring grievance petitions.** Mr. Buell, seconded by Mr. Cook, moves that the petitions of John Shipman, and others; Allan Sweet, and others; Levi Soper, and others; Truelove Butler, and others; and Alpheus Howard, and others—be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs Perry, Howard, Lyons and Campbell.

**Amendment proposed and carried.** In amendment, Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Brown, moves that all after the word "moves" in the original motion, be expunged, and the following inserted:—"that the petition of John Shipman and others, and all other petitions relating to the same subject, and read this day, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the people of Vaughan."

Which was carried.  
The original question as amended was put and carried.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 22. Beardsley, Campbell, Lyons, Perry,  
Berczy, Clark, McCall, Randal,  
Bidwell, Cook, A. McDonald, Roblin,  
Boulton, Duncombe, D. McDonald, Shaver,  
Brown, Howard, Norton, White,—22.  
Buell, Ketchum,

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of one.

House divides on original question as amended.

On the original question as amended being put the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 23. Atty. General, Jarvis, Morris, Thomson,  
Burwell, Jones, Mount, VanKoughnett,  
Crooks, Lewis, Robinson, Warren,  
Elliott, McMartin, Samson, Werden,  
A. Fraser, Macnab, Shade, W. Wilson—23  
Ingersoll, Maçon, Sol. General,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 22. Beardsley, Campbell, Lyons, Perry,  
Berczy, Clark, McCall, Randal,  
Bidwell, Cook, A. McDonald, Roblin,  
Boulton, Duncombe, D. McDonald, Shaver,  
Brown, Howard, Norton, White,—22.  
Buell, Ketchum,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of one, and was ordered accordingly.

Carried.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that it be Resolved, that the Honorable the Legislative Council be informed that the resolutions of that Honorable Body, of the sixth instant, were received at the time this House was engaged in the investigation of charges against the Member named in those resolutions, for an alleged breach of the privileges of the House of Assembly; which investigation has resulted in the expulsion of the said Member as unfit and unworthy to hold a seat in this House, and therefore no further proceedings can be had on the complaint of the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Certain information to be sent to the Hon. the Legislative Council on the subject of libel in the Colonial Advocate and expulsion of Mr. MacKenzie.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

House divides.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 26. Berczy, Elliott, Macnab, Shade,  
Boulton, A. Fraser, Maçon, Sol. General,  
Brown, Ingersoll, Morris, Thomson,  
Burwell, Jarvis, Mount, Warren,  
Chisholm, Jones, Robinson, Werden,  
Crooks, Lewis, Samson, W. Wilson—26  
Duncombe, McMartin,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 18. Beardsley, Cook, A. McDonald, Randal,  
Bidwell, Howard, D. McDonald, Roblin,  
Buell, Ketchum, Norton, Shaver,  
Campbell, Lyons, Perry, White,—18.  
Clark, McCall,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eight.

Committee of whole on U. C. Bank bill.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to extend the Charter of the Upper Canada Bank.

Mr. White was called to the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair to receive a message.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

Committee rises for want of a quorum.

Mr. White reported that the Committee had risen for want of a quorum.

Present—Messieurs Berczy, Boulton, Buell, Burwell, Cook, Duncombe, Jarvis, D. McDonald, Morris, Mount, Robinson, Samson, Shaver, Warren, Werden and White.—16.

At eight o'clock, P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

TUESDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Committee of the whole House on the bill to extend the Charter of the Bank of Upper Canada, resumed.

Committee of whole on U. C. Bank bill.

Mr. White in the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. White reported the bill with amendments.

Bill reported with amendments.

On the question for receiving the report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

Division on receiving the report.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, A. Fraser, Maçon, Shade,  
Berczy, Ingersoll, Morris, Sol. General,  
Boulton, Jones, Mount, Thomson,  
Brown, Ketchum, Norton, VanKoughnett, Yeas 35.  
Burwell, Lewis, Perry, Werden,  
Campbell, A. McDonald, Randal, White,  
Chisholm, D. McDonald, Robinson, J. Willson  
Crooks, McMartin, Roblin, W. Wilson—35  
Elliott, Macnab, Samson,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 9. Beardsley, Clark, Howard, Lyons,  
Bidwell, Cook, Jarvis, Shaver—9.  
Buell,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-six, the report was received, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that this House do now adjourn for one hour.

Motion for adjournment for an hour.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 9. Berczy, Jones, Maçon, Samson,  
Crooks, McMartin, Mount, Werden,—9.  
A. Fraser,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 33. Beardsley, Cook, Lyons, Roblin,  
Bidwell, Duncombe, A. McDonald, Shade,  
Boulton, Elliott, D. McDonald, Shaver,  
Brown, Howard, Macnab, Sol. General,  
Buell, Ingersoll, Norton, Thomson,  
Burwell, Jarvis, Perry, VanKoughnett,  
Campbell, Ketchum, Randal, White,  
Chisholm, Lewis, Robinson, W. Wilson—33  
Clark,

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of twenty-four.

Petitions brought up.

Mr. Macnab brought up the petition of William B. Sheldon, Chairman of a public meeting held in the Town of Hamilton, and one hundred and five others of the Inhabitants of the Townships of Barton, Saltfleet and Binbrook, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Wm. B. Sheldon and others.

Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of William Smith, a disbanded Soldier from the Tenth Huzzars, now of the Township of York; which was laid on the table.

Wm. Smith.

Mr. Ketchum brought up the petition of Leonard Wilcox, of the Town of York, Carpenter; which was laid on the table.

Leonard Wilcox.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Township Officers' Bill was read the third time.

Township Officers bill read 3rd time.

On the question for passing the same, Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that the bill do not now pass, but that it may pass this day three months.

Motion for passing the bill this day three months.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

House divides.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Elliott, A. McDonald, Shade,  
Berczy, A. Fraser, D. McDonald, Sol. General,  
Boulton, Ingersoll, McMartin, Thomson, Yeas 21.  
Burwell, Jarvis, Maçon, VanKoughnett,  
Chisholm, Jones, Morris, J. Willson—21.  
Crooks,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 20. Beardsley, Cook, McCall, Roblin,  
Bidwell, Duncombe, Mount, Shaver,  
Buell, Howard, Norton, Werden,  
Campbell, Ketchum, Perry, White,  
Clark, Lyons, Robinson, W. Wilson—20.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of one, and ordered accordingly.

Mr. Burwell, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Swain P. Corlis, of the Township of Lobo, in the London District, presented a report, which was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Mr. Mount, from the Select Committee to which were referred the returns of money expended by persons appointed Commissioners to superintend the repairs of the Roads and Bridges throughout the several Districts of this Province, presented a first report, which was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

The Speaker reported that the Master in Chancery had, yesterday, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a bill, entitled "An Act to confirm British Subjects in their titles to Real Estates in this Province, derived through Aliens," which that Honorable House had passed, and to which the concurrence of this House was requested.

The bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to confirm British Subjects in their titles to Real Estates in this Province, derived through Aliens," was then read the first time.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the bill from the Honorable the Legislative Council entitled "An Act to confirm British Subjects in their titles to Real Estates in this Province, derived through Aliens," be read a second time to-morrow, and that it stand first on the order of the day.

Ordered.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that a Committee be appointed to search the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council, to ascertain what proceedings have been had upon the bill sent up by this House, entitled "An Act to repeal so much of the law now in force as authorises the payment of a Salary to the Chaplain to the House of Assembly," and that Messieurs Lyons and Norton do compose said Committee.

Ordered.

Messieurs Solicitor General and VanKoughnett were ordered by the Speaker to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the message ordered yesterday to be sent to that Honorable House, on the subject of the resolutions sent down from that Honorable Body, relative to an alleged libel published in a paper called the "Colonial Advocate."

Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to require all such Commissioners under the Road Act of 1830, as have not made returns, to make the same forthwith, stating in detail, the nature and quantity of the work performed—by whom, and at what price—with the receipts of the several Contractors for the monies paid on account of the same; and that Messieurs Ingersoll and Duncombe be a Committee to draft and report the same.

Ordered.

Mr. Ingersoll, from the Select Committee to draft and report an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to direct the Road Commissioners to send in detailed accounts of the expenditures made by them under the Road appropriation Acts, reported a draft, which was received and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Charles Perry, of the Town of York, Blacksmith, praying for a premium for having constructed the first Steam Engine in Upper Canada; and the petition of Neil McArthur, and ninety-seven others, of the Township of Ameliasburgh, and adjoining Townships, in the Midland District, praying for a grant of one hundred and fifty pounds, to be expended in the erection of a bridge, and making a crossway on the road in front of the fourth Concession of the said Township of Ameliasburgh—were read.

Mr. Crooks gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill for ascertaining and establishing the Northern Boundary Line of the Township of Niagara.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the petition of Charles Perry be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. VanKoughnett brought up the petition of Henry Deming, and one hundred and twenty-two others, Inhabitants of the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to confirm British Subjects in their titles to Real Estates in this Province, derived through Aliens," was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Jarvis was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Jarvis reported the bill without amendment.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to extend the Charter of the Upper Canada Bank was read the third time.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the bill do not now pass, but that the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 20th clauses thereof, be expunged.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Elliott,	Magon,	Thomson,
Boulton,	A. Fraser,	Mount,	VanKoughnett,
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Robinson,	Warren,
Burwell,	Jarvis,	Shade,	J. Willson,
Chisholm,	Jones,	Sol. General,	W. Wilson—22
Crooks,	Macnab,		

NAYS—Messieurs,

Beardsley,	Howard,	McMartin,	Roblin,
Berzcy,	Ketchum,	Morris,	Samson,
Bidwell,	Lewis,	Norton,	Shaver,
Buell,	Lyons,	Perry,	Werden,
Campbell,	McCall,	Randal,	White—22.
Cook,	D. McDonald,		

The question was carried in the affirmative by the casting vote of the Speaker, and the said clauses were ordered to be expunged.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to direct detailed statements to be rendered by the Road Commissioners, was read a third time, and passed, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &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, humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to require all such Commissioners under the Road Act of 1830, as have not made returns in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, to make the same forthwith, stating, in detail, the nature and quantity of the work performed—by whom, and at what price—with receipts of the several Contractors for the monies paid on account of the same.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,

SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
11th January, 1832.

Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that Messrs. Warren and Ingersoll be a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House on the subject of the returns of Commissioners under the road Act, and present the same.

Ordered.

Mr. Elliott, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of John Wigle, Senior, and others, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by Bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Machinery importation bill read. Second to-morrow.  
The report was received, and the Bill to authorize the importation of certain Machinery was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

On the question for passing the Bill to extend the Charter of the Bank of Upper Canada, being called—

Motion for recommitting Bank Charter bill.  
Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the question be not now put; but that the Bill be re-committed.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 18.  
Beardsley, Cook, Morris, Samson,  
Berczy, Howard, Norton, Shaver,  
Bidwell, Ketchum, Perry, White—18.  
Buell, Lyons, Randal,  
Campbell, McCall, Roblin,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 22.  
Atty. General, Elliott, Macnab, VanKoughnett,  
Boulton, A. Fraser, Magon, Warren,  
Brown, Ingersoll, Mount, J. Willson,  
Burwell, Jarvis, Robinson, W. Wilson—22.  
Chisholm, Jones, Shade,  
Crooks, D. McDonald, Thomson,

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of four.

Motion for adding rider to bill.  
In amendment, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the Bill do not now pass, but that the following clauses be added as a rider thereto:

Proposed rider.  
“And whereas it is inexpedient that any Banks should be permitted to carry on business in this Province that do not redeem their notes in specie within the same: Be it therefore enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the first day of January next, no Bank, Body Politic or Corporate, nor any person or persons on behalf thereof, shall carry on the business of Bankers, Goldsmiths, or Money Brokers, which shall not redeem their notes, bills, and other securities for money, on demand, at his or their office or offices, counting houses or places of doing business within this Province, in the current coin thereof. Provided always, that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to legalize any body or bodies politic or corporate, or body in the nature thereof, or any of their Acts, matters, or transactions of any kind or description, whatsoever, which would have been illegal, had this Act not been passed.

House divides on proposed rider.  
On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 7.  
Berczy, Roblin, Sol. General, White—7.  
McCall, Samson, Werden,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 34.  
Atty. General, Cook, D. McDonald, Shaver,  
Beardsley, Crooks, Macnab, Shade,  
Bidwell, Elliott, Magon, Thomson,  
Boulton, A. Fraser, Morris, VanKoughnett,  
Brown, Howard, Mount, Warren,  
Buell, Ingersoll, Norton, J. Willson,  
Burwell, Jarvis, Perry, W. Wilson—34.  
Campbell, Jones, Randal,  
Chisholm, Lyons, Robinson,

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of twenty-seven.

House divides on passing bill.  
On the question for passing the Bill the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 23.  
Atty. General, Elliott, Magon, Thomson,  
Boulton, A. Fraser, Mount, VanKoughnett,  
Brown, Ingersoll, Randal, Warren,  
Burwell, Jarvis, Robinson, J. Willson,  
Chisholm, Jones, Shade, W. Wilson—23.  
Crooks, Macnab, Sol. General,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 19.  
Beardsley, Cook, D. McDonald, Samson,  
Berczy, Howard, Morris, Shaver,  
Bidwell, Ketchum, Norton, Werden,  
Buell, Lyons, Perry, White,  
Campbell, McCall, Roblin, 19.

Bill passed.  
The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of four, and the Bill was signed by the Speaker.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves that the Bill be entitled, “An Act for altering and amending the Charter of the President, Directors and Company of the Title Bank of Upper Canada, and for increasing the number of shares to be held in the Capital Stock of the said Bank.”

Which was carried, and Messieurs Attorney General and Jarvis were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto. Bill sent to Council.

Petitions read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of John J. Ransom and others, inhabitants of Toronto, in the Home District, praying for aid to erect a Bridge over the River Credit, between Lots number ten and eleven, in the third Concession, west of Hurontario Street, in the said Township of Toronto. The petition of Wm. Devenish, and eleven others, of the Townships of York and Scarborough, in the Home District, praying for a grant of fifty pounds to be expended in repairing the road on the Town line between York and Scarborough. The petition of Joseph Abbott, and twenty five others, inhabitants of the Township of Whitby, in the County of York, praying for a grant of seventy-five pounds to enable them to open a road from Windsor Bay, in the Township of Whitby, to Lake Simcoe. The petition of Wm. Johnston, and fifty-one others, in the Township of Chingua-cousy, in the County of York, praying for a grant of ninety-five pounds to repair the road called Hurontario Street, and build a Bridge across the Etobicoke where it crosses said street, in said Township; and the petition of D. Gander, and fifty-five others, freeholders of the District of Niagara, praying that the site for the County Town may be removed to some more central situation, and that Commissioners may be appointed to select such site—were read. Petitions of Ransom and others, Devenish and others, Abbott and others and Johnson and others referred.

Mr. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that the petition of J. Ransom, and others, the petition of William Devenish, and others, the petition of Joseph Abbott, and others, and the petition of William Johnston, and others, be referred to the Road Committee.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of Supply. House in Committee of supply.

Mr. Roblin was called to the chair.

The House resumed to receive a message.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

Mr. Roblin reported that the Committee had agreed to a resolution which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow. Resolution reported.

The Report was received and leave was granted accordingly.

The resolution reported was then put as follows:

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that a Bill should be passed authorising the Receiver General of this Province to raise by loan the sum of fifty-seven thousand four hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings, sterling, to be applied to the relief of the claimants for losses sustained during the late war; and that the repayment of that sum, at a fixed period of twenty or thirty years, shall be secured to the persons advancing the same: and that the duties upon salt shall be appropriated to the liquidation of the principal and interest—and that the general revenue of the Province, which is rapidly increasing, shall be pledged to make good any deficiency. Resolution.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides on adoption of resolution.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Chisholm, McCall, Shaver,  
Beardsley, Clark, Macnab, Sol. General,  
Berczy, Crooks, Magon, Warren, Yeas 23.  
Boulton, Duncombe, Mount, J. Wilson,  
Brown, Ingersoll, Randal, W. Wilson—23.  
Burwell, Jarvis, Shade,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Bidwell, Jones, Morris, Samson,  
Buell, Ketchum, Norton, VanKoughnett, Nays 19.  
Campbell, Lyons, Perry, Werden,  
A. Fraser, A. McDonald, Robinson, White,  
Howard, McMartin, Roblin, 19.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of four.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Bill sent from Legislative Council relating to lands in Niagara District.

The Speaker reported that the Master in Chancery had, yesterday, brought down from the Hon. the Legislative Council, a Bill entitled, "An Act to make further provision for carrying into effect an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of the reign of King George the third, entitled, "An Act to afford relief to persons holding or possessing lands, tenements, or hereditaments in the District of Niagara," which that Honorable House had passed, and to which the concurrence of this House was requested.

The Speaker also reported that he had received a communication from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, relative to the time of holding the election for the County of York;—which was read as follows:

*Clerk of the Crown in Chancery's Office, }  
York, 11th January, 1832. }*

Communication from C. C. C. on York Election.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery has the honor to report, for the information of the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly, that he has sued out a Writ of Election for the return of one Member to represent the County of York in the place of William Lyon MacKenzie, Esq. That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to appoint John G. Spragge, Esquire, to be Returning Officer, and Monday, the thirtieth instant, the period of holding the Election.

SAMUEL P. JARVIS,  
C. C. C.

The Hon. ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

Petitions brought up. J. W. Powell and others.

Mr. McCall brought up the petition of Israel W. Powell, and one hundred and ten others, inhabitants of the Townships of Windham and Townsend, in the London District; which was laid on the table.

Joseph Parkinson, Senior, and others.

Mr. Chisholm brought up the petition of Joseph Parkinson, Senior, and fifty-two others, of the Townships of Eramosa, Nassagaweya and Nelson, in the District of Gore; which was laid on the table.

Robert Blevins and others.

Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of Robert Blevins, and fifty-seven others, of York, Etobicoke and Toronto, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Peter Lossing and others.

Mr. Duncombe brought up the petition of Peter Lossing, and sixty-seven others, of the London District; which was laid on the table.

Joel Draper and others.

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Joel Draper, and twenty-four others, of the Townships of Hope and Clark, in the District of Newcastle; which was laid on the table.

Archibald McDonald.

Mr. A. Fraser brought up the petition of Archibald McDonald, and four hundred and twenty-one others, inhabitants of the County of Glengarry; which was laid on the table.

Elisha Hayward.

Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of Elisha Hayward, of the Town of York; which was laid on the table.

Bill to confirm certain titles to Lands derived through Aliens, read third time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill sent down from the Hon. the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to confirm British Subjects in their titles to real estates in this Province derived through Aliens," was read the third time.

Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves the following as a Rider.

Rider proposed.

"Provided also that nothing herein contained shall in any wise affect or be construed to affect the claim, Estate, or interest of any person or persons who shall have been in possession of Lands in this Province, for the period of twenty years before the passing of this Act."

Rider adopted.

Which was carried, and the rider was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Petitions read. W. B. Sheldon and others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of William B. Sheldon, Chairman of a public meeting in the Town of Hamilton, and one hundred and five others, inhabitants of the Townships of Barton, Saltfleet and Binbrook, in the District of Gore, praying the same as the people of Vaughan, in the Petition of Peter Franks and others; (see page 17), the petition of William Smith, a disbanded Soldier, praying for remuneration for his long services, and the petition of Leonard Wilcox, of the Town of York, Carpenter, praying that a petition of his, presented during the Session of 1830, together with a report of a Select Committee thereon, may be brought before the House for consideration—were read.

Wm. Smith.

Leonard Wilcox.

Mr. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Boulton, moves that the petition of Leonard Wilcox, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of Leonard Wilcox referred to Select Committee.

In amendment, Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that all the words in the original motion after the word "moves," be expunged, and the following inserted, "that the petition of Leonard Wilcox be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messieurs Ketchum, Perry, Clark, Robinson and Mount, with power to send for persons and papers.

Which was carried.

The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the petition of Wm. Bull Sheldon, Ebenezer Griffin, and others of the District of Gore, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition on the same subjects, from the people of Vaughan.

Petition of W. B. Sheldon and others referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the petition of James Durand, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messieurs Morris, Berczy, Chisholm and Clark, with power to send for persons and papers, and report thereon.

Petition of James Durand referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the petition of D. Gander, and others, inhabitants of the Niagara District, be referred to the Select Committee, to whom was referred the petition of David Thomson and others.

Petition of D. Gander and others referred.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the rider attached as an amendment to the Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to confirm British Subjects in their titles to real estates in this Province, derived through Aliens," was read the third time, and the Bill was passed and signed.

Rider to bill to confirm British Subjects in the titles to lands, passed.

Messieurs Solicitor General and VanKoughnett, were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Hon. the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Committee to carry up the bill to Legislative Council.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of Supply.

Committee of supply.

Mr. A. McDonald was called to the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair on a question of order.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the chair of Committee.

The House resumed to receive a message.

Mr. Acting Secretary McMahan brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, several Messages and Documents.

Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the messages as follows:

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, the annual report of the Kingston Bank Commissioners for 1831.

Message with Kingston Bank Commissioners' report.

*Government House, }  
12th January, 1832. }*

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor, at the request of Mr. Strobbridge, late contractor of the Burlington Bay Canal, transmits to the House of Assembly, his memorial accompanied by one from several inhabitants of the District of Gore, with reference to his claim to further compensation on account of that work.

Message with Memorial of J. G. Strobbridge.

*Government House, }  
12th January, 1832. }*

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor, with reference to documents which were forwarded with his communication in compliance with an address of the House of Assembly respecting School Lands, during the present Session, transmits to the House abstracts of accounts of the receipts and expenditure of King's College, Upper Canada College and Royal Grammar School, and the General Board of Education.

Message with accounts of King's College, &c.

*Government House, }  
12th January, 1832. }*

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of

Message with correspondence relative

to Surveyor General. Assembly, in compliance with an address during the present Session, a copy of the correspondence in his possession respecting the Office of Surveyor General.

Government House, }  
12th January, 1832. }

J. COLBORNE.

Message with communication from Chief Justice. The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, a communication which he has received from the Chief Justice, in which he states that it is desirable that arrangements should be made to provide for the expense of printing the reported decisions in the Court of King's Bench, and for the rent of a building, for the accommodation of the Court.

Government House, }  
12th January, 1832. }

J. COLBORNE.

Message with representation from Inspector General. The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, a representation from the Inspector General, respecting the necessity of making provision for maintaining the Light Houses on the False Ducks and Long Point, and repairing the Light House at the entrance of the Harbor of York, and also, for erecting warehouses at the principal Ports of Entry.

Government House, }  
12th January, 1832. }

J. COLBORNE.

Message with District Treasurers' accounts. The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, in compliance with an address during the present Session, such accounts as have been received from District Treasurers.

Government House, }  
12th January, 1832. }

J. COLBORNE.

Message with Road Commissioners' accounts. The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, such accounts as have been received from Commissioners, since his last communication to the House on this subject, of monies expended under the Act of the last Session, making an appropriation for Roads and Bridges.

Government House, }  
12th January, 1832. }

(Documents—see appendix.)

The Master in Chancery presented a paper at the Clerks' table.

Committee of supply. The Speaker left the chair.  
The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee on Supply.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair on a question of order.  
The Speaker left the Chair.  
The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee.  
The House resumed.

Progress reported. The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

House divides on receiving report. On the question for receiving the report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yeas 25.	Atty. General, Clark,	D. McDonald, Roblin.
	Beardsley, Elliott,	Magon, Sol. General,
	Berczy, A. Fraser,	Morris, Thomson,
	Bidwell, Jarvis,	Mount, VanKoughnett,
	Boulton, Ketchum,	Perry, Warren,
	Campbell, Lyons,	Randal, White,
	Chisholm, McCall,	Robinson, W. Willson, 28.

NAYS—Messieurs,

Nays 8.	Buell,	Howard,	Norton,	Shade,
	Cook,	Macnab,	Samson,	Werden—8.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty;—the report was received and leave was granted accordingly.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Speaker reports Grand. The Speaker reported that, yesterday, the Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council,

the bill sent up from this House entitled "An Act to Incorporate a Joint Stock Company to improve the Navigation of the Grand River," which that Honorable House had passed, with amendments, to which the concurrence of this House was requested.

River improvement bill from Legislative Council, amended.

The amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled "An Act to Incorporate a Joint Stock Company to improve the Navigation of the Grand River," were read as follows:—

Amendments read.

Press. 1, line 14.—After the name "Holme" expunge "Esquire," and insert "George Washington Whitehead; James Ingersoll; Absalom Shade; Jedediah Jackson."

Amendments to Grand River Navigation bill.

" 2, " 4.—After the name "Shade" insert "and."

" 2, " 5.—After the name "Jackson" expunge the words "or any three of them."—After the word "such" insert "other."

" 3, " 3.—After the word "dam" expunge the word "following" in the sixth line, and insert "erected by the Welland Canal Company, upon the Grand River, or so much thereof as is not included within the Charter granted to the Welland Canal Company, and improved and occupied by them under their Charter."

" 3, " 10.—After the word "Successors" expunge "the lines and boundaries of the said Grand River" and insert "such land and land covered with water as may be necessary for the said Company to occupy for the purposes of the said Navigation, within the limits aforesaid."

" 3, " 17.—After the word "improvement" expunge to the word "to" on the eighteenth line, and insert "rightfully erected upon the said Grand River, or in the vicinity thereof, unless it shall be necessary for the purpose of the said Navigation, nor without compensation for such Mill-Seat, and for buildings and improvements so taken, according to the value thereof."

" 4, " 4.—After the word "grounds" insert "within the limits aforesaid."

" 4, " 6.—After the word "Corporate" expunge "excepting as is hereinbefore provided."

" 4, " 8.—After the word "they" expunge "the said Directors or a majority of them."

" 4, " 14.—After the word "up" insert "and make."

" 5, " 4.—After the word "erections" insert "belonging."

" 5, " 11.—Expunge "River" and insert "Navigation."

" 4, " 13.—After the word "manner" expunge "hereinbefore" and insert "hereinafter."

" 6, " 4.—After the word "for" expunge to the word "and" on the fifth line, and insert "rendering the Navigable Channel straight by cutting through points occasioned by windings of the said River."

" 6, " 12.—After "Navigation" expunge "so much water as" and insert "as much of the water of the said River as."

" 6, " 17.—After the words "and their" expunge "Heirs" and insert "Posterity."

" 6, " 18.—After the word "molestation" expunge "whatsoever by" and insert "of."

" 8, " 2.—After "vacancy" insert "Provided always, nevertheless, that no person being a Stockholder in the said Company, or standing in such relation to any claimant as would disqualify him from sitting as a Juror, shall be capable of acting as an Arbitrator, unless by consent of both parties; and that when any such ground of disqualification exists, the reference shall be made to three Arbitrators, one of whom shall be chosen by each party, and the third shall be appointed by the two Arbitrators so chosen."

" 8, " 3.—After the word "that" expunge "all that part of the said River which" and insert "if any part of the navigable channel to be so made."

Press. 8, line 7.—After the word “that” expunge “in any  
“ Arbitration required” and insert “when-  
“ ever it shall be necessary that Arbitrators  
“ shall be chosen by the parties.”

“ 8, “ 2.—From the bottom.—After the word “Bench”  
expunge the remainder of the clause, and  
insert “in the same manner and on the  
“ same grounds as in ordinary cases of sub-  
“ mission by the parties; in which case, a  
“ second reference may be made to three  
“ Arbitrators, one of whom shall be chosen  
“ by each of the parties, and the third  
“ appointed by such two Arbitrators.”

“ 9 “ 10.—After the word “time” insert “not ex-  
“ ceeding three months.”

“ 9 “ 2.—From the bottom.—Expunge “Grand  
“ River” and insert “Navigation.”

“ 9, last line.—Expunge “Grand” and insert “Naviga-  
tion.”

“ 10 “ 1.—Expunge “River.”

“ 10 “ 9.—Expunge “Grand River” and insert “Na-  
“ vigation.”

“ 11 “ 11.—After the word “demand” expunge “to.”

“ 16 “ 20.—After the word “President” insert “should  
“ become vacant.”

“ 17 “ 2.—After the word “shares” insert “22. And  
“ be it further enacted by the authority  
“ aforesaid, That each Stockholder shall  
“ have a number of votes, proportioned to  
“ the number of Shares which he or she  
“ shall have held in his or her own name  
“ at least three months prior to the time  
“ of voting, (except at the first Election)  
“ according to the following ratio, that is  
“ to say:—at the rate of one vote for each  
“ share not exceeding four; five votes for  
“ six shares; six votes for eight shares;  
“ seven votes for ten shares; and one vote  
“ for every share above ten: provided,  
“ however, that no person shall have more  
“ than fifteen votes.”

“ 20 “ 16.—After the word “Brantford” insert “shall  
“ be.”

“ 20 “ 17.—After the word “Company” expunge the  
remainder of the clause and insert “so far  
“ as the same may apply to and shall be  
“ necessary for improving the Navigation  
“ of the Grand River between Brantford  
“ and Galt in the manner described in the  
“ preceding clause of this Act.”

“ 21 “ 1.—After the word “River” expunge the re-  
mainder of the clause, and insert “not,  
“ however, depriving the said Grand River  
“ Company of a sufficient quantity of the  
“ water of the Grand River for the use of  
“ the Navigation intended to be made and  
“ improved under the provisions of this  
“ Act.”

“ 35. And be it further enacted by  
“ the authority aforesaid, That whenever  
“ the Navigation to be made by the said  
“ Company in any part of its course shall  
“ have the effect of depriving any person  
“ possessing lands adjacent thereto of any  
“ privilege or convenience of water for  
“ ordinary purposes which he had before  
“ enjoyed, it shall be incumbent on the  
“ said Company to allow to the person or  
“ persons then and at all times thereafter  
“ possessing the said lands, free and con-  
“ venient access for persons and cattle to  
“ the said River or Canal.”

“ 36. And be it further enacted by  
“ the authority aforesaid, That the said  
“ Company shall forfeit and lose all the  
“ benefit of this Charter, and the privile-  
“ ges and powers thereby conferred, unless  
“ the improvement contemplated up to the  
“ Village of Brantford shall be completed  
“ within five years from the passing of this  
“ Act, so as to afford a navigable channel  
“ for Boats and Vessels drawing not less  
“ than five feet water.”

“ 37. And be it further enacted by  
“ the authority aforesaid, That any time

“ before or after the making and comple-  
“ ting of said Navigation, it shall and  
“ may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs  
“ and Successors, to assume the possession  
“ and property of the same, and of all and  
“ every the works and dependencies there-  
“ unto belonging or in anywise appertain-  
“ ing, upon paying to the said Company  
“ of Proprietors, their Successors and As-  
“ signs, the full amount of their respective  
“ Shares, or of the sums furnished and ad-  
“ vanced by such subscriber towards ma-  
“ king and completing the said Navigation  
“ and Works connected therewith, together  
“ with such further sum as will amount to  
“ twenty per centum upon the monies so  
“ advanced and paid, as a full indemnifi-  
“ cation to such Company of Proprietors,  
“ by annual payments of at least twenty  
“ per cent; allowing, moreover, to the  
“ said Company six per cent interest upon  
“ the unredeemed part of the capital; but  
“ not allowing them any interest upon the  
“ advance of twenty per cent which is al-  
“ lowed them as aforesaid; and the said  
“ Navigation or undertaking, and all and  
“ every the works and dependencies there-  
“ unto belonging, shall from the time of  
“ such assumption in manner aforesaid,  
“ appertain and belong to His Majesty,  
“ His Heirs and Successors, who shall from  
“ thence forward be substituted in the place  
“ and stead of the said Company of Pro-  
“ prietors, their successors and assigns, for  
“ all and every the purposes of this Act,  
“ in so far as regards the said Navigation  
“ or undertaking.”

“ 38. And be it further enacted by  
“ the authority aforesaid, That notwith-  
“ standing the privileges hereby conferred  
“ on the said Company, the Legislature  
“ may at any time hereafter make such  
“ addition to this Act, or such alteration  
“ of any of its provisions, as they may  
“ think proper for affording just protection  
“ to the public, or to the Indians of the Six  
“ Nations, or to any person or persons in  
“ respect to their Estate or Property, or  
“ any interest therein, or advantage, pri-  
“ vilege or convenience connected there-  
“ with, or in respect to any way or right  
“ of way upon or along the said River or  
“ elsewhere, or any right or privilege of  
“ fishery that may be affected by any of  
“ the powers given by this Act.”

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the  
amendments to the Bill entitled, “An Act to Incorporate a  
Joint Stock Company to improve the Navigation of the Grand  
River,” be now read a second time, and that the thirty-ninth rule  
be dispensed with so far as relates to the same.

Which was carried, and the amendments were read a se-  
cond time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Samson was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Samson reported the amendments.

The report was received and the amendments were ordered  
to be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Lyons brought up the petition of George Spencer, of  
the Village of Cobourg, in the Newcastle District; which was  
laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day the petition of Henry  
Deming, and one hundred and twenty-two others, inhabitants  
of the Eastern District, praying that the improvement of the  
Saint Lawrence may not be undertaken upon a scale merely for  
Durham Boats; but that it may be extended to Steam Boat  
Navigation—was read.

Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Beardsley, moves that  
Messrs. Macnab and Warren be a Committee to draft a Bill pur-  
suant to the resolution of the Committee of Supply on the  
War Losses, and to report the same.

Ordered.

Mr. Macnab, from the Select Committee appointed to draft  
and report a bill founded on the resolution of this House grant-  
ing a sum of money for the relief of the sufferers by the late  
war, reported a draft which was received; and read a first time,  
and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Amendments  
to Grand River  
Navigation  
bill read a  
second time,  
& committed.

Third reading  
to-morrow.

Petition of  
Geo. Spencer  
brought up.

Petition of  
Henry Deming  
and others  
read.

Committee to  
draft bill on  
War Losses.

War Loss bill  
read.

Second  
to-morrow.

Amendments  
to Grand River  
Navigation  
bill.

Committee of supply. Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into a Committee of the whole on Supply.

Mr. Mount was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Two resolutions reported. Mr. Mount reported that the Committee had agreed to two resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

The report was received and leave was granted.

First resolution read. The first resolution was then read as follows:

Resolution for laying Duty on Live Stock &c. imported from United States. Resolved, That a duty of seven and a half per cent, ad valorem, be laid upon all horses, cattle, and other live stock imported into this Province, to be paid, levied and collected at the Port of Entry where the same shall be first brought or imported, which duties shall be paid and applied towards the payment of the principal and interest of the government bills authorised to be issued in payment of the war losses.

Amendment proposed. In amendment, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that after the words "live stock," the words "fresh pork, fresh beef, and fresh mutton," be inserted.

House divides on amendment. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Atty. General,	Clark,	McCall,	Robinson,
Beardsley,	Cook,	A. McDonald,	Samson,
Berczy,	Crooks,	Macnab,	Shade,
Bidwell,	Duncombe,	Magon,	Shaver,
Boulton,	Elliott,	Morris,	VanKoughnett,
Brown,	Howard,	Mount,	Warren,
Buell,	Jarvis,	Norton,	Werden,
Burwell,	Ketchum,	Perry,	White,
Campbell,	Lewis,	Randal,	J. Willson,
Chisholm,	Lyons,	Roblin,	W. Wilson—40.

*NAY—Mr.*

Nay 1. Jones.

Amendment carried. The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirty-nine.

The original question as amended was then put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That a duty of seven and a half per cent, ad valorem, be laid upon all horses, cattle, and other live stock, fresh pork, fresh beef, and fresh mutton, imported into this Province, to be paid, levied and collected at the Port of Entry, where the same shall first be brought or imported, which duties shall be paid and applied towards the payment of the principal and interest of the Government Bills authorised to be issued in payment of the war losses.

1st Resolution as adopted.

The second resolution was then put as follows:

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty the sum of three thousand pounds, to enable His Majesty to loan the like sum to the President, Directors and Company of the Cobourg Harbor Company, upon such security as may be deemed good and sufficient by the Lieutenant Governor and Council of this Province, for the payment of the interest annually, and for the payment of the principal sum aforesaid in ten years.

2nd Resolution put.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Atty. General,	Crooks,	McCall,	Robinson,
Boulton,	Duncombe,	A. McDonald,	Shade,
Brown,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Sol. General,
Burwell,	Jarvis,	Magon,	Warren,
Chisholm,	Ketchum,	Mount,	J. Willson,
Clark,	Lyons,	Randal,	W. Wilson—24

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Beardsley,	Cook,	Norton,	Shaver,
Berczy,	Howard,	Perry,	VanKoughnett,
Bidwell,	Jones,	Roblin,	Werden,
Buell,	Lewis,	Samson,	White,—17.
Campbell,			

Nays 17.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven.

Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that Messrs. Solicitor General and Macnab, be a Committee to report a Bill in pursuance of a resolution of this House, granting three thousand pounds to His Majesty to loan to the Cobourg Harbor Company.

Committee to draft bill for loan to Cobourg Harbor Company.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the message of the Lieutenant Governor, sent down to this House, respecting a provision for the accommodation of the Court of King's Bench, and printing the Reports of that Court, and also relating to Light Houses and Ware Houses at certain Ports of Entry, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Message from His Excellency respecting Court of King's Bench and Light House referred to supply.

Ordered.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of John Winn, and one hundred and fifty-four others, inhabitants of the District of Newcastle; which was laid on the table.

Petitions brought up. John Winn and others.

Mr. Mount brought up the petition of Charles Ingersoll, Esq. and six others, inhabitants of the London District; which was laid on the table.

Charles Ingersoll, Esquire, and others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council, in and to the Bill entitled, "An Act to Incorporate a Joint Stock Company to improve the navigation of the Grand River," was read a third time.

Amendments to Grand River Navigation bill read 3rd time.

On the question for passing the same the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

On passing House divides.

*YEAS—Messieurs,*

Atty. General,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Sol. General,
Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Magon,	VanKoughnett,
Boulton,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Warren,
Brown,	Jarvis,	Mount,	Werden,
Burwell,	Jones,	Randal,	J. Willson,
Clark,	Ketchum,	Samson,	W. Wilson—29
Crooks,	Lewis,	Shade,	
Duncombe,	A. McDonald,		

Yeas 29.

*NAYS—Messieurs,*

Beardsley,	Cook,	Norton,	Roblin,
Bidwell,	Lyons,	Perry,	White,
Campbell,			

Nays 9.

9.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty, and the amendments were signed.

Amendments passed and sent to Legislative Council.

Messrs. Shade and Mount were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Petitions read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Israel W. Powell, and one hundred and ten others, inhabitants of the Townships of Windham and Townsend, in the London District, praying for a grant of public money to be expended in the improvement of the Road in front of the Eleventh Concessions of said Townships. The petition of Joseph Parkinson, Senior, and fifty-two others, of the Townships of Eramosa, Nassagaweya and Nelson, in the District of Gore, praying for a grant of two hundred and fifty pounds, to be expended on the road from Moses MacKay's, in Nelson, to the rear part of the said Township of Eramosa. The petition of Robert Blevins, and fifty-seven others, of York, Etobicoke and Toronto, in the Home District, praying for the sum of two hundred pounds, to be expended in opening and repairing the road leading from York to the Humber. The petition of Peter Lossing, and sixty-seven others, of the London District, praying the House to Address His Majesty, praying His Majesty to place at the disposal of the Legislature of this Province, a portion of the waste lands of the Crown, to be appropriated towards the support of Common Schools. The petition of Joel Draper, and twenty-four others, inhabitants of the Townships of Hope and Clark, in the Newcastle District, praying for aid to improve the road leading along the line of Hope and Clark, Cavan, Manvers, Emily and Ops. The petition of Archibald McDonald, and four hundred and twenty-one others, inhabitants of the County of Glengarry, praying for a grant of one thousand five hundred pounds for the purpose of repairing the Post Road, leading through the County of Glengarry to the Ottawa: and the petition of Elisha Haywood, of the Town of York, praying to be naturalized—were read.

I. W. Powell and others.

Joseph Parkinson and others.

Robert Blevins and others.

Peter Lossing and others.

Joel Draper and others.

A. McDonald and others.

Elisha Hayward.

Mr. A. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the petition of Archibald McDonald, and others, of the County of Glengarry, praying for aid, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of A. McDonald and others referred to supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. John Willson, moves that the petition of James Gordon Strobbridge, sent down by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to this House, be referred to the Committee on Supply.

Motion for referring petition of J. G. Strobbridge to supply.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

Yeas 9. Beardsley, Jarvis, Perry,  
Clark, McCall, Randal,  
Ingersoll, Macnab, J. Wilson, 9

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 25. Berczy, Howard, Norton, Warren,  
Boulton, Jones, Roblin, Werden,  
Brown, Lewis, Samson, White,  
Burwell, A. McDonald, Shade, W. Wilson—25  
Cook, Maçon, Sol. General,  
Crooks, Morris, Thomson,  
Elliott, Mount, VanKoughnett,

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of sixteen.

Motion for referring petition of Tho's Choate and others to supply. Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. John Willson, moves that the petition of Thomas Choate, and others, of the District of Gore, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 9. Beardsley, Ingersoll, Macnab,  
Burwell, Jarvis, Randal,  
Clark, McCall, J. Willson—9.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 27. Berczy, Elliott, Mount, Sol. General,  
Boulton, Howard, Norton, Thomson,  
Brown, Jones, Perry, VanKoughnett,  
Buell, Lyons, Roblin, Warren,  
Chisholm, A. McDonald, Samson, White,  
Cook, Maçon, Shade, W. Wilson—27  
Crooks, Morris, Shaver,

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of eighteen.

Petition of Henry Deming and others referred to supply. Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that the petition of Henry Deming, and others, of the Eastern District, praying for the improvement of the Saint Lawrence for Sloop and Steam-Boat Navigation, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of Joel Draper referred. Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that the petition of Joel Draper, and others, Freeholders of the Townships of Clark and Hope, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Petition of Elisha Hayward referred. Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the petition of Elisha Hayward, be referred to a Select Committee to be composed of Messrs. Attorney and Solicitor General, with power to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered.

Select Committee on Burlington Bay papers report. Mr. John Willson, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and the Documents relating to the Burlington Bay Canal, presented a report, which was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Report referred to supply. Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that the report of the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Burlington Canal, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Cobourg Harbour loan bill read. Mr. Macnab, from the Select Committee to draft and report a Bill pursuant to the resolution of this House, relating to a loan of money to complete the Harbor at Cobourg, presented a draft which was received and read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

Second Monday. Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Crooks was called the Chair.

The House resumed.

Several Resolutions reported. Mr. Crooks reported that the Committee had agreed to a series of resolutions, and asked leave to sit again on Monday next.

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The Report was received and leave was granted accordingly.

The first resolution was then put as follows :

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand pounds, currency, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, out of the public revenues of the Province, in aid of the erection of an Hospital, in or near the Town of Kingston, to be advanced in equal sums of one thousand pounds, on the first day of May, in each year. 1st Resolution put. £3000 for Kingston Hospital.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Clark, Lewis, Sol. General,  
Beardsley, Crooks, D. McDonald, Thomson,  
Bidwell, Duncombe, Macnab, Warren, Yeas 26.  
Boulton, Elliott, Mount, Werden,  
Brown, Ingersoll, Samson, White,  
Burwell, Jones, Shade, J. Wilson—26.  
Chisholm, Ketchum,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Berczy, A. Fraser, Morris, Shaver,  
Buell, Howard, Norton, VanKoughnett, Nays 12.  
Cook, Lyons, Perry, W. Wilson—12.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fourteen.

The second resolution was then put as follows :

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty the sum of two thousand pounds, to enable His Majesty to loan the like sum to the President Directors and Company of the Port Hope Harbor, upon such security as may be deemed good and sufficient by the Lieutenant Governor and Council of this Province, for the payment of the interest annually, and for the principal sum aforesaid in ten years. Loan to Port Hope Harbor Company £2,000.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Crooks, Ketchum, Sol. General,  
Boulton, Duncombe, Macnab, Thomson, Yeas 21.  
Brown, Elliott, Maçon, Warren,  
Burwell, Ingersoll, Mount, J. Willson.  
Chisholm, Jarvis, Shade, W. Wilson—21.  
Clark,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Beardsley, A. Fraser, Morris, Shaver,  
Berczy, Howard, Norton, VanKoughnett, Nays 19.  
Bidwell, Lewis, Perry, Werden,  
Buell, Lyons, Roblin, White—19.  
Cook, D. McDonald, Samson,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of two.

The third resolution was then put and carried as follows :

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds Currency, be granted to His Majesty, to be placed at the disposal of Almoners, for the purpose of being appropriated and applied to the relief of such Emigrants from the Mother Country as may be found on their arrival at the Port of Prescott in this Province, during the ensuing season, to be sick, and destitute of the means of subsistence. £250 relief of destitute Emigrants.

The fourth resolution was then put as follows :

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty the sum of two thousand five hundred and forty-three pounds, four shillings, to enable His Majesty to expend the same at Burlington Bay Canal, and for the more effectually securing and completing the work of the said Canal, and for meeting the several claims specified in the report of the Select Committee on the said Canal. £2543 4s. Burlington Bay Canal.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Crooks, Lewis, Samson,  
Beardsley, Duncombe, D. McDonald, Shade,  
Boulton, Elliott, Macnab, Sol. General,  
Brown, Ingersoll, Maçon, Warren, Yeas 26.  
Burwell, Jarvis, Mount, J. Willson,  
Chisholm, Jones, Perry, W. Wilson—26  
Clark, Ketchum,

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

*Nays 15.*  
 Berczy, A. Fraser, Norton, VanKoughnett,  
 Bidwell, Howard, Roblin, Werden,  
 Buell, Lyons, Shaver, White—15.  
 Cook, Morris, Thomson,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven.

The fifth resolution was put and carried as follows :

*Asylum in York.*  
 Resolved—That it is expedient that an Asylum for Insane destitute persons be established in the Town of York, in connection with the York Hospital.

The sixth resolution was put and carried as follows :

*Commissioners for erecting.*  
 Resolved—That the Trustees appointed for the York Hospital be Commissioners for erecting and superintending the said Asylum.

The seventh resolution was then put as follows :

*£1,250 proposed for above purpose and negatived.*  
 Resolved—That the sum of one thousand, two hundred and fifty pounds, be appropriated for erecting and furnishing a building for the aforesaid purpose.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :—

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

*Yeas 17.*  
 Atty. General, Duncombe, Macnab, Sol. General,  
 Boulton, Elliott, Maçon, Thomson,  
 Brown, Ingersoll, Randal, J. Willson—17.  
 Burwell, Jarvis, Shade,  
 Crooks, Ketchum,

*NAYS.—Messieurs.*

*Nays 25.*  
 Beardsley, Cook, Morris, Shaver,  
 Berczy, A. Fraser, Mount, VanKoughnett,  
 Bidwell, Howard, Norton, Werden,  
 Buell, Lewis, Perry, White,  
 Campbell, Lyons, Roblin, W. Willson—25  
 Chisholm, McCall, Samson,  
 Clark, D. McDonald,

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of eight.

The eighth resolution was then put as follows :

*£300 to York Hospital and asylum.*  
 Resolved—That the sum of three hundred pounds be appropriated and placed at the disposal of the said Commissioners, in aid of the funds for the York Hospital, and for the Asylum for Insane destitute persons.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

*Yeas 34.*  
 Atty. General, Clark, D. McDonald, Samson,  
 Beardsley, Crooks, Macnab, Shade,  
 Berczy, Duncombe, Maçon, Sol. General,  
 Bidwell, Elliott, Morris, Thomson,  
 Boulton, Ingersoll, Mount, VanKoughnett,  
 Brown, Jarvis, Norton, Warren,  
 Burwell, Jones, Randal, J. Willson,  
 Campbell, Ketchum, Roblin, W. Willson—34  
 Chisholm, Lewis,

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

*Nays 10.*  
 Buell, Howard, Perry, Werden,  
 Cook, Lyons, Shaver, White—10.  
 A. Fraser, McCall,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-four.

The ninth resolution was put and carried as follows :

*Survey of mouth of Trent.*  
 Resolved—That it is expedient to defray the expenses which may be incurred by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in procuring a Survey of the mouth of the River Trent; and of Plans and Estimates of a Bridge across the same.

The tenth resolution was put as follows :

*Plans and estimates of Penitentiary.*  
 Resolved—That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted for the purpose of procuring Plans and Estimates of a Penitentiary to be erected in this Province, and to enable Commissioners to collect information respecting the management of such Institutions.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Duncombe, Macnab, Thomson,  
 Elliott, Mount, VanKoughnett, *Yeas 23.*  
 Ingersoll, Roblin, Werden,  
 Jones, Samson, White,  
 Lewis, Shade, J. Willson.—23  
 D. McDonald, Sol. General,

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

*Nays 18.*  
 Beardsley, A. Fraser, McCall, Randal,  
 Berczy, Howard, Maçon, Shaver,  
 Buell, Jarvis, Morris, W. Willson—18  
 Campbell, Ketchum, Norton,  
 Cook, Lyons, Perry,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five.

The eleventh resolution was read as follows :

Resolved, That whereas the Seminary Incorporated by an Act of the Provincial Legislature, under the name and style of the "Grantham Academy," was established and is to a certain extent supported through the donations and subscriptions of private individuals; and whereas the instruction of youth in classical, mathematical, and other useful branches of education, is conducted at the said Academy under the direction and superintendence of Trustees by competent teachers; and whereas the said Academy from its local situation, respectability and good management as a Seminary of Education is deserving of support and encouragement, it is therefore resolved, that the sum of one hundred pounds for five years be granted to the said Academy from the public funds of this Province, to make more ample provision for the support of the Teachers thereof, than can be obtained in the infant state of the institution from fees paid by Students and other ordinary resources.

*£100 per annum for 5 years Grantham Academy.*

In amendment, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnett, moves that the words "five years," be struck out, and the words "one year," inserted in the place thereof. *Proposed amendment.*

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :—

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Berczy, D. McDonald, Shaver, Werden, *Yeas 10.*  
 Cook, Roblin, VanKoughnett, White,—10.  
 Lewis, Samson,

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Beardsley, Chisholm, Jarvis, Mount,  
 Bidwell, Clark, Jones, Norton,  
 Boulton, Duncombe, Ketchum, Perry,  
 Brown, Elliott, Lyons, Randal, *Nays 28.*  
 Buell, A. Fraser, McCall, Thomson,  
 Burwell, Howard, Maçon, J. Willson,  
 Campbell, Ingersoll, Morris, W. Willson, 28.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of eighteen. *Amendment lost.*

On the original question the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Beardsley, Burwell, Ketchum, Norton,  
 Bidwell, Chisholm, Lyons, Perry,  
 Boulton, Clark, McCall, Randal, *Yeas 20.*  
 Brown, Duncombe, Maçon, J. Willson,  
 Buell, Ingersoll, Mount, W. Willson—20

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Berczy, Howard, Morris, Thomson,  
 Campbell, Jarvis, Roblin, VanKoughnett, *Nays 19.*  
 Cook, Jones, Samson, Werden,  
 Elliott, Lewis, Shade, White,—19.  
 A. Fraser, D. McDonald, Shaver,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of one.

Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that Messieurs Samson and Buell be a Committee to draft and report a bill pursuant to the resolution of this House appropriating a sum of money for the relief of the sick and destitute Emigrants arriving at the Port of Prescott during the ensuing season. *Committee to draft bill for relief of Emigrants at Prescott.*

Ordered.

Adjourned till ten o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, 16th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of Saturday were read.

Mr. Ingersoll brought up the petition of Henry J. Cornell, and ninety three others, Inhabitants of the London District ; which was laid on the table.

The petition of George Spencer, of Cobourg, was withdrawn.

Mr. Samson gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to ascertain by survey at what part of the mouth of the River Trent a Bridge may be built which may afford the greatest advantage to the public ; to procure plans and estimates of a good permanent Bridge to be erected across the same ; and to assure His Excellency that this House will defray the expenses of procuring such survey, plans and estimates.

Mr. Ingersoll, from the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the address of this House for returns from Road Commissioners, reported delivering the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer :—

GENTLEMEN,

I will give the necessary directions in compliance with this address.

Mr. Boulton gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to ascertain whether the Receiver General has given any further security in the place of the late Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Samson from the Select Committee to draft and report a bill agreeably to a resolution of this House, on the subject of relief for sick and destitute Emigrants, reported a draft, which was received and read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Brown, moves that Messieurs Solicitor General and Jarvis be a Committee to draft and report a bill pursuant to the resolution adopted by this House on the subject of a Penitentiary.

Ordered.

Mr. Jarvis, from the Select Committee to draft and report a bill in pursuance of a resolution of this House relative to plans and estimates for a Penitentiary, reported a draft, which was received and read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Brown, moves that Messieurs Duncombe and Thomson be a Committee to draft and report a bill pursuant to resolutions of the Committee of Supply on the York Hospital.

Ordered.

Mr. Thomson, from the Select Committee to draft and report a bill in pursuance of a resolution of this House, granting a sum of money in aid of the York Hospital, reported a draft, which was received and read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Berczy, Chairman of the Committee to which were referred the Public Accounts of the past year, and Estimate for 1832, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a second report, and the draft of a bill, both of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The report was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

The bill reported to regulate the paying over of monies to the Receiver General by Inspectors and Collectors, was also received, and was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Warren, moves that the first and second reports of the Committee on Public Accounts be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messieurs Macnab and Brown be a Committee to draft and report bills pursuant to the resolutions of this House, granting a sum of money in aid of the erection of an Hospital in the Town of Kingston, and granting a sum of money by way of loan to the Port Hope Harbor Company.

Ordered.

Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that the resolution of the Committee of Supply relating to the Burlington Canal, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs Macnab and Shade, with instructions to draft and report a bill in conformity thereto.

Ordered.

Mr. Macnab, from the Select Committee appointed to draft and report a bill founded on the resolution of this House relative to a loan to the Port Hope Harbor Company, presented a draft, which was received and read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that Messrs. Beardsley and Warren be a Committee to draft and report a bill pursuant to the resolution of this House granting aid to the Grantham Academy.

Ordered.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Journals of the House of the first Session of the tenth Parliament, relative to the granting of sums of money to certain officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and Valentine Gill ; and the Journals of the last Session relative to a vote of money to remunerate the Arbitrator appointed on the part of this Province relative to the revenue collected at the Port of Quebec, be read, and referred to the Committee of supply, and that the thirty-second rule of this House be dispensed with so far as regards the same.

Which was carried, and the Journals were read and referred accordingly.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and the Documents accompanying the same relative to the Kingston Bank, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. White, moves for leave to bring in a bill for levying a duty of seven and a half per cent upon, Horses, Cattle, live Stock, fresh Beef, Pork and Mutton, imported into this Province, to be applied towards the payment of the war losses.

Which was granted and the bill read, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Magon, from the Committee to which was referred the petition of William Hands, and others, of the Western District, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The report was received, and the bill to protect the White Fish Fisheries in certain parts of this Province, was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves that Messieurs Ingersoll, Boulton, Magon, and D. McDonald, be a Special Committee to examine and report on the contingencies of this Honorable House.

Ordered.

Mr. Warren, from the Select Committee to draft and report a bill in accordance with the resolution of the House on the subject of aid to the Grantham Academy, presented a draft which was received and read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Buell was called to the Chair.

The House resumed to receive a message.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

Mr. Buell reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Solicitor General, from the Select Committee to draft and report a bill in accordance with the resolution of this House on the subject of building an Hospital at Kingston, reported a draft, which was received and read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

The Speaker reported that the Master in Chancery had brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a Bill, entitled, "An Act to protect the interests of Captain Alexander Shaw," which that Honorable House had passed, and to which the concurrence of this House is requested.

The Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council entitled, "An Act to protect the interests of Captain

Petition of H. J. Cornell and others brought up.

Petition of G. Spencer withdrawn.

Notice of address to His Excellency on Trent survey.

Committee to present address for returns from road Commissioners report answer.

Answer.

Notice of address on Receiver General's security.

Destitute Emigrants relief bill read.

Second to-morrow.

Committee to draft bill on Penitentiary.

Penitentiary bill reported and read.

Second to-morrow.

Committee to draft bill relative to York Hospital.

Bill reported and read.

Second reading to-morrow.

Finance Committee make their 2nd report.

Inspectors' and Collectors' bill read.

Second reading to-morrow.

Reports on Public Accounts referred to supply.

Committee appointed to draft Kingston Hospital and Port Hope Harbor bill.

Committee to draft a bill granting money to Burlington Bay Canal.

Port Hope Harbor loan bill reported. Second to-morrow.

Committee to draft Grantham Academy bill.

Journals relative to votes of the Assembly certain sums to sundry persons read and referred to Committee of supply.

Kingston Bank Commissioners' report referred to supply.

Live Stock duty bill brought in and read.

Second reading to-morrow.

Committee on petition of Wm. Hands and others report.

White Fish protection bill read. Second reading to-morrow.

Contingent Committee appointed.

Grantham Academy bill brought in and read. Second reading to-morrow.

Committee of supply.

Sit again to-morrow.

Kingston Hospital bill read. Second reading to-morrow.

Shaw's protection bill brought down from Legislative Council, read.

Second reading to-morrow.

Alexander Shaw," was read the first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Felon's Counsel bill committed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Felon's Counsel Bill was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House,

Mr. McMartin was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. McMartin reported the Bill without amendment.

Third reading to-morrow.

The report was received, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Justices' duty bill committed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to define the duties of Justices and Coroners, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Robinson was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Amended.

Mr. Robinson reported the bill as amended.

Third reading to-morrow.

The report was received and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 17th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Felon's Counsel bill read third time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to allow to Felon's Counsel, was read the third time.

On passing House divides.

On the question for passing the same the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—*Messieurs,*

Yeas 31.

Berzcy,	Crooks,	A. McDonald,	Shaver,
Bidwell,	Elliott,	Morris,	Thomson,
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Mount,	Warren,
Buell,	Jones,	Norton,	Werden,
Burwell,	Ketchum,	Perry,	White,
Campbell,	Lewis,	Randal,	J. Willson,
Chisholm,	Lyons,	Robinson,	W. Wilson—31
Clark,	McCall,	Roblin,	

NAY—*Mr.*

Nays 1.

Attorney General.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirty, and the bill was signed.

Title.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the bill be entitled "An Act to allow persons tried for felony, the benefit of full defence by Counsel and certain other privileges therein mentioned."

Bill sent to Council.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Bidwell and Norton were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Justices' bail and commitment bill read third time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill relative to bail and commitment by Justices and Coroners, was read a third time.

Rider to the bill.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Beardsley, moves that the following clause be added to the bill by way of Rider.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the following forms of Recognizances may be used by Justices of the Peace, Coroners, and other persons authorised by law to take recognizances.

FORM OF RECOGNIZANCES.

\_\_\_\_\_ } A. B. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the District, } \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledges himself to be indebted to To wit. } our Sovereign Lord the King, in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ C. D. of \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledges himself to be indebted to our said Sovereign Lord the King, in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ and E. F. of \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledges himself to be indebted to our said Sovereign Lord the King, in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ upon condition, that they do personally appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, (or at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, as the case may be) to be held in the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ in and for the said District, then and there, to give evidence in His Majesty's behalf against J. K. for (the offence) and if the bill be found a true bill and returned so by the Grand Jury, that then they do also appear in Court then and there to give evidence upon that indictment, and do not depart the Court without leave, then this recognizance to be void, or else to remain in force.

Taken and acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

Be it remembered, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

C. D. personally came before me E. F. Esquire, one of His Majesty's Justices assigned to keep the Peace in and for the said District, and acknowledged himself to be indebted to our Sovereign Lord the King, in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of lawful money of the Province of Upper Canada, upon condition that if the above bounden C. D. shall personally appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, (or the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace) to be held at the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ in and for the said District, then and there to answer an Indictment to be preferred against him by A. B. of \_\_\_\_\_ for the offence charged and not depart without leave of the Court, then this Recognizance to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

Rider to Justices bail and commitment bill.

Taken and acknowledged before me the same day and year aforesaid.

Ordered.

Petitions read. John Winn and others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of John Winn, and one hundred and fifty four others, inhabitants of the District of Newcastle, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank and others, of the Township of Vaughan, (see page 17) and the petition of Charles Ingersoll, and six others of the London District, praying to be incorporated as a Joint Stock Company, for the purpose of constructing a Harbor at the mouth of Big Otter Creek, on Lake Erie, by and under the name and style of "The President Directors and Company of the Port Burwell Harbor," were read.

Charles Ingersoll, Esquire, and others.

Mr. Thomson gives notice, that he will, on morrow, move an Address to His Majesty, praying that the seat of Government may be removed from York to some more safe and eligible part of the Province.

Mr. Duncombe gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move that it be resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that ten Townships of the waste lands of the Crown be placed at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature, upon which to raise a sum sufficient to liquidate the claims of the sufferers during the late war with the United States.

Notice of an address to His Majesty on the claims for losses.

Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill founded upon the petition of Charles Ingersoll, Esq. and others, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for constructing a Harbor at Port Burwell.

Port Burwell Harbor bill read first time.

Which was granted and the Bill read and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the petition of Peter Lossing, and others, be referred to the Committee to whom referred the petition of David Barns and others, upon the same subject.

Petition of Peter Lossing and others referred.

Ordered.

Mr. Boulton, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the New Parliament-House, presented a report which was received and read.

Select Committee on the Message of His Excellency relative to the Parliament Building report.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves that the report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Message and Documents relating to the Parliament Buildings sent down by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Report on Parliament Building referred to supply.

Ordered.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that five hundred copies of the report of the Committee on Parliament Buildings, be printed for the use of Members.

Above report to be printed.

Ordered.

Mr. Atty. General, seconded by Mr. Berzcy, moves to dispense with the thirty-second rule of this House, and for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act passed in the seventh year of His late Majesty's Reign, imposing a duty upon vessels entering the Harbor of York, for the purpose of raising a fund for keeping the light erected on Gibraltar Point in repair.

Light House Duty repeal bill read.

Which was granted, and the Bill was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the copies of the Statutes published by Messrs. Thomson and Macfarlane, procured by the Clerk of this House, agreeably to a resolution thereof, be distributed for the use of Members.

Motion for distribution of Statutes.

**Amendment proposed.**  
In amendment, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Norton, moves that after the word "moves" in the original, the whole be expunged and the following inserted: "that it is inexpedient to distribute the Statutes procured by the Clerk of this House, except by Act of Parliament."

**House divides on amendment.**  
On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

Yeas 11.	Bidwell, Buell, Campbell,	Howard, Ketchum, Lyons,	A. McDonald, Norton, Perry,	Randal, Shaver,	11.
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**NAYS—Messieurs,**

Nays 31.	Atty. General, Beardsley, Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Burwell, Chisholm, Clark,	Cook, Crooks, Elliott, A. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones, Lewis, McCall,	D. McDonald, McMartin, Macnab, Magon, Morris, Mount, Roblin, Samson,	Shade, Sol. General, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden, White, W. Wilson,	31.
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**Question of amendment lost.**  
The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of twenty.

**Further amendment proposed.**  
In amendment, Mr. VanKoughnett, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that after the word "Members," the following be added: "with the exception of fifty copies to be placed in charge of the Librarian for the use of the Legislature."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

Yeas 18.	Brown, Burwell, Chisholm, Crooks, Elliott,	A. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones, Lewis, McCall,	D. McDonald, McMartin, Magon, Morris,	Mount, Shade, Sol. General, VanKoughnett,	18.
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**NAYS—Messieurs,**

Nays 25.	Atty. General, Beardsley, Berczy, Bidwell, Boulton, Buell, Campbell,	Clark, Cook, Howard, Jarvis, Ketchum, Lyons,	A. McDonald, Macnab, Norton, Perry, Randal, Roblin,	Samson, Shaver, Warren, Werden, White, W. Wilson—25	25.
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**Amendment lost.**  
The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of seven.

**Further amendment proposed.**  
In amendment, Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that after the word "moves" in the original motion, the whole be expunged and the following inserted: "that the distribution of the Statutes purchased by order of this House, be as follows:

Three copies to each Member of this House, . . . . .	150
One copy to each Member of the Legislative Council, . . . . .	25
One copy for the Speaker's Room, House of Assembly, . . . . .	1
One copy Legislative Council, . . . . .	1
Five copies for the Library, . . . . .	5
Twelve copies to the Clerk's office for the use of this House, . . . . .	12
Six copies Clerk's office, Legislative Council, . . . . .	6
<b>TOTAL, . . . . .</b>	<b>200</b>

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS—Messieurs.**

Yeas 9.	Berczy, Boulton, Brown,	A. Fraser, Ingersoll,	Jarvis, Jones,	D. McDonald, J. Willson—9.
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**NAYS—Messieurs,**

Nays 32.	Atty. General, Beardsley, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Chisholm, Clark, Cook,	Crooks, Elliott, Howard, Ketchum, Lewis, Lyons, McCall, A. McDonald,	Macnab, Magon, Morris, Mount, Norton, Perry, Randal, Roblin,	Samson, Shade, Shaver, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden, White, W. Wilson—32
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**Amendment lost.**  
The question was decided in the negative by a majority of twenty-three.

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In amendment to the original question, Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Brown, moves that the following words be added, "except twenty-five copies which are to be deposited with the Clerk for the use of the House, and twenty-five copies to be retained by him until a further order shall be made by this House for their distribution."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

Yeas 23.	Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Burwell, Chisholm, Crooks,	Elliott, A. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jarvis, Jones, Ketchum,	McCall, D. McDonald, McMartin, Magon, Morris, Mount,	Shade, Sol. General, VanKoughnett, Warren, J. Willson—23.	23.
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**NAYS—Messieurs.**

Nays 20.	Beardsley, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Clark,	Cook, Howard, Lewis, Lyons, A. McDonald,	Macnab, Norton, Perry, Randal, Roblin,	Samson, Shaver, Werden, White, W. Wilson—20	20.
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The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three.

On the original question as amended, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

Yeas 27.	Beardsley, Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Burwell, Chisholm, Clark,	Crooks, Elliott, A. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones, Lewis, McCall,	D. McDonald, McMartin, Magon, Morris, Mount, Roblin, Shade,	VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden, White, J. Willson, W. Wilson, 27.	27.
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**NAYS—Messieurs,**

Nays 15.	Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Cook,	Howard, Ketchum, Lyons, A. McDonald,	Macnab, Norton, Perry, Randal,	Samson, Shaver, Sol. General, 15.	15.
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The original question as amended was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve, and is as follows:—

That the copies of the Statutes published by Messieurs Thomson and Macfarlane, procured by the Clerk of this House agreeably to a resolution thereof, be distributed for the use of Members, except twenty-five copies, which are to be deposited with the Clerk for the use of the House, and twenty-five copies to be retained by him until a further order shall be made by this House for their distribution.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the rider to the bill relative to bailing and commitment by Justices and Coroners, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the bill be entitled "An Act relating to the bailing and commitment, removal and trial of prisoners, in certain cases."

Which was carried, and Messieurs Attorney General and Berczy were ordered by the Speaker to carry up the same to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. White, moves that an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to employ a competent person or persons to survey the mouth of the River Trent; to ascertain where a Bridge may be built to afford the greatest and most permanent advantage to the public; to procure plans and estimates of a good substantial Bridge across the same, and to lay such survey, plans and estimate before this House at its ensuing Session; to inform His Excellency that this House will defray the expense of obtaining such information; and that Messieurs Roblin and Werden be a Committee to draft and report an address pursuant to this resolution; and that the thirty-second rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as relates to the same.

Ordered.

Mr. Roblin, from the Select Committee appointed to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of a survey of the mouth of the River Trent, reported a draft, which was received and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Thomson was called to the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a message.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Committee had agreed to a series of resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

The report was not received.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

**Progress.** Mr. Thomson reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

**Burlington Canal bill reported and read. Second reading to-morrow.** Mr. Macnab, from the Select Committee to draft and report a bill in accordance with the resolution of this House relative to the Burlington Bay Canal, presented a draft, which was received and read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

**Absconding debtors' bill sent down amended.** The Speaker reported that the Master in Chancery had brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, the bill sent up from this House entitled "An Act to afford means for attaching the property of Absconding Debtors," to which that Honorable House had made some amendments, and to which the concurrence of this House was requested.

**Amendments read.** The amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled "An Act to afford means for attaching the property of Absconding Debtors," were read a first time, as follows:—

**Amendments to absconding debtors' bill.** Press. 1—line 9.—After "that" expunge to the word "it" in the eleventh line, and insert "if any person or persons being indebted to an inhabitant of this Province shall, before the passing of this Act, have secretly departed from this Province, or if any person or persons so indebted shall, after the passing of this Act, secretly depart from this Province, or keep concealed within the same."

" 1 " 20.—After the word "upwards" insert "expressing the cause of Action."

" 2 " 5.—After "oath" insert "or affidavit."

" 2 " 8.—After "forthwith" expunge the words "issue a Warrant or Warrants" and insert "direct a Warrant or Warrants to be issued."

" 3 " 14.—After "same" insert "in the Upper Canada Gazette."

" 4 " 5.—After "from the" expunge "date" and insert "first publication."

" 4 " 17.—After "Warrants" insert "and all and singular the property which may have been attached shall be restored."

" 4 " 18.—After "had" insert "and shall be so certified by the Judge presiding at such trial."

" 5 " 2.—After "from the" expunge "date" and insert "first publication."

" 5 " 11.—After "Act" insert "And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in order to proceed in the recovery of any debt due by the person or persons against whose property a Writ of Attachment shall have been ordered under this Act, process may be served by leaving a copy thereof at the last place of abode of such person within this Province, with any grown up person there dwelling; and also by affixing a copy of such process in the Crown Office, or in the Office of the Deputy Clerk of the Crown in the District where the absconding or concealed person was last resident, or in the Office of the Clerk of the District Court of such District, when the proceedings shall be in the District Court eight days before the returns thereof; and all subsequent proceedings necessary to be served on the Defendant in ordinary cases, shall be deemed to be served upon such absconding or concealed person, by filing a copy in the Crown Office, or in the Office of

" the Deputy Clerk of the Crown in which the declaration shall have been filed as aforesaid, or in the Office of the Clerk of the District Court, as the case may be."

" And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That notwithstanding Judgment by Default may be issued in any action in which the process and other proceedings may have been served in the manner aforesaid, such Judgment shall in no case be final; and it shall be incumbent on the Plaintiff, nevertheless, to prove his cause of action in the same manner as if the general issue had been pleaded or the deed denied, in case the action shall have been brought on any specialty—and in case the Jury at any such assessment of damages shall not find the Plaintiff's demand, or any part thereof proved, the verdict shall be rendered for nominal damages only, and the Plaintiff shall recover no costs of suit."

Press. 9.—Line 8.—After "persons" insert "Provided always, that the Declaration in such Action shall contain an introductory averment to this or the like effect:—(that is to say).—A. B. who sues under the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of this Province, for attaching the property of Absconding Debtors, in order to recover from C. D. debtor to one E. F. an absconding or concealed person, such sum as C. D. may owe to the said E. F. or so much thereof as will discharge the sum of—being the amount due by the said E. F. to him the said A. B. complains, &c."

" And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That before Execution shall issue upon any judgment obtained under this Act, against an absconding or concealed debtor, a bond to the Defendant in double the sum to be levied and executed by the Plaintiff, and two sufficient sureties to be approved by some one of the Judges of the Court in which the Action shall have been instituted, shall be filed among the papers of the cause, the condition of which bond shall be to the effect, that if the Defendant, his Executors or Administrators shall within the period allowed by law, contest the justice of the Plaintiff's demand and succeed in reversing the recovery, the Plaintiff, his Executors or Administrators, shall restore to the Defendant, his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, the amount that shall have been levied upon Execution in such cause with interest, and shall make good to the Defendant, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, any further damage occasioned by the seizure and sale of real or personal Estate, in order to satisfy the judgment obtained against such absconding or concealed debtor."

" And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That at any time within one year after the rendering of Judgment against an Absconding or Concealed Debtor, such debtor may, upon his personal appearance in Court, in Term time, apply through his Counsel; or in case of his death, his Executors or Administrators may, within the same period, apply for a re-hearing of the cause, which re-hearing shall be granted upon giving security for costs, and the cause may be again tried upon a record to be prepared for that purpose, on which the entry of a new venire may be made after the entry of issue joined, or of judgment by default without any continuances or alteration of the record, in consequence of the death of parties; but the title of any purchaser other than the Plaintiff himself, at the Sheriff's sale upon the Execution, which shall have provisionally issued in such cause shall not be affected by the Defendant obtaining a Verdict or Judgment."

"ment upon such subsequent proceeding."

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed to prevent one or more new trials being granted either after the first verdict or after the verdict rendered upon the re-hearing, when the same shall appear necessary to the ends of justice."

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case of any re-hearing under this Act, after the period shall have elapsed, within which a new trial can be moved for; or in case a new trial shall be refused, the verdict shall be taken to be conclusive, so far as respects the liability of the obligors in the bond required to be filed previous to the suing out Execution, and it shall not be necessary for the Defendant succeeding on such re-hearing, to enter final judgment for that purpose."

Press. 10.—Expunge the twelfth clause.

" " Line 8.—After "years and" insert—"from thence to the end of the then next ensuing Session of Parliament and." After "longer" insert—"Provided always, that it shall, nevertheless, be lawful to proceed in any matter that may be depending under this Act, until the same shall be brought to a final termination according to the provisions thereof."

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the Bill sent up from this House, entitled, "An Act to afford means for attaching the property of Absconding Debtors," be read a second time on Friday next, and that it be the first item on the order of the day after the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 18th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. W. Wilson brought up the Petition of Colin McNeill, and six others; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Lyons brought up the petition of George Spencer, of the Town of Cobourg, in the Newcastle District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Clark brought up the petition of W. W. Baldwin, and nine others, Stockholders of the Desjardins' Canal Company; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Howard brought up the petition of Finlay Malcolm, and seventy-nine others, of the London District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Howard brought up the petition of Thomas Stocking, and thirteen others, Inhabitants of the Niagara District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Howard brought up the petition of John Upper, and thirteen others, Inhabitants of the Niagara District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Howard brought up the petition of Henry Clow, and twelve others, of the District of Johnstown; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Samson brought up the petition of Henry Hagerman, and seventy-two others, Inhabitants of the Townships of Sidney and Thurlow, in the Midland District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of Jacob Smith, Sen'r. and seventeen others, Inhabitants of the Gore, between the Townships of Earnestown and Fredericksburg, in the Midland District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Howard brought up the petition of Donald McDonell, and thirty-two others, Inhabitants of the Townships of Cornwall and Roxborough, in the Eastern District; which was laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of a survey at the mouth of the River Trent, was read the third time and passed, and is as follows:

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to employ one or more competent person or persons to ascertain by Survey, at what part of the mouth of the River Trent a Bridge may be built to afford the greatest and most permanent advantage to the public; to procure Plans and Estimates of a good substantial Bridge to be erected across the same; that Your Excellency will be pleased to lay such Survey, Plans and Estimates, before this House at its ensuing Session; and we beg leave to inform Your Excellency, that this House has passed a resolution that it is expedient to defray the expenses of procuring the desired information.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,

SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
18th January, 1832. }

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. W. Wilson, moves that the petition of W. W. Baldwin, Esq. and others, Stockholders in the Desjardins' Canal, be now read, and that the forty-third rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same.

Which was carried, and the petition of W. W. Baldwin and others, Stockholders in the Desjardins' Canal Company, praying that the Stock owned in the said Company by the late Peter Desjardins may not be allowed to be forfeited—was read.

Mr. W. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the petition of Colin McNeill and others, be now read, and that the forty-third rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the same.

Which was carried; and the petition of Colin McNeill and others, praying to be incorporated as a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of improving the Harbor at the mouth of Paterson's Creek, on Lake Erie, under the style and title of "The President, Directors and Company, of the Port Dover Harbor"—was read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of Henry J. Cornell, and ninety-three others, Inhabitants of the London District, praying for authority to construct a Harbor at the mouth of Big Otter Creek, otherwise called "Port Burwell," was read.

Mr. W. Wilson, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves that the petition of Colin McNeill and others, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs Clark and Ingersoll, to report by bill.

Ordered.

Mr. White, seconded by Mr. W. Wilson, moves that Messieurs Samson and Magon be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the address of this House on the subject of a survey of the mouth of the River Trent, and to present the same.

Ordered.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the petition of W. W. Baldwin, Esquire, and others, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Durand, Esquire.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the whole on Supply.

Mr. Thomson was called to the chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair on a question of order.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee.

The House resumed to receive a message.

Mr. Acting Secretary McMahon brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, several Messages and Documents.

The Speaker read the Messages as follows:—

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly such Accounts of Road Commissioners as have been received since his last communication to the House on this subject.

Government House, }  
18th January, 1832. }

Address to His Excellency for a Survey of the mouth of the River Trent.

Petition of W. W. Baldwin and others read.

Petition of Colin McNeill and others read.

Petition of Henry J. Cornell and others read.

Petition of Colin McNeill and others referred to a Select Committee.

Committee to wait on His Excellency with Address on Survey of Trent.

Petition of W. W. Baldwin referred.

Committee of supply.

Message from His Excellency.

Message with Road Commissioners' accounts.

Amendment to Absconding Debtors' Bill.

Second reading Friday.

Petitions brought up.

Colin McNeill and others.

Geo. Spencer.

W. W. Baldwin & others.

F. Malcolm and others.

T. Stocking and others.

John Upper and others.

Henry Clow and others.

Henry Hagerman & others.

Jacob Smith and others.

D. McDonald and others.

Address to His Excellency on Survey of Trent read third time and passed.

J. COLBORNE.

Message with Memorial from Doctor Rae.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly the accompanying Memorial, from Doctor Rae, which he recommends to the favorable consideration of the House.

Government House, }  
18th January, 1832. }

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

The Memorial of John Rae, A.M. Fellow of the Royal Medical Society, Edinburgh—

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

Memorial of Doctor Rae to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

That Your Memorialist has for a considerable time been engaged in collecting information for a work which is intended to give the public an accurate account of the present state and resources of this Province.—That from the great extent and recent settlement of Upper Canada, it is yet imperfectly known.—That though many publications have issued from the Press on the subject, they have in general been the work of individuals but partially acquainted with the Country; and that there is not, at present, any work comprising an account of the Province, which can be referred to with confidence, by one desirous of obtaining information concerning the whole or any part of it.—That from the want of such information, erroneous ideas concerning the Colony prevail—its resources are not known—Settlers of capital are deterred from emigrating to it, or having emigrated—are at much unnecessary expense and loss of time in searching for suitable situations, and often, place themselves in parts of the country not well adapted to their means and abilities.

That Your Excellency will be able partly to judge how far the work which your Memorialist meditates is calculated to supply this want from the following detail of what it is intended to comprehend.

That Your Memorialist means to describe the leading features in the Geological Structure of the Country, from whence the nature and peculiarities of the soil in the different sections of it may, with most certainty, be deduced. The peculiarities of the climate and their causes. The state of agriculture over the Province, and the effects which increased experience, and capital, applied to its pursuits may be expected to produce. The state of the Country as to health and disease, and the complaints most prevalent—Constitution and Institutions of the Colony—each District, its Rivers and Lakes, what is peculiar to its soil, and what interesting mineralogical productions it may possess—sorts of timber that prevail in it, peculiarities in its system of agriculture, when settled, and from whence the population chiefly derived—its Towns and Villages and Population of each—tabular view of the different Townships in it—quantity of land in each—what quantity cleared,—quantity uncleared—held by persons residing in the Township—quantity uncleared, held by persons not residing in the Township—quantity, if any, ungranted—quantity of land and sort of timber—prices of wild land of first quality—population, produce, and various other statistical details.

Further, Your Memorialist begs leave to state, that he has already expended considerable time and money in his researches, that he has travelled over a great part of the Province collecting information on the subject, and that in prosecution of his designs he intends visiting many other parts of it, and will thus be put to still further cost and labor. That in particular he is desirous of exploring some parts of that region of country extending from the north-east part of Lake Huron to the rear of the Midland District. That he is led to believe that the mineralogical and geological details of this region are very interesting, and that there is a probability of valuable minerals being there to be found.—That there is another tract of country lying between Notawasaga Bay and the part of Lake Huron to the north of the Canada Company's Tract, which he is desirous also of exploring, from similar reasons.—That these parts not being settled, they cannot be traversed without considerable expense.

That as the success of the labors of Your Memorialist would have a tendency to develop the resources of the country, and still further to direct public attention towards it, he would presume to hope they are in some measure worthy of the support and countenance of Your Excellency.

Your Memorialist, therefore, prays that Your Excellency will be pleased to take the subject of this Memorial into favorable consideration, and submit the same to the Legislature,

with a view to obtain public aid in furtherance of the important objects in which he has engaged.

And your memorialist, &c.

JOHN RAE.

J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, in compliance with an Address during the present Session, an account received from the Treasurer of the Home District, of monies received and paid by him during the last three years.

Government House, }  
18th January, 1832. }

(For Treasurer's Account—see Appendix.)

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the chair of Committee.

The House resumed to receive a message.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

Mr. Thomson reported that the Committee had agreed to a series of resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Report was received and leave was granted accordingly.

The first resolution was then read as follows:

Resolved, That a supply be granted to His Majesty to provide for the following services, during the year 1832. 1st Resolution read.

Resolved, That such sum be allowed to the Attorney General of this Province for the ensuing year, as together with his salary, and with his allowance in lieu of all fees as an officer of the Land Granting Department, and such other sum or sums as he may receive on Fiats and other Instruments, as will be equal in all to one thousand two hundred pounds, currency, which sum shall be in lieu of all fees, travelling expenses and contingencies.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred and forty-five pounds, currency, be allowed to the Solicitor General of this Province, including his salary, which sum shall be in lieu of all fees, travelling expenses and contingencies.

In amendment, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that one thousand two hundred pounds for the services of the Attorney General, be expunged, and one thousand pounds inserted in its stead. Amendment proposed.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides on amendment.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley,	Cook,	Norton,	Shaver,	Yeas 17.
Bidwell,	Howard,	Perry,	Werden,	
Buell,	Ketchum,	Randal,	White—17.	
Campbell,	Lyons,	Roblin,		
Clark,	McCall,			

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Berezy,	A. Fraser,	Macnab,	Sol. General,	Nays 27.
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Magon,	Thomson,	
Burwell,	Jarvis,	Morris,	VanKoughnett,	
Chisholm,	Jones,	Mount,	Warren,	
Crooks,	Lewis,	Robinson,	J. Willson,	
Duncombe,	D. McDonald,	Samson,	W. Wilson—27.	
Elliott,	McMartin,	Shade,		

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of ten.

In amendment, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that five hundred and forty-five pounds, for the services of the Solicitor General, be expunged, and four hundred and forty-four pounds nine shillings be inserted in its stead. Second proposed amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Bidwell,	Cook,	Norton,	Roblin,	Yeas 11.
Buell,	Howard,	Perry,	Shaver,	
Campbell,	Lyons,	Randal,		

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Thomson,	Nays 33.
Beardsley,	A. Fraser,	Macnab,	VanKoughnett,	
Berezy,	Ingersoll,	Magon,	Warren,	
Brown,	Jarvis,	Morris,	Werden,	
Burwell,	Jones,	Mount,	White,	
Chisholm,	Ketchum,	Robinson,	J. Willson,	
Clark,	Lewis,	Samson,	W. Wilson—33	
Crooks,	McCall,	Shade,		
Duncombe,	D. McDonald,			

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of twenty-two.

In amendment to the original motion, Mr. A. Fraser, seconded by Mr. D. McDonald, moves that the sum of five hundred and forty-five pounds as the income of the Solicitor General be expunged, and six hundred pounds inserted.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Thomson,
Brown,	A. Fraser,	Magon,	VanKoughnett,
Burwell,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Warren,
Chisholm,	Jarvis,	Mount,	J. Wilson,
Clark,	Ketchum,	Samson,	W. Wilson—23.
Crooks,	D. McDonald,	Shade,	

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Beardsley,	Duncombe,	Macnab,	Roblin,
Berczy,	Howard,	Norton,	Shaver,
Bidwell,	Jones,	Perry,	Werden,
Buell,	Lewis,	Randal,	White,
Campbell,	Lyons,	Robinson,	21.
Cook,	McCall,		

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of two.

On the original question as amended, the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Shade,
Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Macnab,	Thomson,
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Magon,	VanKoughnett,
Burwell,	Jarvis,	Morris,	Warren,
Chisholm,	Jones,	Mount,	J. Willson
Clark,	Ketchum,	Robinson,	W. Wilson—27
Crooks,	D. McDonald,	Samson,	

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Beardsley,	Duncombe,	McCall,	Roblin,
Bidwell,	Howard,	Norton,	Shaver,
Buell,	Lewis,	Perry,	Werden,
Campbell,	Lyons,	Randal,	White—17.
Cook,			

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of ten and is as follows:

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty to provide for the following services during the year 1832.

Resolved, That such sum be allowed to the Attorney General of this Province for the ensuing year, as together with his salary and with his allowance in lieu of all fees as an officer of the Land Granting Department, and such other sum or sums as he may receive on Fiats and other Instruments, as will be equal in all to one thousand two hundred pounds, currency, which sum shall be in lieu of all fees, travelling expenses and contingencies.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred pounds currency be allowed to the Solicitor General of this Province, including his salary, which sum shall be in lieu of all fees, travelling expenses and contingencies.

The second resolution was then put as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred pounds currency, be allowed as a salary to the Speaker of the Honorable the Legislative Council for the ensuing year.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Sol. General,
Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Macnab,	Thomson,
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Magon,	VanKoughnett,
Burwell,	Jarvis,	Mount,	Warren,
Chisholm,	Jones,	Robinson,	Werden,
Clark,	Lewis,	Samson,	J. Willson,
Crooks,	D. McDonald,	Shade,	W. Wilson—29
Duncombe,			

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Beardsley,	Cook,	McCall,	Randal,
Bidwell,	Howard,	Morris,	Roblin,
Buell,	Ketchum,	Norton,	Shaver,
Campbell,	Lyons,	Perry,	White—16.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirteen.

The third resolution was put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-six pounds currency be allowed as a salary to the Usher of the Court of King's Bench for the ensuing year.

The fourth resolution was put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred pounds currency be allowed to the Civil Secretary to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor as a salary for the ensuing year.

The fifth resolution was put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and eleven pounds, two shillings and three pence currency, be allowed for the payment of salaries to three Clerks in the office of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for the ensuing year.

The sixth resolution was put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and sixty-eight pounds, six shillings and eight pence currency, be allowed for the payment of the salaries of two Clerks in the Executive Council Office for the ensuing year.

The seventh resolution was put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and sixty-eight pounds, six shillings and eight pence, currency, be allowed for the payment of the salaries of two Clerks, in the Receiver General's office, for the ensuing year.

The eighth resolution was put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and sixty-eight pounds six shillings and eight pence currency, be allowed for the payment of the salaries of two Clerks, in the Inspector General's Office, for the ensuing year.

The ninth resolution was put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be allowed for the payment of the contingencies of the Lieutenant Governor's office for the ensuing year.

The tenth resolution was put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of seventy pounds, currency, be allowed for the payment of the contingencies of the Receiver General's Office, during the ensuing year.

The eleventh resolution was put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of sixty pounds, currency, be allowed for the payment of the contingent expenses of the Inspector General's Office, during the ensuing year.

The twelfth resolution was put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty pounds currency, be allowed for the payment of the contingent expenses of the Executive Council Office, during the ensuing year.

The thirteenth resolution was then put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred pounds currency, be allowed for extraordinary and casual expenses of the Government, for the ensuing year.

The fourteenth resolution was put as follows:

Resolved, That it is advisable to grant to His Majesty, annually, for four years, the sum of two hundred and five pounds, for the payment of a House-Keeper, Door-Keeper and two Messengers, to attend the public offices in the buildings lately erected for their accommodation, viz:

For a House-Keeper the sum of.....	£ 50 0 0
Two Messengers:.....	100 0 0
A Door-Keeper.....	40 0 0
Fire-wood for House-Keeper.....	15 0 0

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Shade,
Berczy,	Ingersoll,	Magon,	Sol. General,
Brown,	Jarvis,	Morris,	Thomson,
Burwell,	Jones,	Mount,	VanKoughnett,
Chisholm,	Ketchum,	Robinson,	Warren—23.
Crooks,	McMartin,	Samson,	

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Beardsley,	Duncombe,	D. McDonald,	Shaver,
Bidwell,	A. Fraser,	Norton,	Werden,
Buell,	Howard,	Perry,	White,
Campbell,	Lewis,	Randal,	J. Willson,
Clark,	Lyons,	Roblin,	W. Wilson—22
Cook,	McCall,		

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of one.

15th Resolution.

The fifteenth resolution was then put as follows :—

Arbitrator.

Resolved—That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted to His Majesty to remunerate the Honorable George Herchmer Markland, for services rendered in settling the proportion of Duties levied at the Port of Quebec, to be paid this Province.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General,	Duncombe,	D. McDonald,	Samson,
Berzey,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Shade,
Bidwell,	A. Fraser,	Macnab,	Shaver,
Brown,	Howard,	Maçon,	Sol. General,
Buell,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Thomson,
Burwell,	Jarvis,	Mount,	VanKoughnett,
Campbell,	Jones,	Norton,	Warren,
Chisholm,	Ketchum,	Perry,	Werden,
Clark,	Lewis,	Randal,	White,
Cook,	Lyons,	Robinson,	J. Willson,
Crooks,	McCall,	Roblin,	W. Wilson—44

Yeas 44.

**NAY—Mr.**

Beardsley.

Nay 1.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of forty-three.

16th Resolution.

The sixteenth resolution was then read as follows :—

To cover votes of Assembly.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty six hundred and eighty pounds, to provide for the payment of certain sums of money to the following persons or their legal representatives.

To the late Clerk of the Honorable the Legislative Council, . . . . .	£	s.	d.
To the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, . . . . .	200	0	0
To the late Clerk of the House of Assembly, . . . . .	100	0	0
To the late Serjeant-at-Arms, . . . . .	200	0	0
To the Door-Keeper of the Legislative Council, . . . . .	100	0	0
To Valentine Gill, . . . . .	40	0	0
	40	0	0
	£680	0	0

Voted by this House in the years 1825, 1826, and 1827.

Amendment proposed.

In amendment, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the words "to Valentine Gill, £40" be expunged.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Burwell,	Jarvis,	Macnab,	Warren,
Crooks,	Jones,	Morris,	Werden,
Elliott,	Lewis,	Roblin,	W. Wilson, 15.
A. Fraser,	McMartin,	VanKoughnett,	

Yeas 15.

**NAYS.—Messieurs.**

Beardsley,	Cook,	D. McDonald,	Samson,
Berzey,	Duncombe,	Maçon,	Shade,
Bidwell,	Howard,	Mount,	Shaver,
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Norton,	Sol. General,
Buell,	Ketchum,	Perry,	Thomson,
Campbell,	Lyons,	Randal,	White,
Chisholm,	McCall,	Roblin,	J. Willson—29.
Clark,			

Nays 29.

Question of amendment lost.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of fourteen.

Division on original question.

On the original question the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Berzey,	A. Fraser,	Morris,	Sol. General,
Bidwell,	Ingersoll,	Mount,	Thomson,
Brown,	Jarvis,	Norton,	VanKoughnett,
Burwell,	Ketchum,	Perry,	Warren,
Chisholm,	Lyons,	Robinson,	Werden,
Clark,	D. McDonald,	Samson,	J. Willson,
Duncombe,	McMartin,	Shade,	W. Wilson—30
Elliott,	Maçon,		

Yeas 30.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Berzey,	Cook,	Jones,	Randal,
Buell,	Crooks,	Lewis,	Shaver,
Campbell,	Howard,	McCall,	White—12.

Nays 12.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eighteen.

The seventeenth resolution was then put and carried as follows :—

Resolved—That an Act which is about to expire, passed in the fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to restrain the selling of Beer, Ale, Cider, and other Liquors not Spirituous, in certain Towns and Villages in this Province, and to regulate the manner of Licensing Ale Houses within the same," be continued for four years, and from thence to the end of the then next ensuing Session of the Provincial Parliament.

17th Resolution.

Ale House License.

The eighteenth resolution was then put and carried as follows :—

Resolved—That the sum of one thousand pounds be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of erecting a Light House upon Peter's Point, in the Township of Hallowell, in the Midland District.

Light House, Peter's Point.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves that Messieurs Macnab and Robinson be a Committee to draft and report bills in pursuance of the resolutions reported by the Committee of Supply.

Committee to draft bills.

Ordered.

The Speaker reported that the Master in Chancery had brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message, and a bill, entitled "An Act to protect the interests of persons whose lands shall be sold for the payment of Assessments in arrear," which that Honorable House had passed, to which the concurrence of this House was requested; and also the bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to amend the Charter of the Niagara Canal Company," which that Honorable House had passed, with some amendments, to which the concurrence of this House was requested.

Assessment amendment bill sent down from Legislative Council.

Niagara Canal bill, with amendments.

The message was read as follows :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council desire a conference with the Commons' House of Assembly, on the subject matter of the amendments made by that House in and to the bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to confirm British Subjects in their titles to Real Estates in this Province, derived through Aliens," and have appointed the Honorable Messieurs Clark and Crooks to be the Conféreés on the part of this House, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons' House of Assembly for that purpose to-morrow, at two of the clock P.M. in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council.

Conference requested by Legislative Council on bill to secure titles to lands derived through Aliens.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,

SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
18th day of January, 1832. }

The amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled "An Act to amend the Charter of the Niagara Canal Company," were read a first time, as follows, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow :

Amendments to Niagara Canal-bill read.

Press. 1—line 2—From the bottom.—Expunge "herein" and insert "in this or in any other Act of the Parliament of this Province."

" 2 " 1.—After "Canal" expunge the remainder of the clause.

" 3 " 3.—After "for the" expunge "House of Assembly" and insert "Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province."

" 3 " 4.—After "public" insert "unless in any Act of the Parliament of this Province to be hereafter passed it shall be otherwise provided."

The bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to protect the interests of persons whose lands shall be sold for the payment of Assessments in arrear," was read the first time.

Assessment amendment bill read first time.

Mr. Burwell, from the Select Committee to draft and report a bill founded on the resolutions of this House, relative to granting twenty thousand pounds for the Roads and Bridges, reported a draft, which was received and read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Road & Bridge appropriation bill read.

Mr. Jarvis, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of C. Baker and others, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Gaol Limits bill reported.

**Bill read.** The report was received, and the bill to extend the limits of the several Gaols in this Province, was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

**Second reading to-morrow, first thing.** Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the second reading of the Road Bill be the first item on the order of the day for to-morrow.

**Shaw's protection bill committed.** Ordered. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to protect the interests of Captain Alexander Shaw," was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Jarvis was called to the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Jarvis reported the bill.

**Third reading to-morrow.** The report was received, and the bill was ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

**Prince Edward bill read second time, and committed.** Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to facilitate the erection of the County of Prince Edward into a separate District, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

**Amended.** Mr. Mount was called to the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Mount reported the bill as amended.

**Third reading to-morrow.** The report was received and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

**Brockville Police Bill read second time and committed.** Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for establishing a Police in the Town of Brockville, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Samson was called to the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Samson reported that the Committee had risen for want of a quorum.

**No quorum.** Present—Messieurs Brown, Buell, Burwell, Chisholm, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, Jones, Ketchum, Lewis, McMartin, Maçon, Morris, Mount, Norton, Robinson, Samson, Shade, Werden—20.

At eight o'clock, P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, 19th JANUARY, 1832.

**THE House met.** The minutes of yesterday were read. The Speaker left the chair.

**Committee of whole on Brockville Police bill.** The Committee of the whole House resumed on the Brockville Police Bill.

Mr. Samson in the chair. The House resumed.

**Third reading to-morrow.** Mr. Samson reported the Bill as amended. The report was received and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

**Shaw's protection bill passed, and sent to Council.** Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council entitled, "An Act to protect the interests of Captain Alexander Shaw," was read the third time and passed."

Messieurs Samson and VanKoughnett were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

**Request for conference on the bill for confirming titles to lands acceded to.** Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of the amendments made to the bill for confirming titles to real Estate derived through Aliens be acceded to, and that Messieurs Bidwell, Samson, Beardsley and VanKoughnett, be conferees on behalf of this House, and that a message be sent to inform that Honorable House of the same.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Samson and VanKoughnett were ordered by the Speaker to carry up the Message.

**Committee to carry up Message.** The Memorial of Doctor Rae, transmitted by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Message of yesterday was read.

**Memorial of Doctor Rae read.** Mr. Morris seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the petition of Doctor John Rae, sent down to this House by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered.

**And referred to Committee of supply.** Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that the Journals of last Session relative to the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of expenses attending a Militia Court Martial held at Saint Thomas', in the

London District, in March 1830, be now read, and that the 32nd rule of this House be dispensed with for that purpose.

Which was carried and the Journals were read.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and the Documents accompanying the same relative to the Court Martial held at Saint Thomas' in the London District, in March 1830, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy, Boulton, Burwell, Clark, Elliott,	A. Fraser, McCall, McMartin, Macnab,	Magon, Mount, Robinson, Shade,	Sol. General, VanKoughnett, J. Willson, W. Wilson—17	Yeas 17.
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NAYS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley, Bidwell, Brown, Buell, Campbell, Chisholm,	Cook, Crooks, Howard, Ketchum, Lewis, Lyons,	A. McDonald, Roblin, D. McDonald, Shaver, Morris, Warren, Norton, Werden, Perry, White—23. Randal,	Nays 23.
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The question was decided in the negative by a majority of six.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Boulton, moves that the Journals of last Session relative to the petition of Wm. Scollick, and others, of the Townships of Waterloo, Dumfries, and Beverly, on the subject of the erection of a Bridge over the Grand River, be now read, and the 32d rule of this House be dispensed with for that purpose.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy, Burwell, Chisholm, Clark, Crooks,	Duncombe, Elliott, Ingersoll, Macnab,	Magon, Mount, Randal, Sol. General, Warren, Werden, J. Willson, W. Wilson—17	Yeas 17.
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NAYS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley, Bidwell, Boulton, Buell, Campbell, Cook,	A. Fraser, Howard, Jones, Ketchum, Lewis, Lyons,	McCall, A. McDonald, Roblin, D. McDonald, Roblin, McMartin, Samson, Morris, Shaver, Norton, White,—24.	Nays 24.
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The question was decided in the negative by a majority of seven.

Mr. Norton from the Select Committee to search the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to report the proceedings had by that Honorable House on the bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to repeal so much of the law now in force as authorises the payment of a salary to a Chaplain to the House of Assembly," reported as follows:

"Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the bill entitled "An Act to repeal so much of the law now in force as authorises the payment of a salary to a Chaplain to the House of Assembly."

"The Honorable Mr. John Hamilton took the Chair.

"After some time the House resumed.

"The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again this day three months.

"Ordered that the report be received, and leave granted accordingly."

(A true extract.)

H. NORTON,  
CHAIRMAN.

House of Assembly,  
10th January, 1832.

Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that three hundred copies of the second report of the Finance Committee, be printed for the use of Members.

Ordered.

Mr. Samson from the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the address of this House, relative to a survey of the mouth of the River Trent, reported

Motion for referring the above to the Committee of supply.

House divides.

Motion for reading Journals on petition of W. Scollick, and others.

House divides.

Select Committee to search Journals of Legislative Council, on state of Chaplain's Salary, make their report.

Report.

Second report of Finance Committee to be printed.

Committee to wait on His Excellency with Address

for Survey of River Trent, report answer. delivering the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer :

GENTLEMEN,

Answer. I shall have great satisfaction in directing the Survey to be undertaken as requested in this Address.

Motion for an Address to His Excellency for dismissal of Chaplain. Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves that it be resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, informing His Excellency, that this House deeming it inexpedient to sanction any Act that might be construed either directly or indirectly, to recognize an Established Church in this Province, have rescinded their rule, which required that the business of the day should commence with prayer, in consequence of which proceedings, this House have no further use for the services of a Chaplain, whose Office has thereby become a sinecure, and praying His Excellency to be pleased to dismiss said Chaplain from such his Office, and that no other may be appointed by His Excellency in his stead—and that Messieurs Norton and Lyons, be a Committee to draft and report said address, and that the 32nd rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same.

Amendment proposed. In amendment, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the words "deeming it inexpedient to sanction any Act that might be construed either directly or indirectly, to recognize an Established Church in this Province," be expunged.

House divides on amendment. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 13. Boulton, Lewis, Maçon, Werden, Crooks, MacMartin, Samson, J. Willson, A. Fraser, Macnab, VanKoughnett, W. Wilson—13 Jones,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 29. Atty. General, Cook, A. McDonald, Robinson, Beardsley, Duncombe, D. McDonald, Roblin, Berczy, Elliott, Morris, Shade, Bidwell, Howard, Mount, Shaver, Buell, Ketchum, Norton, Sol. General, Campbell, Lyons, Perry, Thomson, Chisholm, McCall, Randal, White,—29. Clark,

Amendment lost. The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of sixteen.

House divides on original question. On the original question the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 23. Beardsley, Duncombe, A. McDonald, Randal, Bidwell, Elliott, D. McDonald, Roblin, Buell, A. Fraser, MacMartin, Samson, Campbell, Howard, Morris, Shaver, Chisholm, Ketchum, Mount, Werden, Clark, Lyons, Norton, White, Cook, McCall, Perry, W. Wilson—23

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 13. Atty. General, Lewis, Robinson, Thomson, Berczy, Macnab, Shade, VanKoughnett, Boulton, Maçon, Sol. General, J. Willson—13. Jones,

Question carried. The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and ordered accordingly.

On the third reading of the bill to facilitate the erection of the County of Prince Edward into a separate District being called :

Prince Edward bill amended. Mr. Werden, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the bill be not now read, but amended by striking out the last clause.

Ordered.

Niagara Boundary Line bill, and Companies Stock liability bill sent from Council. Upper Canada Bank Charter Bill amended. The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, a bill entitled, "An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to ascertain the North Boundary line of the Township of Niagara, and to establish a public highway, contiguous to the same," and a bill entitled, "An Act to provide for making Stock held in Companies having a Joint transferable Stock, liable to the satisfaction of debts," both of which the Honorable the Legislative Council had passed and requested the concurrence of this House thereto; and also the bill sent up from this House, entitled, "An Act for altering and amending the charter of the President Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada, and for increasing the number of Shares to be held in the Capital Stock of the said Bank," which that Honorable House had passed, with some amend-

ments, to which the concurrence of this House was requested.

The Bill sent down from the Hon. the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to ascertain the North Boundary Line of the Township of Niagara, and to establish a public Highway contiguous to the same," was read a first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

The Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to provide for making Stock held in Companies having a Joint transferable Stock, liable to the satisfaction of debts," was then read a first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

The amendments made by the Hon. the Legislative Council in and to the bill sent up from this House, entitled, "An Act altering and amending the Charter of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada, and for increasing the number of Shares to be held in the Capital Stock of the said Bank," were then read a first time as follows :

Press 1—Line 13, Expunge "second and," expunge "clauses," and insert "clause of an Act passed in the second year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President Directors and Company of the bank of Upper Canada," and the "second clause."

Press 1—Line 14, After "to" insert "amend and." " 3 " 11, After "so," expunge "subscribed or purchased," and insert "paid in."

" " " 16, Expunge "fifty-ninth year of George the third, chapter twenty-four," and insert "second year of the reign of the late King George the fourth."

" " " 21, Expunge "fifty-ninth year of the reign of the late King George the third," and insert "second year of the Reign of the late King George the fourth."

Press 7— Expunge the fifteenth and sixteenth clauses.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. John Willson, moves that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled, "An Act for altering and amending the Charter of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada, and for increasing the number of Shares to be held in the Capital Stock of the said Bank," be read a second time to-morrow, and that the same do stand the first item on the order of the day.

In amendment, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that after the word "moves" in the original, the whole be expunged, and the following inserted: "that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill entitled, "An Act for altering and amending the Charter of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada, and for increasing the number of shares to be held in the Capital Stock of the said Bank, sent up by this House, be read a second time this day three months."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 17. Beardsley, Howard, Morris, Samson, Bidwell, Ketchum, Norton, Shaver, Buell, Lyons, Perry, Werden, Campbell, D. McDonald, Roblin, White, Cook, 17.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 24. Atty. General, Elliott, MacMartin, Sol. General, Boulton, A. Fraser, Macnab, Thomson, Brown, Ingersoll, Maçon, VanKoughnett, Burwell, Jarvis, Mount, Warren, Chisholm, Jones, Robinson, J. Willson, Crooks, Lewis, Shade, W. Wilson—24.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of seven.

On the original question the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 20. Atty. General, Crooks, Jones, Robinson, Boulton, Elliott, Lewis, Shade, Brown, A. Fraser, Macnab, VanKoughnett, Burwell, Ingersoll, Maçon, J. Willson, Chisholm, Jarvis, Mount, W. Wilson—20

Niagara boundary line bill read.

Second reading to-morrow.

Companies Stock liability bill read.

Second reading to-morrow.

Amendments to U. C. Bank Charter bill read.

Amendments to U. C. Bank Charter bill.

Motion for second reading to-morrow, first thing.

Proposed amendment, that it be read a second time in three months.

House divides on amendment.

Yeas 17.

17.

Nays 24.

Amendment lost.

House divide on original Question.

Yeas 20.

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Nays 21. Beardsley, Howard, Morris, Shaver,  
Berczy, Ketchum, Norton, Sol. General,  
Bidwell, Lyons, Perry, Warren,  
Buell, D. McDonald, Roblin, Werden,  
Campbell, McMartin, Samson, White,  
Cook, 21.

Amendments to U. C. Bank Charter bill to be read a second time to-morrow. The question was decided in the negative by a majority of one, and the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council, in and to the Bill entitled, "An Act for altering and amending the Charter of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada, and for increasing the number of shares to be held in the Capital Stock of the said Bank," were ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Prince Edward bill passed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to facilitate the erection of the County of Prince Edward into a separate District, was read a third time, passed and signed by the Speaker.

Title. Mr. Werden, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act to repeal part of and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the last Session of the Parliament of this Province, entitled, "An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District."

Bill sent to Council. Which was carried, and Messrs. Werden and Roblin were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Committee on petition of Colin McNeill and others, report. Mr. Clark, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Colin McNeill and others, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to report by Bill, a draft of which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Patterson's Creek Harbor bill read a first time. Second to-morrow. The report was received and the Bill to Incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the Improvement of the Harbor at the Mouth of Patterson's Creek, on Lake Erie, was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Address to His Excellency on the subject of Lands to Militia men. Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Buell, moves that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he will be pleased to inform this House, what has been the result of the consideration that His Excellency has been pleased to give to the subject matter of the Address of this House, at its last Session, relative to extending the time for applications for lands, by persons who did duty in the Militia during the late war with the United States of America; and that Messrs. Shaver and Campbell be a Committee to draft and report the said Address, and that the thirty-second rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as relates to the same.

Ordered.

Road & Bridge appropriation bill read second time, and referred to Committee of whole. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill granting twenty thousand pounds for the improvement of Roads and Bridges throughout this Province, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. VanKoughnett was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Bill amended. Mr. VanKoughnett reported the Bill with amendments.

Third reading to-morrow. The report was received, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of supply. Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Magon in the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Magon reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Contingency bill brought in. Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to cover the payment, by His Excellency, of certain contingent expenses of the Legislature during the last Session, and that the rules of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to this Bill.

Bill read second time, and referred to Committee of whole. Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves that the Bill be now read a second time.

Which was carried, and the Bill was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

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Mr. Samson was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Samson reported the Bill without amendments.

The report was received, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Third reading to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council, in and to the Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Charter of the Niagara Canal Company," were read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House. Amendments to Niagara Canal bill read second time & Committed.

Mr. Clark was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Clark reported that the Committee had risen.

The report was received nem. con. Committee rises.

Present, Messieurs Beardsley, Berczy, Bidwell, Boulton, Brown, Buell, Burwell, Campbell, Chisholm, Cook, Crooks, Duncombe, Elliott, A. Fraser, Howard, Ingersoll, Ketchum, Lewis, Lyons, McCall, A. McDonald, D. McDonald, McMartin, Macnab, Magon, Morris, Mount, Norton, Perry, Randal, Robinson, Roblin, Samson, Shade, Shaver, Solicitor General, Thomson, VanKoughnett, Warren, Werden, White, J. Willson, W. Wilson. Members present.

Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the resolution of this House, adopted on the 26th December last, relative to the order of the day, be rescinded so far as it respects bills which have emanated from the Committee of Supply, and that such bills stand first on the order of the day, and be taken up in regular succession, without debate. Motion for rescinding resolution relative to order of day.

In amendment, Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that after the word "moves" in the original motion, the whole be expunged and the following inserted: "that it be resolved that the order of the day stand in the following order:— Second reading of all bills originating in Committee of Supply in the order in which they originated in the Committee of Supply, or may hereafter be originated; second reading of amendments to bills returned to this House from the Legislative Council; second reading of bills sent from the Legislative Council to this House; and that all other items on the order of the day, or that may hereafter be placed on the order of the day other than those originating in the Committee of Supply, be in the order in which they now stand or may be hereafter placed on the order of the day, and be taken up and proceeded in without debate, and that the rule of this House, ordered on the 26th ult. be rescinded. Amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:— House divides on amendment.

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Atty. General, Duncombe, McMartin, Sol. General,  
Boulton, Elliott, Macnab, VanKoughnett,  
Brown, A. Fraser, Magon, Warren,  
Burwell, Ingersoll, Morris, Werden, Yeas 27.  
Chisholm, Jarvis, Mount, J. Willson,  
Clark, Jones, Roblin, W. Wilson—27  
Crooks, D. McDonald, Shade,

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Berczy, Howard, A. McDonald, Samson,  
Bidwell, Ketchum, Perry, Shaver,  
Buell, Lyons, Randal, Thomson, Nays 17.  
Campbell, McCall, Roblin, White—17.  
Cook,

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of ten. Amendment carried.

Mr. Bidwell, from the Committee of Conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of the amendments made by the House of Assembly, in and to the Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to confirm British Subjects in their titles to Real Estates in this Province, derived through Aliens," presented a Report, which was received and read as follows: Committee of conference with Legislative Council on bill to confirm titles to lands derived through aliens, report.

*To the Honorable the Commons' House of Assembly.*

The Conferees appointed on the part of this House to meet the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the amendments made by this House to the Bill entitled, "An Act to confirm British Subjects in their titles to Real Estates in this Province, derived through Aliens," report that they proceeded to the Joint Committee Room, at the time appointed, where they met the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council, and received from them the accompanying communication. Report.

All which is respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL S. BIDWELL,  
CHAIRMAN.

House of Assembly,  
19th January, 1832.

The Legislative Council has requested this Conference with the House of Assembly, upon the subject matter of an amendment made by the House of Assembly, to the Bill entitled, "An Act to confirm British Subjects in their titles to Real Estates in this Province, derived through Aliens," for the purpose of obviating, if possible, the obstacle to the passing of this necessary Bill, which may arise upon a difference of opinion respecting the amendment.

The Legislative Council were disposed, at first, to the adoption of this amendment, which was, no doubt, suggested by an apprehension, that without it, the relief intended to be afforded by this Bill might be made use of, to enforce a strictly legal title against the equity and good conscience of the case. But on further consideration the Legislative Council thinks the expediency of the amendment very questionable.

They consider that upon the principles of the Common Law, and without the aid of this clause, twenty years possession will generally have the effect of enabling the possessor to resist the recovery of him who has the legal title; and if there are cases in which from particular circumstances, the possessor would not be protected by the Common Law principle—the Council apprehends, that in a great proportion, if not in a majority of such cases, this amendment may operate unjustly rather than otherwise, since it might have the effect of giving legal titles to persons who acquired possession without any color of right and have held it in defiance of equity, and even fraudulently refusing to fulfil their own engagements and sheltering themselves hitherto under the very objection which this Act is intended to remove, and for want of which the true owner, unfortunately deriving his title through an Alien, has been unable to recover his right. The Council, moreover, are apprehensive that the existence of such a provision in an Act of Parliament, might have an injurious tendency in this country by encouraging the idea that the Legislature desired to afford protection to long possession in all cases and without distinction. It seems to them besides, that if this amendment were adopted the law would present this incongruity—that persons naturalized by the Act of 1828, which contains no such exception, would be able when the Common Law did not prevent them to assert their legal right and dispossess a tortious possessor—while a British Subject deriving bona fide, his title through an Alien would be precluded in a case precisely similar. It seems rather to the Legislative Council, that if there are any cases in which twenty years possession will not, as the law now stands, confer a title; but in which nevertheless it would be equitable, that it should have that effect, it would be more advisable to attempt to extend a remedy by a general provision which would leave no anomalous distinctions between British subjects by birth or naturalization, but leave them all on the same ground to their titles and legal remedies.

Report of Committee of conference on the subject of the bill to secure titles to lands derived through aliens.

House goes into Committee on report of Committee of conference.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves that this House do now resolve itself into Committee of the whole on the report of the Committee of Conference on the Bill entitled, "An Act to Confirm British Subjects in their titles to Real Estates in this Province, derived through Aliens."

Which was carried, and Mr. Elliott was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Resolution reported.

Mr. Elliott reported that the Committee had agreed to a resolution which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

The report was received.

The resolution was then put as follows:

House of Assembly recede from amendment made to bill to confirm titles to lands derived through aliens.

Resolved, That this House do recede from the amendment made by this House to the Bill sent from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to confirm British subjects in their titles to Real Estates in this Province, derived through Aliens," and do agree to the said Bill without amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Clark,	Lyons,	Roblin,
Beardsley,	Cook,	McCall,	Sol. General,
Berczy,	Crooks,	A. McDonald,	Thomson,
Bidwell,	Duncombe,	Macnab,	Warren,
Boulton,	Elliott,	Morris,	Werden,
Buell,	Howard,	Norton,	White,
Burwell,	Ingersoll,	Perry,	J. Willson,
Campbell,	Jones,	Randal,	W. Willson—35
Chisholm,	Ketchum,	Robinson,	

Yeas 36.

NAYS—Messieurs,

Brown,	Jarvis,	McMartin,	Shaver,	Nays 9.
A. Fraser,	D. McDonald,	Mout,	VanKoughnett,	8.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-seven.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable Legislative Council, to acquaint that Honorable House with the purport of the foregoing resolution.

Message sent to Legislative Council.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Bidwell and Solicitor General were ordered by the Speaker to carry up the Message.

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that Messrs. J. Willson and Macnab be added to the Committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Post-Office Department.

Messieurs J. Willson and Macnab added to Committee on the Post Office department.

Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. J. Willson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill for altering and amending the Charter of the Niagara Canal Company, and that the rules of this House be dispensed with so far as they relate to the Bill.

Niagara Canal amendment bill brought in and read.

Which was granted, and the Bill was read a first time.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. J. Willson, moves that the Bill be now read a second time.

Which was carried, and the Bill was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill read second time and committed.

Mr. Norton was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Norton reported the Bill.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Macnab, from the Select Committee appointed to draft and report bills in accordance with the several resolutions of this House, emanating in the Committee of Supply, reported that the Committee had agreed upon the drafts of five bills, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Several bills reported in accordance with resolutions of supply.

The Report was received.

The bill for the erection of a Light House at Peters' Point, in the Township of Hallowell, was read the first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Peters' Point Light House bill read. 2d. to-morrow.

The bill to make good certain votes of this House, was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Bill to make good certain votes, read.

The bill granting a salary to the house keeper and others attending the Executive Council Office, was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Executive Council office salary bill read. 2d. to-morrow.

The supply bill was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Supply bill read. 2d. to-morrow.

The bill for licencing Ale houses, was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Ale house bill read. 2d. to-morrow.

Mr. Shaver, from the Select Committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Lands granted to Militia men, reported a draft which was read twice, concurred in and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Address to His Excellency on the subject of lands to Militia men read twice and concurred in. 3d. to-morrow.

Mr. Norton, from the Committee to draft and report an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Chaplain of this House, reported a draft, which was received, read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Address to His Excellency on dismissal of Chaplain read twice and concurred in. 3rd to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Brockville Police Bill was read a third time.

Brockville Police bill read 3rd time.

On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

House divides on passing.

YEAS—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Duncombe,	McMartin,	Sol. General,
Berczy,	Elliott,	Macnab,	Thomson,
Boulton,	A. Fraser,	Maçon,	VanKoughnett,
Brown,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Warren,
Burwell,	Jones,	Mout,	Werden,
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Roblin,	White,
Clark,	A. McDonald,	Samson,	J. Willson,
Crooks,	D. McDonald,	Shade,	W. Willson—32

Yeas 32.

NAYS—Messieurs,

Buell,	Howard,	Ketchum,	Perry,—4.	Nays 4.
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The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-eight, and the bill was signed by the Speaker.

**Title.** Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act to establish a Police in the Town of Brockville in the District of Johnstown."

**Bill sent to Council.** Which was carried, and Messieurs Jones and Samson were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

**Petitions read.** Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of George Spencer, of Cobourg, praying that a law may be passed, enabling him (being a minor) to convey a certain piece of Land for School purposes—the petition of Finlay Malcolm, and seventy nine others, of the London District—the petition of Thomas Stocking, and thirteen others, inhabitants of the Niagara District—the petition of John Upper, and thirteen others, inhabitants of the Niagara District—the petition of Henry Clow, and twelve others, inhabitants of the District of Johnstown—the petition of Donald McDonald, and thirty-two others, inhabitants of the Townships of Cornwall and Roxborough, in the Eastern District, praying the same as the petition of Peter Frank and others, inhabitants of Vaughan, (see page 17)—the petition of Henry Hagerman, and seventy-two others, inhabitants of the Townships of Sidney and Thurlow, in the Midland District, praying for a grant of money for the laying out a road through said Townships, from Belleville to Rawdon—and the petition of Jacob Smith, Sen'r. and seventeen others, inhabitants of the Gore, between the Townships of Ernesttown and Fredericksburgh, praying that an Act may be passed establishing a Survey recently made by John S. MacDonald, Deputy Surveyor, and further to provide for a Survey of the side lines of said Gore—were read.

**Finlay Malcolm and others.** Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council, in and to the bill sent up from this House, entitled, "An Act to afford means for attaching the property of Absconding Debtors," were read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

**Notice.** Mr. Burwell gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill to protect the interests of persons whose lands shall be sold for the payment of Assessments in arrear.

**Amendments to Absconding debtors bill read 2nd time and referred to Committee of whole.** Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council, in and to the bill sent up from this House, entitled, "An Act to afford means for attaching the property of Absconding Debtors," were read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

**Mr. D. McDonald was called to the chair.**  
The House resumed.  
Mr. McDonald reported the amendments.

**Third reading to-morrow.** The report was received, and the amendments were ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the House do now adjourn for one hour.

Which was carried, and the House adjourned accordingly.  
The House met pursuant to adjournment.

**Committee of supply.** Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Macnab in the chair.  
The House resumed.

**Resolution reported.** Mr. Macnab reported that the Committee had agreed to a resolution which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

The report was received, and the resolution was put and carried as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand pounds, be granted to His Majesty, to remunerate certain persons for work done at the building intended for the accommodation of the Legislature, and also to complete the same.

**£3000 Parliament Building.** Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that Messieurs Macnab and Berczy, be a Committee to draft and report a bill in pursuance of a resolution of this House, granting three thousand pounds to pay for work done to the building intended for the accommodation of the Legislature, and also to complete the same building.

Which was ordered.

**Committee to draft bill.** Mr. Macnab, from the Select Committee, appointed to draft a bill in conformity to a resolution of this House, granting three thousand pounds for the completion of the Parliament Building, reported a draft which was received and read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

**Parliament building bill reported.** Mr. Samson, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Peter Frank and others, inhabitants of the Township of Vaughan, and all other petitions on the same subject, presented a report, and the draft of an address to His Majesty.

**Select Committee on the petition of Peter Frank and others present report and draft of address.** The report was received.

The report was received.

The report was read.

(Report and Address—see Appendix.)

The address was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that two thousand copies of the first report of the Committee to whom were referred the petition of the people of Vaughan, and other petitions on the same subjects, be printed for the use of Members.

In amendment, Mr. Werden, seconded by Mr. W. Wilson, moves that the words "two thousand" be expunged, and the words "two hundred" inserted.

Which was lost.

On the original question the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Crooks,	A. McDonald, Samson,	Yeas 37.
Berczy, Duncombe,	D. McDonald, Shade,	
Bidwell, Elliott,	MacMartin, Shaver,	
Brown, Howard,	Macnab, Sol. General,	
Buell, Ingersoll,	Mount, Thomson,	
Burwell, Jarvis,	Perry, VanKoughnet,	
Campbell, Ketchum,	Raudal, Warren,	
Chisholm, Lyons,	Robinson, White,	
Clark, McCall,	Roblin, W. Wilson—37	
Cook,		

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Boulton,	Werden,—2.	Nays 2.
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The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirty-five.

Mr. Perry brought up the petition of James Lafferty, and fifty-four others, inhabitants of the Township of East Flamborough; which was laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill granting twenty thousand pounds to improve the Roads and Bridges in this Province, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the bill be entitled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, to be raised by Debenture, and expended in the improvement of Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of this Province."

Which was carried, and Messieurs Burwell and Mount were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to make good certain monies issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to pay the Contingencies of the last Session of the Provincial Legislature, was read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to defray the Contingent Expenses of the last Session of the Provincial Parliament."

Which was carried, and Messieurs Burwell and Mount were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message, which was read as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have passed the bill sent up to this House by the Commons' House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to repeal part of, and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the last Session of the Parliament of this Province, entitled 'An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District.'" without amendment.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
21st day of January, 1832.

Niagara Canal bill read third time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Niagara Canal Company's bill was read the third time.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

House divides on passing bill.

On the question for passing the same the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to inform Your Excellency that, deeming it inexpedient to sanction any Act that might be construed either directly or indirectly to recognize an Established Church in this Province, we have rescinded our Rule requiring the business of the day to commence with prayer, and consequently have no further occasion for the services of a Chaplain, the office of which has thereby become a sinecure.—We therefore humbly pray Your Excellency to dismiss said Chaplain from such his office, and that Your Excellency may be pleased to appoint no other in his stead.

Address to His Excellency on the subject of dismissing Chaplain.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yea 27.  
Atty. General, Duncombe, Maçon, Sol. General,  
Boulton, Elliott, Morris, Warren,  
Brown, A. Fraser, Mount, Werden,  
Burwell, Ingersoll, Randal, White,  
Chisholm, Jones, Robinson, J. Willson,  
Clark, A. McDonald, Samson, W. Wilson—27  
Crooks, Macnab, Shade,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 11.  
Bidwell, Howard, D. McDonald, Roblin,  
Campbell, Lewis, Norton, Shaver,—11.  
Cook, McCall, Perry,

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
21st January, 1832.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Cook, moves that Messrs. Perry and Howard be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the address respecting the Chaplain, and to present the same.

Committee to present Address.

Title. Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. White, moves that the bill be entitled "An Act to repeal part of, and amend the Charter of the Niagara Canal Company."

Bill sent to Council.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Attorney General and Crooks were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Ordered.  
Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled "An Act to afford means for attaching the property of absconding debtors," were read a third time.

Amendments to absconding debtor's bill read 3rd time.

On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

On passing House divides.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Address on the subject of Militia Lands passed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of lands to Militia Men, was read the third time and passed, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

Atty. General, Duncombe, Morris, Sol. General,  
Boulton, Elliott, Mount, Thomson,  
Brown, Ingersoll, Norton, Warren,  
Burwell, Jarvis, Robinson, Werden,  
Chisholm, Jones, Samson, J. Willson,  
Crooks, Macnab, Shade, W. Wilson—24.

Yea 24.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley, Cook, D. McDonald, Roblin,  
Bidwell, Howard, Perry, Shaver,  
Clark, A. McDonald, Randal, White,—12.

Nays 12.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve, and the amendments were signed.

Amendments passed, and

Messrs. Jarvis and Robinson were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

sent to Legislative Council.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for imposing an additional Duty on Shops, and for Licensing Steam Boats, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Shop and Steam Boat Duty bill read second time, & committed.

Mr. Jones was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Jones reported the Bill as amended.

Bill amended.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

3rd reading Monday.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for loaning a sum of money to the Desjardin's Canal Company, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Desjardin's Canal loan bill, read 2nd time, & committed.

Mr. Burwell was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Burwell reported the bill as amended.

Bill amended.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Third reading on Monday.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to authorise the raising by Debentures a sum of money, to remunerate the sufferers by the late war with the united States of America, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

War sufferer's remuneration bill read 2nd time, and committed.

Mr. Randal was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Randal reported the bill without amendment.

The report was received.

On the question for the third reading of the Bill, on Monday next, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

House divides on question for third reading.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Address passed.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six, and the address was passed and signed by the Speaker, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

Atty. General, Clark, McCall, Shaver,  
Beardsley, Crooks, Macnab, Sol. General,  
Berczy, Duncombe, Maçon, Thomson,  
Boulton, Elliott, Mount, Warren,  
Brown, Ingersoll, Randal, J. Willson,  
Burwell, Jarvis, Shade, W. Wilson—26.  
Chisholm, Ketchum,

Yea 26.

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Bidwell, Jones, Morris, Samson,  
Buell, Lewis, Norton, VanKoughnett,  
Campbell, Lyons, Perry, Werden,  
A. Fraser, A. McDonald, Robinson, White,—19.  
Howard, McMartin, Roblin,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for authorising a loan to the Cobourg Harbor Company, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Morris was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Morris reported the bill as amended.

The report was received and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill granting a sum of money for the relief of sick destitute Emigrants who may arrive in this Province during the ensuing season, was read the second time, and referred to a committee of the whole House.

Mr. Duncombe was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Duncombe reported the bill as amended.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for procuring Plans, &c. for a Penitentiary within this Province, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Campbell was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Campbell reported the bill as amended.

The report was not received.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

Mr. Campbell reported the bill as amended.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill granting a loan to the Port Hope Harbor Company, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. A. Fraser was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. A. Fraser reported the bill as amended.

The report was received.

On the question for the third reading of the bill, on Monday next, the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Atty. General, Crooks, Ketchum, Shade,  
Boulton, Duncombe, Macnab, Sol. General,  
Brown, Elliott, Magon, Thomson,  
Burwell, Ingersoll, Mount, Warren,  
Chisholm, Jarvis, Robinson, W. Wilson—21  
Clark,

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Berczy, Campbell, Morris, Shaver,  
Bidwell, Howard, Perry, VanKoughnett,  
Buell, Lyons, Roblin, Werden—12.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of nine, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill imposing a duty on Live Stock, and certain articles of provision which may be imported from the United States, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Magon was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Magon reported the Bill without amendment.

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The report was ordered to be received and the Bill to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill granting a sum of money in aid of the Grantham Academy, was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Shaver was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Shaver reported the Bill without amendment.

On the question for receiving the Report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Bidwell, Crooks, McCall, Perry,  
Boulton, Duncombe, A. McDonald, Randal,  
Buell, Elliott, Magon, Roblin,  
Burwell, Ingersoll, Mount, Warren,  
Chisholm, Ketchum, Norton, W. Wilson, 22.  
Clark, Lyons,

*NAYS.—Messieurs.*

Berczy, Jarvis, Morris, Thomson,  
Campbell, Jones, Robinson, VanKoughnett,  
Cook, Lewis, Samson, Werden,  
A. Fraser, D. McDonald, Shaver, White,  
Howard, McMartin, 18.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of four, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill granting a sum of money for the purpose of erecting a Public Hospital in the Town of Kingston, or its vicinity, was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. A. McDonald was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. A. McDonald reported the Bill as amended.

The report was received.

On the question for the third reading of the Bill, on Monday next, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Atty. General, Chisholm, Macnab, Shade,  
Bidwell, Clark, Magon, Sol. General,  
Boulton, Crooks, Mount, Thomson,  
Brown, Elliott, Norton, Warren,—22.  
Burwell, Jones, Roblin,  
Campbell, A. McDonald, Samson,

*NAYS.—Messieurs,*

Berczy, Howard, Morris, Shaver,  
Buell, Jarvis, Perry, Werden—11.  
Cook, McCall, Robinson,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill granting a sum of money for support of the York Hospital, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Crooks was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Crooks reported the bill without amendment.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, representing that this House having been informed through the Speaker, that it is the intention of His Excellency to prorogue the Provincial Legislature, on Tuesday next, beg leave respectfully, to represent that there are various matters now under the consideration of this House, of great importance to the interests of the people of this Province, which it is impossible to dispose of within the time proposed for the continuance of this Session, wherefore this House pray that His Excellency will not prorogue the Legislature before Friday, the 27th inst. and that the 32d rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as relates to this address.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yeas 18. Boulton, Crooks, Magon, Shade,  
Brown, Elliott, Mount, Sol. General,  
Burwell, Jarvis, Robinson, Warren,  
Chisholm, Jones, Samson, J. Willson—18.  
Clark, Macnab,

NAYS—Messieurs.

Nays 15. Berczy, Cook, Morris, Shaver,  
Bidwell, Howard, Norton, Thomson,  
Buell, Lyons, Perry, Werden—15.  
Campbell, McCall, Roblin,

The question was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of three.

Committee to draft address. Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that Messieurs Elliott and Jones be a Committee to draft and report an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in pursuance of the foregoing resolution.

Which was carried.

Address reported and read twice. Mr. Elliott, from the Committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for an extension of the time appointed for the prorogation of the Parliament, presented a draft, which was received and read twice.

Motion for amending address. Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the address be amended, by expunging the words "Friday, the twenty-seventh," and inserting the words "Thursday, the twenty-sixth."

House divides on amendment. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messieurs.

Yeas 20. Berczy, Howard, Morris, Sol. General,  
Bidwell, Jones, Norton, Thomson,  
Buell, Lyons, Perry, Warren,  
Campbell, McCall, Roblin, Werden,  
Cook, Macnab, Shaver, White—20.

NAYS—Messieurs.

Nays 15. Boulton, Clark, Magon, Shade,  
Brown, Crooks, Mount, J. Willson,  
Burwell, Elliott, Robinson, W. Wilson—15.  
Chisholm, Jarvis, Samson,

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of five, and the address was amended accordingly.

On question for 3rd reading to-day. On the question for the third reading of the address on Monday next, Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves in amendment, that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed and read a third time this day.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yeas 17. Boulton, Crooks, Macnab, Shade,  
Brown, Elliott, Magon, Sol. General,  
Burwell, Jarvis, Mount, Warren,  
Chisholm, Jones, Robinson, J. Willson—17.  
Clark,

NAYS—Messieurs,

Nays 18. Berczy, Howard, Perry, Thomson,  
Bidwell, Lyons, Roblin, VanKoughnett,  
Buell, McCall, Samson, Werden,  
Campbell, Morris, Shaver, White—18.  
Cook, Norton,

Third reading Monday. The question was decided in the negative, by a majority of one, and the address was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock, A. M. on Monday next.

MONDAY, 23rd JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of Saturday were read.

Address for extension of time read 3rd time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative to an extension of the Session, was read the third time.

House divides. On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yeas 22. Burwell, A. Fraser, Morris, Shade,  
Boulton, Ingersoll, Mount, Sol. General,  
Chisholm, Jones, Randal, Warren,  
Clark, McMartin, Robinson, Werden,  
Duncombe, Macnab, Samson, W. Wilson—22.  
Elliott, Magon,

NAYS—Messieurs,

Nays 15. Beardsley, Howard, A. McDonald, Thomson,  
Buell, Ketchum, Norton, VanKoughnett,  
Campbell, Lyons, Perry, White—15.  
Cook, McCall, Shaver,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and the address was signed by the Speaker, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &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, having been informed by the Honorable the Speaker, that he had received intimation of the intention of Your Excellency, to prorogue the Provincial Legislature on Tuesday next, humbly represent that there are various matters under the consideration of this House, of great importance to the interests of the people of this Province, which it is impossible to dispose of within the time proposed for the termination of the Session.

Address to His Excellency for extension of Session to Thursday.

Wherefore we humbly pray that Your Excellency will not prorogue the Legislature before Thursday, the twenty-sixth instant.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,

SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
21st January, 1832.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messieurs Robinson and Jarvis be a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of this House, and to present the same.

Committee to present address.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill imposing a duty on Liquor sold on Board of Steam-Boats, and an additional Duty on Shops, was read a third time and passed.

Shop and Steam Boat license bill passed.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. White, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act to impose an Additional Duty on Licenses to vend Wine, Brandies and Spirituous Liquors."

Title.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Samson and Clark were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Bill sent to Legislative Council.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill authorising a Loan to the Desjardins' Canal Company, was read a third time.

Desjardins' Canal loan bill read 3rd time.

On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

On passing House divides.

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yeas 23. Atty. General, Elliott, Magon, Sol. General,  
Boulton, Ingersoll, Mount, Thomson,  
Burwell, Jones, Randal, Warren,  
Chisholm, McCall, Robinson, J. Willson,  
Clark, A. McDonald, Samson, W. Wilson—23.  
Duncombe, Macnab, Shade,

NAYS—Messieurs,

Nays 13. Buell, Howard, Norton, VanKoughnett,  
Campbell, Lyons, Roblin, Werden,  
Cook, Morris, Shaver, White—13.  
A. Fraser,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of ten.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. W. Wilson, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act authorising a Loan to the President and Directors of the Desjardins' Canal Company."

Title.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Macnab and W. Wilson were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Hon. Legislative Council.

Committee to carry to Legislative Council.

the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

War sufferers' relief bill read 3rd time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to relieve the sufferers by the late war with the United States of America, was read the third time.

Motion for expunging 9th clause and inserting the following. Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. J. Willson, moves that the ninth clause be expunged, and the following inserted:

Clause for insertion. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case the duties to be derived from the articles mentioned in the foregoing part of this Act be found insufficient for the payment of the principal sum, and the interest thereon, hereby authorised to be borrowed upon Debentures; then and in such case, the general Revenue of this Province, not otherwise appropriated, shall be and are hereby made liable for the payment of the same.

Motion in amendment that the bill pass in three months. In amendment, Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Lyons, moves that after the word "moves" in the original, the whole be expunged and the following inserted:—that the Bill do not now pass, but pass this day three months.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

Yeas 16. Bidwell, Jones, McMartin, Roblin, Buell, Lewis, Morris, Samson, Campbell, Lyons, Norton, VanKoughnett, Howard, A. McDonald, Perry, 16.

**NAYS—Messieurs,**

Nays 27. Atty. General, Clark, McCall, Sol. General, Beardsley, Crooks, Macnab, Thomson, Berczy, Duncombe, Magon, Warren, Boulton, Elliott, Mount, White, Brown, A. Fraser, Randal, J. Willson, Burwell, Ingersoll, Shade, W. Wilson—27. Chisholm, Jarvis, Shaver,

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of eleven.

The original question then put and lost.—On the question for passing the Bill—

Bill amended. Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves in amendment, that after the word "being" in the schedule A. the following words be added: "out of the Revenues appropriated by virtue of the aforesaid Act, for the purposes therein mentioned."

Ordered.

Cobourg Harbor loan bill read 3rd time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Cobourg Harbor Company Loan Bill was read a third time.

On passing House divides. On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

Yeas 23. Atty. General, Crooks, A. McDonald, Shade, Boulton, Duncombe, Macnab, Sol. General, Brown, Elliott, Magon, Thomson, Burwell, Ingersoll, Mount, Warren, Chisholm, Jarvis, Randal, J. Willson—23. Clark, Lyons, Robinson,

**NAYS—Messieurs,**

Nays 18. Beardsley, Cook, Norton, Shaver, Berczy, Howard, Perry, VanKoughnett, Bidwell, D. McDonald, Roblin, Werden, Buell, McMartin, Samson, White—18. Campbell, Morris,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five, and the bill was signed.

Title. Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act to authorise a Loan to the President, Directors and Company of the Cobourg Harbor."

Bill sent to Legislative Council. Which was carried, and Messrs. Boulton and Macnab were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council and to request their concurrence thereto.

On the question for passing the war loss bill the House divides. On the question for passing the Bill granting a sum of money for the relief of those who sustained loss during the late war with the United States of America, the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

Yeas 26. Atty. General, Clark, McCall, Shade, Beardsley, Crooks, D. McDonald, Shaver, Berczy, Duncombe, Macnab, Sol. General, Boulton, Elliott, Magon, Thomson, Brown, Ingersoll, Mount, Warren, Burwell, Jarvis, Randal, J. Willson—26. Chisholm, Ketchum,

**NAYS—Messieurs,**

Bidwell, Lewis, Norton, VanKoughnett, Nays 15. Buell, Lyons, Perry, Werden, Howard, McMartin, Robinson, White—15. Jones, Morris, Samson,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven, and the bill was signed by the Speaker.

Title. Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. J. Willson, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act for affording relief to the sufferers during the late War with the United States of America."

Bill sent to Council. Which was carried, and Messrs. Attorney General and J. Willson were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council and to request their concurrence thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Emigrants relief Bill was read a third time.

Bill amended. Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Norton, moves that the Bill be amended, by inserting in the first clause after the word "collected," the following words: "or which may be hereafter raised, levied and collected."

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for procuring Penitentiary plans, &c. for a Penitentiary, was read the third time.

Bill amended. Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Lyons, moves that the Bill be amended, by expunging the name of Marshall Spring Bidwell therefrom.

Which was carried, and the Bill was amended and passed.

The Bill for the relief of sick and destitute Emigrants was then passed.

Title. Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act granting a sum of Money for the Relief of sick and destitute Emigrants at Prescott."

Bill sent to Council. Which was carried, and Messrs. Norton and Samson were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council and to request their concurrence thereto.

Port Hope Harbor loan bill read 3rd time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill authorising a Loan to the Port Hope Harbor Company, was read a third time.

On passing House divides. On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS—Messieurs,**

Yeas 24. Atty. General, Crooks, Macnab, Sol. General, Boulton, Duncombe, Magon, Thomson, Brown, Elliott, Mount, Warren, Burwell, Ingersoll, Randal, Werden, Chisholm, Jarvis, Robinson, J. Willson, Clark, Ketchum, Shade, W. Wilson—24

**NAYS—Messieurs,**

Nays 13. Bidwell, Howard, Morris, Roblin, Buell, Lyons, Norton, Shaver, Campbell, MacMartin, Perry, White—13. Cook,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven, and the Bill was signed by the Speaker.

Title. Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the Bill be entitled, "An Act to authorise a Loan to the President, Directors and Company of the Port Hope Harbor and Wharf Company."

Bill sent to Council. Which was carried, and Messrs. Boulton and Brown were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Several Messages from Legislative Council. The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council several messages which were read as follows:

MR. SPEAKER,

Niagara Canal bill passed by Legislative Council. The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent up to this House from the Commons' House of Assembly, entitled, "An Act to repeal part of and amend the Charter of the Niagara Canal Company," without amendment.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,

SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, 21st day of January, 1832.

MR. SPEAKER,

Brockville Police bill passed by Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council have passed the bill sent up to this House from the Commons' House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to establish a Police in the Town of Brockville, in the District of Johnstown," without amendment.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
21st day of January, 1832. }

MR. SPEAKER,

Contingency bill passed by Legislative Council

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent up to this House, entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to defray the contingent expenses of the last Session of the Provincial Parliament," without amendment.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
21st January, 1832. }

Live Stock duty bill passed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for imposing a duty on live stock, &c. was read the third time and passed.

Title.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Warren, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act to raise an Additional Fund for the relief of the Sufferers who sustained loss during the late war with the United States of America.

Bill sent to Council.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Attorney General and Warren were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Grantham Academy bill read 3rd time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for granting aid to the Grantham Academy was read the third time.

On passing House divides.

On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 18.	Boulton, Buell, Burwell, Campbell, Chisholm,	Clark, Crooks, Duncombe, Elliott, Ingersoll,	Lyons, Maçon, Norton, Randal,	Shade, Thomson, Warren, W. Wilson—18
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NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 11.	Cook, Jarvis, Jones,	Morris, Robinson, Roblin,	Samson, Shaver, VanKoughnett,	Werden, White, 11.
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The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and the bill was signed by the Speaker.

Title.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act granting a sum of money for the encouragement of the Grantham Academy."

Bill sent to Council.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Clark and Randal were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Kingston Hospital bill passed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Kingston Hospital Bill was read the third time and passed.

Title.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money in aid of the erection of an Hospital in or near the Town of Kingston."

Bill sent to Council.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Sol. General and Burwell were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Title to Penitentiary Bill.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the bill for procuring plans for a Penitentiary, be entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to obtain plans and estimates of a Penitentiary to be erected in this Province, and to appoint Commissioners for the same.

Bill sent to Council.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Solicitor General and Burwell were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

York Hospital bill passed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill granting aid to the York Hospital, was read a third time and passed.

Title.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act to grant a sum of money to His Majesty, in aid of the York Hospital."

Bill sent to Council.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Attorney General and Jarvis, were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to

the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Roblin, from the Select Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the address of this House, relative to lands to Militia men, reported, delivering the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give the following answer thereto :

Committee to present address on lands to Militia men reports answer.

GENTLEMEN,

In compliance with an address from the House of Assembly, in the last Session, respecting the extension of time for applications for Lands referred to in this address, the Adjutant General of the Militia was ordered, soon after the closing of the Session, to issue Certificates to those persons who may be entitled to grants for services during the late war.

Answer.

(Copy.)

Report of the Honorable Executive Council, on the subject of extending the time for granting lands to the Militia of this Province.

Report of Executive Council on extending time for granting lands to Militia men.

Approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Executive Council Chamber at }  
York, Friday, 22d April, 1831. }

PRESENT,

The Honorable James Baby, Presiding Councillor.  
The Honorable and Venerable John Strachan, D. D. Archdeacon of York.  
The Honorable Peter Robinson.  
The Honorable George H. Markland.  
The Honorable Joseph Wells.

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Council, having had under consideration the address of the House of Assembly, on the subject of extending the time for granting lands to the Militia of this Province, beg leave most respectfully to report—

That there does not appear by the proceedings in Council, any fixed period when Militia claims should cease, and as all claims for naval and military lands still continue to be received and acted upon, it is the opinion of the Board, that the like indulgence should be extended to the Militia who served during the late war, in the first Flank Companies, Provincial Artillery, Incorporated Regiment, Artillery Drivers, Provincial Dragoons, the Marine and General Staff of Militia.

The Council therefore, respectfully recommend, that the order in Council of the 19th January, 1820, be revived, and continued until further orders, and that the Adjutant General of the Militia be instructed to act upon the said order as if no suspension had taken place.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(A true Copy.)

JOHN BEIKIE,  
Acting Clerk

Mr. Macnab, from the Select Committee to draft and report a bill pursuant to a resolution of this House on the subject of remunerating the Honorable G. H. Markland, for his services as Arbitrator to Lower Canada, reported a draft, which was received and read a first time.

Arbitrators remuneration bill read 1st time.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the bill to remunerate the Honorable George H. Markland, be now read a second time, and that the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with for that purpose.

Which was carried, and the bill was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill read 2nd time and committed.

Mr. Thomson was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Thomson reported the bill as amended.

Bill amended.

The report was received.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Boulton, moves that the bill to remunerate the Honorable George H. Markland, be read a third time this day, and that the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with for that purpose.

Third reading to-day.

Ordered.

Mr. Burwell gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill to extend the powers of certain Commissioners under the road Act of the last Session.

Notice of road Commissioners bill.

Burlington Canal bill read 2nd time and committed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for granting aid to the Burlington Bay Canal, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Berczy was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Bill amended. Mr. Berczy reported the bill as amended.

The report was received.

Third reading this day. Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the bill granting further aid to the Burlington Bay Canal, be engrossed, and read a third time this day, and that the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with for that purpose.

Ordered.

Peters Point Light House bill read 2nd time and committed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill granting a sum of money for the erection of a Light House upon Peters' Point, in Lake Ontario, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Boulton was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Bill amended. Mr. Boulton reported the bill as amended.

The Report was received.

Third reading to-day. Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Boulton, moves that the bill be engrossed and read a third time this day, and that the rules of this House be dispensed with for that purpose.

Ordered.

Committee to wait on His Excellency with address for extension of Session reports answer. Mr. Jarvis, from the Select Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of this House, requesting His Excellency to extend the duration of the present Session, till Thursday next—reported delivering the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give the following answer.

GENTLEMEN—

In compliance with this Address, I will not Prorogue the Provincial Parliament, till Thursday next.

Answer.

Arbitrators remuneration bill passed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Arbitrators Remuneration Bill was read a third time and passed.

Title. Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act to remunerate the Arbitrator therein referred to, for certain services rendered by him.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Solicitor General and Perry were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Bill sent to Council.

Committee to present address on the subject of the dismissal of Chaplain report answer. Mr. Perry, from the Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of this House relative to dismissal of its Chaplain, reported delivering the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following answer :

GENTLEMEN—

I will submit the request expressed in this Address to His Majesty's Government.

Answer.

Bill to make good certain votes committed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to make good certain votes of the Assembly, was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Perry was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Perry reported the Bill without amendment.

The report was received.

Third reading to-day. Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that the bill be read a third time this day, and that the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with so far as respects the same.

Ordered.

Executive Council office salary bill read 2nd time and committed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for granting Salaries to the House-Keeper and Messengers of the Executive Council Office, was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Elliott was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Sit again three months. Mr. Elliott reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day three months.

Supply bill read 2nd time and committed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Supply Bill was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. D. McDonald was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

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Mr. McDonald reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Ale House License Bill was read the second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Buell was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Buell reported the Bill without amendment.

The report was received, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

Parliament building bill read 2nd time and committed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill granting a sum of money to complete the Parliament building now in progress, was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Roblin was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Roblin reported the bill as amended.

Bill amended.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

Amendments to U. C. Bank Charter bill read 2nd time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill sent up from this House, entitled, "An Act for altering and amending the Charter of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada, and for increasing the number of Shares to be held in the Capital Stock of the said Bank," were read the second time.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the amendments made in and to the bill entitled, "An Act for altering and amending the Charter of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada, and for increasing the number of Shares to be held in the Capital Stock of the said Bank," this day three months.

Motion for commitment this day three months.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :—

House divided.

YEAS—Messieurs,

Beardsley,	Howard,	Morris,	Samson,	
Buell,	Ketchum,	Norton,	Shaver,	
Campbell,	Lyons,	Perry,	Werden,	Yeas 16.
Cook,	D. McDonald,	Roblin.	White,—16.	

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Duncombe,	McCall,	Robinson,	
Brown,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Shade,	Nays 20.
Burwell,	Lewis,	Macnab,	VanKoughnett,	
Chisholm,	Jones,	Magon,	Warren,	
Crooks,	Jarvis,	Mount,	J. Willson—20	

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of four; and the amendments were referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Amendments committed.

Mr. Ketchum was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Ketchum reported the amendments.

The report was received.

On the question for the third reading of the amendments to-morrow, Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnett, moves, in amendment, that the amendments made by the Hon. the Legislative Council, in and to the bill, entitled, "An Act for altering and amending the Charter of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada, and for increasing the number of Shares to be held in the Capital Stock of the said Bank," be now read a third time, and that the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with for that purpose.

Motion for 3rd reading amendments to U. C. Bank Charter bill this day.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

House divided.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Shade,	
Boulton,	Ingersoll,	Macnab,	VanKoughnett,	Yeas 22.
Burwell,	Jarvis,	Magon,	Warren,	
Chisholm,	Jones,	Mount,	J. Willson,	
Crooks,	Lewis,	Robinson,	W. Wilson, 22.	
Duncombe,	McCall,			

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Berczy,	Cook,	Morris,	Samson,	
Buell,	Howard,	Norton,	Shaver,	Nays 16.
Campbell,	Ketchum,	Perry,	Werden,	
Clark,	Lyons,	Roblin,	White—16.	

Amendments read 3rd time. The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six, and the amendments were read a third time.

House divides on passing. On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 23. Atty. General, Elliott, McCall, Robinson, Boulton, A. Fraser, A. McDonald, Shade, Burwell, Ingersoll, McMartin, VanKoughnett, Chisholm, Jarvis, Macnab, J. Willson, Crooks, Jones, Maçon, W. Wilson—23, Duncombe, Lewis, Mount,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 14. Berczy, Cook, Morris, Samson, Buell, Howard, Norton, Werden, Campbell, Ketchum, Roblin, White—14, Clark, Lyons,

Amendments passed and sent to Legislative Council. The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of nine, and the amendments were signed, and Messieurs Attorney General and VanKoughnett were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Burlington Bay Canal bill read a 3rd time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill granting a sum of money to complete the Burlington Bay Canal, was read a third time.

Peters Point Light House bill passed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill granting a sum of money for erecting a Light House on Peters' Point, Lake Ontario, was read a third time and passed.

Title. Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act for granting to His Majesty a certain sum of money to defray the expense of erecting a Light House between Nicholson's Island and the Ducks, and for appointing Commissioners to superintend the crection thereof."

Bill sent to Council. Which was carried, and Messieurs Attorney General and Elliott, were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

On passing the Burlington Canal bill the House divides. On the question for passing the bill, granting a sum of money to the Burlington Bay Canal, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 16. Atty. General, Crooks, Jones, Maçon, Burwell, Duncombe, Ketchum, Mount, Chisholm, Elliott, Lewis, Robinson, Clark, Jarvis, Macnab, Shade—16.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 9. Berczy, A. Fraser, McMartin, Norton, Buell, Lyons, Morris, Werden—9, Campbell,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and the bill was signed.

Title. Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty, a sum of money to be expended in the completion of the Burlington Bay Canal, and to defray the expenses thereof."

Bill sent to Council. Which was carried, and Messrs. Macnab and Chisholm were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Hon. the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Commissioners of customs Bill read 2nd time and committed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction of Commissioners of Customs in this Province, was read the second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Werden was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Werden reported the bill without amendment.

Third reading to-morrow. The report was received, and the bill was ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Justices protection bill read 2nd time and committed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to facilitate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and to afford to Justices reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Shade was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Shade reported that the Committee had risen for want of a quorum. Committee rises for want of quorum.

Present—Messieurs Attorney General, Berczy, Buell, Burwell, Clark, Elliott, A. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jarvis, Jones, Ketchum, Lewis, McMartin, Macnab, Maçon, Morris, Mount, Robinson, Shade, Werden, and W. Wilson—21.

At half-past seven o'clock, P.M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

TUESDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Committee resumed on the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to facilitate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and to afford to Justices reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty." House in Committee on justices protection bill.

Mr. Shade in the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair on a question of order.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

Mr. Shade reported the bill.

The report was received.

Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the bill be read a third time this day, and that the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same. On question for 3rd reading to-day.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Duncombe, Macnab, Sol. General, Berczy, Elliott, Maçon, Thomson, Boulton, A. Fraser, Morris, VanKoughnett, Yeas 23, Burwell, Ingersoll, Mount, Warren, Chisholm, Jarvis, Robinson, Werden, Clark, Jones, Samson, J. Willson, Crooks, McMartin, Shade, W. Wilson—23.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Buell, Ketchum, Norton, Roblin, Cook, McCall, Perry, Shaver, Nays 12, Howard, A. McDonald, Randal, White—12.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of sixteen, and the bill was read a third time. On question for passing the bill the House divides.

On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Boulton, Elliott, Maçon, Thomson, Brown, A. Fraser, Morris, VanKoughnett, Yeas 26, Burwell, Ingersoll, Mount, Warren, Chisholm, Jarvis, Robinson, Werden, Clark, A. McDonald, Shade, J. Willson, Crooks, McMartin, Sol. General, W. Wilson—26, Duncombe, Macnab,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Bidwell, Ketchum, Norton, Roblin, Buell, Lyons, Perry, Shaver, Nays 13, Cook, McCall, Randal, White—13, Howard,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirteen, and the bill was signed and sent up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, by Messieurs Burwell and Duncombe. Bill sent to Council.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to make good certain votes of the Assembly, was read the third time. Bill to make good certain votes read 3rd time.

On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: On question for passing House divides.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Duncombe, A. McDonald, Shade, Bidwell, Elliott, McMartin, Sol. General, Boulton, A. Fraser, Maçon, Thomson, Yeas 25, Brown, Ingersoll, Mount, Warren, Burwell, Jarvis, Perry, White, Clark, Lyons, Robinson, J. Willson, Crooks, McCall, Roblin, W. Wilson—25.

NAYS—Messieurs.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 11. Buell, Campbell, Cook, Howard, Jones, Morris, Norton, Randal, Shaver, VanKoughnett, Werden—11

Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Clark, Cook, Howard, Ketchum, Lyons, McCall, Norton, Perry, Randal, Roblin, Shaver, White—15. Nays 15.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seventeen, and the bill was signed.

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six.

Title. Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the bill be entitled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned."

The original question as amended was then put and carried. Original question carried.

Bill sent to Council. Which was carried, and Messieurs Burwell and Duncombe were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the whole, on the Supply Bill. Committee of whole on supply bill.

Ale house bill passed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Ale House License Bill was read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Thomson was called to the chair. The House resumed.

Title. Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the bill be entitled "An Act to continue in force for a limited time, an Act passed in the fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to restrain the selling of Beer, Ale, Cider, and other Liquors not Spirituous, in certain Towns and Villages in this Province, and to regulate the manner of Licensing the same.'"

Mr. Thomson reported the Bill as amended. The report was received.

Bill sent to Legislative Council. Which was carried, and Messieurs Solicitor General and Mount were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Supply Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day, and that the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with for that purpose. Third reading this day.

Commissioners of customs jurisdiction bill passed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction of Commissioners of Customs in this Province," was read the third time, and passed, and was sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council by Messieurs Boulton and Macnab.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Lyons, moves that it be resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, setting forth that the imposing of Settlement duty on lands granted to U. E. Loyalists, and their sons and daughters is by this House, (and we believe, by the majority of the inhabitants of this Province) considered as a grievance; inasmuch as it has always heretofore been considered, that the free grant of two hundred acres to the above description of persons, was intended as a mark of His Majesty's Royal munificence towards those who had shown a devotedness to His Majesty's Person and Government, during the sanguinary struggle between the Colonies, (now the United States of America) and His Majesty's Government. And further, the said Grants, for a long time, were made previously to the imposition of settlement duties, accordingly and in accordance with the Proclamation of the Honorable Peter Russell, Esq. Administering the Government of this Province, dated 10th of December, 1798, in which it was expressly declared to be His Majesty's Royal Pleasure that the first Loyalists, and their Sons and Daughters, should continue to receive His Majesty's Bounty of two hundred acres each, free from any expense whatever. And further—that it appears to this House that, requiring settlement duty of those persons at this time, when there is not the same opportunity to obtain locations in as favorable situations as there was previously to the Orders in Council imposing settlement duties—creates an invidious distinction between His Majesty's Subjects, equally entitled to His consideration and bounty, and contrary to His Majesty's Gracious intention. And further;—in consequence of requiring the said settlement duty, very many are prevented from applying for and obtaining their U. E. Rights for themselves, as the lots to be obtained by the present arrangement are not, on an average, considered to be worth more than would cost individuals to perform the settlement duty, according to the letter of the regulation on single lots: and therefore said Rights are generally parted with for a trifle, and go into the hands of land speculators, who make a job of the whole concern, and who can obtain the performance of the duty on far more advantageous terms than single individuals, inasmuch as the whole depends on the affidavit of two persons, who may be the very persons who have contracted to perform the duty, and consequently interested,—and therefore humbly pray that His Excellency will be graciously pleased to take the matter into consideration, and use his endeavours to procure the doing away with the settlement duties, so far as to enable the U. E. Loyalists and their sons and daughters to obtain their U. E. Rights without performing settlement duties, or any other services in lieu thereof; and that the thirty-second rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same. Motion for resolution relative to settlement duties by U. E. Loyalists.

Parliament building bill read 3rd time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill granting a sum of money to complete the Parliament Buildings now in progress, was read the third time.

Ordered.

Mr. Bidwell seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the order of the day for the second reading of the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, respecting a new Court of Appeal; and the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council respecting Ordinances of Quebec, be discharged, and that the further consideration of those bills be indefinitely postponed.

Ordered.

The bill granting a sum of money for the completion of the Parliament Buildings, was passed and signed.

Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that the bill be entitled "An Act to provide for the completion of the Parliament Buildings."

Which was carried, and Messrs. Boulton and Macnab were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of James Lafferty, and fifty four others, inhabitants of the Township of East Flamborough, in the Gore District, praying the same as the petition of Peter Franks, and others, inhabitants of Vaughan, (see page 17) was read.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Cook, moves that the petition of James Lafferty, and others, of Waterloo, be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, and leave to report thereon, and that Messieurs Lyons, Buell, Roblin, and Shaver, do compose said Committee.

In amendment, Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that all after the word "moves," in the original motion, be expunged, and the following inserted, "that the petition of James Lafferty, and others, be referred to the Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the people of Vaughan."

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Bill amended. Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that after the word "whereas" the word "by" be expunged, and the following inserted: "the money authorised to be raised under and by virtue of."

Court of appeal and ordinance bill postponed for an indefinite term. Ordered.

Parliament building bill passed. The bill granting a sum of money for the completion of the Parliament Buildings, was passed and signed.

Title. Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Shade, moves that the bill be entitled "An Act to provide for the completion of the Parliament Buildings."

Bill sent to Council. Which was carried, and Messrs. Boulton and Macnab were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Petition of James Lafferty and others read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the petition of James Lafferty, and fifty four others, inhabitants of the Township of East Flamborough, in the Gore District, praying the same as the petition of Peter Franks, and others, inhabitants of Vaughan, (see page 17) was read.

Motion for referring the petition of James Lafferty. Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Cook, moves that the petition of James Lafferty, and others, of Waterloo, be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, and leave to report thereon, and that Messieurs Lyons, Buell, Roblin, and Shaver, do compose said Committee.

Amendment. In amendment, Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that all after the word "moves," in the original motion, be expunged, and the following inserted, "that the petition of James Lafferty, and others, be referred to the Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the people of Vaughan."

House divides on amendment. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs.

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yeas 24. Atty. General, Crooks, Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Burwell, Chisholm, Elliott, A. Fraser, Ingersoll, Jones, McMartin, Magon, Morris, Mount, Robinson, Samson, Sol. General, Thomson, Werden, W. Wilson—21

Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Clark, Cook, Duncombe, Howard, Ingersoll, Lyons, McCall, Norton, Perry, Randal, Roblin, Shaver, VanKoughnett, Werden, White—18. Yeas 18.

NAYS.—Messieurs.

Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Burwell, Chisholm, Jarvis, Jones, A. McDonald, D. McDonald, McMartin, Magon, Samson, Shade, Sol. General, Thomson, Warren, J. Willson, W. Wilson—18. Nays 18.

House divides on resolution.

Lost by Speaker. The question was decided in the negative by the casting vote of the Speaker.

The Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message, which was read as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Conference requested by Legislative Council on war loss bill. The Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons' House of Assembly on the subject matter of the bill sent up to this House, entitled "An Act for affording relief to the sufferers during the late war with the United States of America," and have appointed the Honorable Messieurs Clark and Dixon to be the Conferees on the part of this House, who will be ready to meet a Committee on the part of the Commons' House of Assembly in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council, this day, at four of the clock, P. M., for that purpose.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
24th January, 1832. }

Request of Legislative Council acceded to. Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Berzy, moves that the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council, for a conference on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to afford relief to the sufferers during the late war with the United States of America," be acceded to, and that Messieurs J. Willson, Ingersoll, W. Wilson and Burwell, be Conferees on the part of this House.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Burwell and Duncombe were ordered by the Speaker to carry up the Message.

Bill from Legislative Council to dispense with oaths and tests in certain cases read 2nd time and committed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to dispense with the necessity of taking certain oaths and making certain declarations, in the cases therein mentioned, and also to render it unnecessary to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as a qualification for Offices, or for other temporal purposes," was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Warren was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Bill amended. Mr. Warren reported the bill as amended. The report was received.

Third reading to-day. Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Warren, moves that the amendments to the bill be engrossed and read a third time this day, and that the forty-first rule be dispensed with for that purpose.

Ordered.

Offenders transportation bill read 2nd time and committed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to authorise the transporting of offenders," was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Robinson was called to the chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a message.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee.

The House resumed to receive a message

Message from Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Acting Secretary McMahan brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a Message, which the Speaker read as follows:—

J. COLBORNE.

Message Clergy reserves. The Lieutenant Governor acquaints the House of Assembly, that he has a few hours since received from His Majesty's Government certain information respecting the Clergy Reserves, and that he will communicate it to the House early to-morrow.

Government House, }  
Tuesday, 24th January, 1832. }

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

Committee reported to have risen. Mr. Robinson reported that the Committee had risen.

On receiving report House divides. On the question for receiving the Report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yeas 18. Bidwell, Cook, Perry, Thomson, Boulton, Howard, Randal, White, Campbell, Ketchum, Roblin, J. Willson, Chisholm, Lyons, Shaver, W. Wilson—18, Clark, McCall,

NAYS—Messieurs,

Atty. General, A. McDonald, Norton, Sol. General, Crooks, McMartin, Robinson, VanKoughnett, Nays 14. A. Fraser, Macnab, Samson, Warren—14. Ingersoll, Morris,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of four, and the report was received.

The Speaker reported that the Master in Chancery had brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, a message, which was read as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Shop and Steam Boat license bill passed by Legislative Council, and Cobourg Harbor loan bill. The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent up to this House from the Commons' House of Assembly, entitled, "An Act to impose an additional duty on licenses to vend wines, brandy, and spirituous liquors:" Also the bill entitled "An Act to authorise a loan to the President, Directors and Company of the Cobourg Harbor," without amendment.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
24th day of January, 1832. }

Motion for 2nd reading Bathurst representation bill. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the resolution of this House, of the 20th inst. be dispensed with so far as relates to the second reading of the Lanark and Carleton Representation Bill, and that it be now read a second time.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Duncombe, Magon, Sol. General, Berzy, A. Fraser, Morris, Thomson, Brown, Jarvis, Mount, VanKoughnett, Burwell, D. McDonald, Robinson, Warren, White—22. Chisholm, McMartin, Samson, Crooks, Macnab,

NAYS—Messieurs,

Bidwell, Cook, Lyons, Perry, Buell, Howard, McCall, Randal, Campbell, Ketchum, Norton, Shaver,—13. Clark,

Bill read a 2nd time and committed. The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of nine, and the Bill was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. McMartin was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. McMartin reported the Bill without amendment.

The report was received.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the bill, and that it be engrossed and read a third time this day.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Duncombe, Macnab, Samson, Berzy, Elliott, Maçon, Shade, Brown, A. Fraser, Morris, Sol. General, Yeas 26. Burwell, Jarvis, Mount, Thomson, Chisholm, Jones, Randal, VanKoughnett, Clark, D. McDonald, Robinson, Werden—26. Crooks, MacMartin,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Bidwell, Howard, McCall, Shaver, Buell, Ketchum, Norton, White—11. Cook, Lyons, Perry,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and ordered accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Supply Bill was read a third time.

On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berzy, Elliott, Macnab, Samson, Brown, A. Fraser, Maçon, Shade, Buell, Jones, Morris, Thomson, Burwell, Ketchum, Mount, VanKoughnett, Yeas 25. Chisholm, D. McDonald, Randal, Werden, Clark, McMartin, Robinson, White,— 25. Crooks,

*NAYS—Messieurs,*

Nays 10. Bidwell, Howard, McCall, Perry,  
Campbell, Jarvis, Norton, Shaver,—10.  
Cook, Lyons,

Bill passed. The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen and the Bill was signed.

Title. Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the support of the Civil Government, and the administration of Justice in this Province."

Bill sent to Legislative Council. Which was carried, and Messrs. Macnab and Berczy were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council and to request their concurrence thereto.

Amendments to bill to dispense with Oaths and Tests in certain cases read 3rd time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments made to the Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to dispense with the necessity of taking certain oaths and making certain declarations in the cases therein mentioned, and also to render it unnecessary to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as a qualification for offices, or for other temporal purposes," were read a third time.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that all after the words "therein mentioned," in the title of the Bill, be expunged.

Which was carried, and the Bill as amended was passed.

Bill as amended passed and sent to Legislative Council. Messieurs Attorney General and Berczy were ordered by the Speaker to carry the bill, as amended, up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Bathurst representation bill passed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bathurst Representation Bill was read a third time.

Motion for the following as a rider to the bill. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the following clause be added as a rider to the bill.

And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, to issue Writs for the return of one Member for each of the said Counties in addition to the Members now serving, in the same manner as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government issues Writs for the return of Members, in cases of a general Election of Representatives to the Provincial Parliament.

House divides on rider. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

*YEAS—Messieurs.*

Yeas 22. Brown, A. Fraser, Maçon, Shade,  
Burwell, Jarvis, Morris, Sol. General,  
Chisholm, Jones, Mount, Thomson,  
Crooks, D. McDonald, Robinson, VanKoughnett,  
Duncombe, McMartin, Samson, Werden,—22.  
Elliott, Macnab,

*NAYS—Messieurs,*

Nays 14. Berczy, Clark, Lyons, Randal,  
Bidwell, Cook, Norton, Shaver,  
Buell, Howard, Perry, White—14.  
Campbell, Ketchum,

Third read-in to-day. The question was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of eight, and the rider was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time this day.

Motion for 2nd reading Port Burwell Harbor bill. Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that the Bill for forming a Joint Stock Company for constructing a Harbor at Port Burwell, be now read a second time, and that the rule of this House, of the twentieth instant, be dispensed with in so far as relates to the said bill.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

*YEAS.—Messieurs,*

Yeas 25. Atty. General, A. Fraser, Macnab, Shade,  
Boulton, Ingersoll, Morris, Sol. General,  
Burwell, Jones, Mount, Warren,  
Chisholm, Ketchum, Randal, Werden,  
Crooks, McCall, Robinson, J. Willson,  
Duncombe, McMartin, Samson, W. Wilson—25.  
Elliott,

*NAYS—Messieurs,*

Nays 10. Berczy, Campbell, Lyons, Shaver,  
Bidwell, Cook, Perry, White,  
Buell, Howard, 10.

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The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and the bill was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House. Bill read 2nd time and committed.

Mr. Magon was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Magon reported the Bill as amended.

The report was received, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Third reading to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the rider to the Bathurst Representation Bill was read a third time and passed. Rider to Bathurst representation bill passed.

Title. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the fourth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to divide the County of Carleton, in the Bathurst District."

Which was carried, and Messrs. Morris and Chisholm were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto. Bill sent to Legislative Council.

Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the bill on the order of the day, relative to the Welland Canal Company taking tolls at the Chippewa Cut, be now taken up, and read a second time, and that the rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the same. Welland Canal toll bill read a 2nd time and committed.

Which was carried, and the bill was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Ingersoll was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Ingersoll reported the bill without amendment. Bill reported without amendment.

On the question for receiving the report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:— On receiving report House divides.

*YEAS—Messieurs,*

Atty. General, Clark, Magon, Samson,  
Berczy, Duncombe, Morris, Sol. General,  
Boulton, Ingersoll, Mount, Warren, Yeas 19.  
Barwell, Jarvis, Randal, W. Wilson—19  
Chisholm, Ketchum, Robinson,

*NAYS—Messieurs,*

Bidwell, Howard, D. McDonald, Shade,  
Cook, Jones, Norton, Shaver, Nays 16.  
Crooks, Lyons, Perry, Thomson,  
Elliott, A. McDonald, Roblin, VanKoughnett,  
16.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. W. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the bill relating to the Patterson Creek Harbor be read a second time, and that the rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as relates to the same. Patterson Creek Harbor bill read 2nd time and committed.

Which was carried, and the bill was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Mount was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Mount reported the bill without amendment.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves to take up that part of the order of the day which relates to the bill to prevent the felling of trees in the River Thames and Bear Creek, and that the said bill be now read a second time, and that the rule of this House be dispensed with for that purpose. Bill to prevent the felling of Trees into the River Thames and Bear Creek read 2nd time and committed.

Which was carried, and the bill was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Jarvis was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Jarvis reported that the Committee had risen. Committee rises.

The report was received.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves for leave to bring in a bill to confirm a Survey of the Concession lines across a gore of land lying between the Townships of Ernest Town and Fredericksburgh, and also to provide for the Surveying of the side lines of the several Lots in said gore. Gore of Fredericksburgh survey bill read.

Which was granted and bill read.

Motion for 2nd reading. Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the bill be now read a second time, and that the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as relates to the same.

Amendment. In amendment, Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that after the word "moves" in the original motion, the whole be expunged and the following inserted: "that the bill be read a second time this day three months."

Which was carried.

House divides on question as amended. On the original question, as amended, being put, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yeas 15. Atty. General, Chisholm, Morris, Shade, Berczy, Crooks, Mount, VanKoughnett, Brown, Jarvis, Robinson, W. Wilson—15, Burwell, Magon, Samson,

NAYS—Messieurs,

Nays 12. Bidwell, Howard, Norton, Shaver, Campbell, McCall, Perry, Sol. General, Cook, A. McDonald, Roblin, Thomson, 12.

Question carried. The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three, and ordered accordingly.

Motion for 2nd reading York new market bill. Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves to take up that part of the order of the day, respecting the establishment of a second Market in the Town of York, and that the rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as respects the bill for that purpose.

House divides. On Which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yeas 8. Atty. General, Cook, Morris, Robinson, Chisholm, Jarvis, Perry, Samson,—8

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 15. Berczy, Howard, Mount, Shaver, Bidwell, McCall, Norton, Sol. General, Burwell, A. McDonald, Roblin, Thomson—15, Campbell, Magon, Shade,

Question lost. The question was decided in the negative, by a majority of seven.

No quorum. Present, Messieurs Attorney General, Berczy, Brown, Burwell, Campbell, Chisholm, Cook, Howard, Jarvis, McCall, Magon, Morris, Mount, Norton, Perry, Robinson, Roblin, Samson, Shade, Shaver, and Thomson—21.

At half past eleven, P. M. the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Port Burwell Harbor bill passed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill authorising a Joint Stock Company, for the erection of a Harbor at Port Burwell, on Lake Erie, was read the third time and passed.

Title. Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act to incorporate a Joint Stock Company, under the style and title of the Presidents, Directors and Company of the Port Burwell Harbor."

Bill sent to Legislative Council. Which was carried, and Messieurs Mount and Ingersoll were ordered by the Speaker, to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Welland Canal toll bill read 3rd time. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for authorising the Welland Canal Company to collect Tolls, at the Cut at the Mouth of the River Welland, was read the third time.

Motion for commitment in three months. On the question for passing the bill, Mr. Shade, seconded by Mr. Roblin, moves in amendment, that the bill do not now pass, but be committed to a Committee of the whole House this day three months.

House divides. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs.

Yeas 19. Bidwell, Elliott, A. McDonald, Roblin, Buell, Howard, D. McDonald, Shade, Campbell, Jones, Macnab, Shaver, Chisholm, Lyons, Morris, Thomson—19, Cook, McCall, Norton,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Ingersoll, Mount, VanKoughnett, Boulton, Ketchum, Randal, Warren, Nays 17, Burwell, McMartin, Robinson, Werden, Clark, Magon, Samson, W. Wilson—17, Duncombe,

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of two, and ordered accordingly. Amendment carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill Incorporating a Joint Stock Company, for the purpose of erecting a Harbor at Port Dover, on Lake Erie, was read a third time, and passed. Port Dover bill passed.

Title. M. W. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act Incorporating a Joint Stock Company, under the style and title of the President Directors and Company of the Port Dover Harbor."

Which was carried, and Messieurs W. Wilson and Clark were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto. Bill sent to Legislative Council.

Committee on petition of David Thomson and others report. Mr. Clark, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of David Thomson, and others, Inhabitants of the District of Niagara, presented a report which was received and read.

To the Honorable the Commons' House of Assembly.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of David Thomson, and others, of the District of Niagara, on the subject of building a new Jail and Court House, in a more central, eligible, and convenient situation, in the said District.

Most respectfully beg leave to report—

Report on the petition of David Thompson and others. That Your Committee have not had opportunity to hear evidence to prove the necessity for removing the Gaol and Court House of the District from the Town of Niagara, to a more suitable place in said District, but from the personal knowledge which your Committee have of the complaints made by the mass of the population respecting the great inconvenience to which they are subjected, from having the County Town placed at an extreme point of the District, they feel disposed to recommend the prayer of the petition to the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CLARK,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room,  
House of Assembly,  
January 24th, 1832.

Committee on the petition of James Forshee and others report. Mr. Bidwell, from the Select Committee, to which were referred the petition of James Forshee, and others, and other petitions on the same subject, presented a report, which was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Committee on the petition of Wm. Bergin and others reports, report bill and address to His Majesty. Mr. Duncombe, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of Wm. Bergin, and others, on the subject of the Post Office Department, in this Province, informed the House that the Committee had agreed to a report, to the draft of a bill, and to an address to His Majesty, all of which he was ready to submit for the adoption of the House, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

The Documents reported were received, and the report was read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Address read twice. The Address to His Majesty reported, was read twice.

Address to His Majesty to be committed to-day. Mr. Duncombe, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that the address to His Majesty upon the subject of the Post Office Department, be referred to the Committee of the whole House this day.

Ordered.

Post office bill read. The bill for regulating the Post Office Department, was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Report on Post office department to be printed. Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that five hundred copies of the report of the Committee on the Post Office Department, together with the bill and address on the same subject, be printed.

Ordered.

Report of Committee of conference on war loss bill. Mr. John Willson, from Committee of Conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the bill sent up from this House, entitled, "An Act for affording relief to the sufferers during the late war with the United States of America," reported as follows:

"The Legislative Council have requested this conference with the House of Assembly upon the bill entitled, "An Act for affording relief to the sufferers during the late war with the United States of America," for the purpose of communicating the difficulties, which at present weigh with the Legislative Council, against the passing of the bill in its present form.

The Legislative Council having several times concurred with the House of Assembly in passing Acts for the purpose of relieving these claimants, who have so long been expectants upon the bounty of the Province, have regretted exceedingly to find that hitherto these measures have been ineffectual for affording the intended relief, and have failed to realize the expectation which they must doubtless have contributed to excite. After these repeated efforts, and after so protracted a delay, it appears to the Legislative Council, that the honor of the Legislature is concerned in providing that this new measure shall not add to the disappointments which the Claimants have endured; but shall certainly and fully acquit the Province of an obligation which it must be considered to have incurred when the Legislature passed the first ineffectual Act for the remuneration of the sufferers.

Under this conviction, the Legislative Council can not bring themselves to concur in a measure which they are persuaded would prove as abortive as either of the preceding—and to which in their judgments the following objections present themselves:

1st. It appears by the bill itself, that it is considered doubtful whether disinterested persons can be found who will advance money at five per cent, upon the security of the taxes pledged by this bill—and it is therefore provided, that if the claimants themselves shall agree to take debentures to be issued under this Act, in payment of their claims they must take them at par, thereby setting before them the possible alternative of receiving nothing, or of taking at their apparent value debentures, which may in reality be of much less worth.

If under the pressure of such an exigency, the claimants should be induced to accept of their expected recompense in a depreciated paper, the Council apprehends that such a method of satisfying a long acknowledged claim, would not comport with the feelings of either branch of the Legislature, and they are very doubtful whether the British Government would regard it as a sufficient compliance with the condition which has been often repeated, and whether they would consent to make the payment, which, for want of our fulfilment of this condition, has been so long suspended.

2nd. The Council from the best information they can obtain, do not believe that the duties provided for by this bill, would at the present time pay even the interest of the required loan, and they apprehend that such duties are subject to much uncertainty, both as to their continuance and their productiveness, to say nothing of the doubts which may be thought to lie against the legality of some of them. It seems to be a difficulty in the way of any security to be offered to individuals upon these duties, that they are all of them imposed upon articles of foreign trade, in respect to which the Imperial Parliament reserves to itself an over-ruling control, necessary for the regulation of Commerce; from whence it unavoidably follows that this Legislature can afford no absolute assurance that they will be allowed to continue for any given time—with respect to the duty upon live Stock, the Council can feel no certainty that the imposition of a considerable duty may not lead to such a change in the trade as will produce little revenue on this head, by inducing the people of the United States to export chiefly to this Province salted meat, instead, which is admissible free of duty.

The Legislative Council are aware that the article of salt yields at present a considerable revenue, but the completion of the Rideau Canal may very materially diminish the amount of this duty, by facilitating the importation of Salt from England, and the Council cannot but feel, that in holding out the duties specified in this bill, as the only resource for repaying a loan exceeding fifty thousand pounds, sterling, the Legislature are incurring the risque of subjecting the claimants to further disappointment, or (what is even less desirable,) of involving other persons in difficulty, by leading them to advance money upon public securities, which may prove inadequate.

If this latter consequence should follow, the Legislature could not, without reproach, refuse to provide an ultimate indemnity to the public creditor, because the debt would remain, although the means from which it was intended to discharge it might fail.

There would seem therefore, to be no reason why that ultimate responsibility should not be expressly and at once incurred, by pledging the public Revenue generally to make good any deficiency.

If the duties proposed to be appropriated by this bill

would sufficiently secure the lender of the money, they would equally secure the Government from embarrassment, if the bill should be passed in the terms suggested, and in the mean time the claimants would be paid, and the Legislature would, as to them, be honorably and finally acquitted from the obligation they have assumed. Taking it, then, for granted that the House of Assembly feels such a confidence in the sufficiency of these duties, as they must of course feel, before they would offer them to third persons as an adequate security for monies to be advanced, the Council earnestly hopes that no objection will be found to the passing of a bill which shall be independent of any contingency.

If the Legislative Council had concurred in the general principles of the bill, as it now stands, they would nevertheless have felt difficulty in respect to some of its details.

The form of the Debenture, should, in their opinion, be such (if this bill were to be adopted), as would more explicitly warn the first holder, and all future Assignees, that the public credit was not pledged for the payment, in case the specified duties should prove insufficient.

And the Legislative Council do not, at present, think that they could concur in the provision which will give to every claimant who may have assigned his claim upon a valuable consideration, (though at a discount) the means of rescinding a bargain that may have been made in good faith, while at the same time he would not be compelled to refund to the purchaser the money which he may have received and spent."

Mr. Acting Secretary, MacMahon brought down from His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, a message, which was read as follows:

Message from His Excellency.

J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor has received His Majesty's Commands to make the following communication to the House of Assembly, in reference to the lands, which in pursuance of the Constitutional Act of this Province, have been set apart for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy.

Communication on the subject of Clergy reserves.

The representations which have at different times been made to His Majesty, and His Royal Predecessors, of the prejudice sustained by His faithful subjects in this Province, from the appropriation of the Clergy Reserves, have engaged His Majesty's most attentive consideration.

His Majesty has with no less anxiety, considered how far such an appropriation of Territory is conducive either to the temporal welfare of the Ministers of Religion in this Province, or to their Spiritual influence. Bound no less by his personal feelings than by the Sacred obligations of that Station to which Providence has called him, to watch over the interests of all the Protestant Churches within His Dominions—His Majesty could never consent to abandon those interests with a view to any objects of temporary and apparent expediency.

It has, therefore, been with peculiar satisfaction, that in the result of his enquiries into this subject, His Majesty has found, that the changes sought for by so large a proportion of the inhabitants of this Province, may be carried into effect without sacrificing the just claims of the Established Churches of England and Scotland. The waste lands which have been set apart as a provision for the Clergy of those Venerable Bodies have hitherto yielded no disposable Revenue. The period at which they might reasonably be expected to become more productive, is still remote.

His Majesty has solid grounds for entertaining the hope that before the arrival of that period, it may be found practicable to afford the Clergy of those Churches such a reasonable and moderate provision as may be necessary for enabling them properly to discharge their Sacred functions.

His Majesty, therefore, invites the House of Assembly of Upper Canada to consider how the powers given to the Provincial Legislature, by the Constitutional Act, to vary or repeat this part of its provisions, can be called into exercise most advantageously for the spiritual and temporal interests of His Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province.

Government House, }  
25th January, 1832. }

Mr. John Willson, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves for leave to bring in a bill to provide for the further relief of those persons who have sustained losses during the late war with the United States of America, or the representatives of claimants who have died—and that the thirty-second rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the said bill.

War sufferers relief bill read.

Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. J. Willson, moves that the war losses bill be read a second time this day, and that the forty-first rule of this House be dispensed with for that purpose.

Motion for 2nd reading war sufferers relief bill.

On which the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 21.  
Atty. General, Crooks, McCall, Shade,  
Boulton, Duncombe, Macnab, Thomson,  
Brown, Elliott, Maçon, Warren,  
Burwell, Ingersoll, Mount, J. Willson,  
Chisholm, Jarvis, Randal, W. Wilson—21  
Clark,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 17.  
Berczy, Jones, McMartin, Roblin,  
Bidwell, Ketchum, Morris, Samson,  
Buell, Lyons, Norton, VanKoughnett,  
Campbell, A. McDonald, Robinson, Werden—17  
Howard,

Bill read 2nd time and committed.  
The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of four, and the Bill was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Mount was called to the chair.

Black Rod. The House resumed the Black Rod being at the door.

The Clerk to the Honorable the Legislative Council communicated to the Speaker, that the Master in Chancery having been suddenly taken ill, he was ordered by that Honorable House to bring down a message, and having delivered the same at the Clerk's table, he withdrew.

The Speaker read the message as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Conference requested by Legislative Council on Parliament building bill.  
The Legislative Council desire a conference with the Commons' House of Assembly, on the subject of the bill sent up to this House entitled, "An Act to provide for the completion of the Parliament Buildings," and have appointed the Honorable Messieurs Wells and Baldwin on the part of this House, who will be ready to meet a Committee on the part of the Commons' House of Assembly, this day, at four of the clock, P. M. in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council, for that purpose.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
25th day of January, 1832. }

Conference on Parliament building bill acceded to.  
Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Brown, moves that the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council for a conference be concurred in, and that Messieurs Berczy, Boulton, Robinson and Macnab, be Conferees on the part of this House.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Macnab and W. Wilson were ordered by the Speaker to carry up the message.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

The Clerk to the Honorable the Legislative Council, brought down from that Honorable House, a message which was read as follows:

MR. SPEAKER,

Conference requested by the Legislative Council on Arbitrators remuneration bill.  
The Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons' House of Assembly on the subject matter of the bill sent up to this House, entitled "An Act to remunerate the Arbitrator therein referred to, for certain services rendered by him," and have appointed the Honorable Messrs. Baby and Dixon to be the Conferees on the part of this House, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons' House of Assembly, this afternoon, at half past four of the clock, P. M. for that purpose.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
25th day of January, 1832. }

request for conference acceded to.  
Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council, for a conference, be acceded to, and that Messieurs Morris, Ingersoll, Samson and Jones, be Conferees on the part of this House.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Boulton and Samson were ordered by the Speaker to carry up the Message.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Committee on war sufferers' relief bill.

The House resumed.

Mr. Mount reported that the Committee had risen.

On the question for receiving the Report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Berczy, Howard, D. McDonald, Samson,  
Bidwell, Jones, Morris, Shaver,  
Buell, Ketchum, Norton, VanKoughnett, Yeas 19.  
Campbell, Lyons, Robinson, Werden—19.  
Cook, A. McDonald, Roblin,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Crooks, McCall, Sol. General,  
Boulton, Duncombe, Macnab, Thomson,  
Brown, Elliott, Maçon, Warren, Nays 21.  
Burwell, Ingersoll, Mount, J. Willson,  
Chisholm, Jarvis, Randal, W. Wilson—21  
Clark,

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of two, and the report was not received.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed.

Mr. Mount reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow. Progress.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. J. Willson, moves for leave to bring in a bill to re-vest in His Majesty, the lands set apart, in this Province, for the support of a Protestant Clergy in this Province, discharged of all trusts whatsoever, for that purpose, and that the thirty-second rule of this House be dispensed with for that purpose. Bill to re-vest the Clergy reserves in His Majesty brought in and read.

Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Bidwell, moves that the bill be read a second time to-morrow, and that it be the first item on the order of the day. Motion for 2nd reading to-morrow.

In amendment, Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the whole of the original motion after the word "moves" be expunged, and the following inserted: "that five hundred copies of the bill, and His Excellency's Message of this day, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, be printed for the use of Members. In amendment that the bill be printed.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Berczy, Ingersoll, Maçon, Shade,  
Boulton, Jarvis, Morris, Shaver,  
Burwell, Jones, Norton, Sol. General  
Campbell, Ketchum, Randal, VanKoughnett, Yeas 23.  
Chisholm, McCall, Robinson, Werden,  
Duncombe, McMartin, Roblin, J. Willson,  
Elliott, Macnab, Samson, W. Wilson—28.

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Buell, Cook, Lyons,  
Bidwell, Clark, Howard, 7. Nays 7.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-one.

The original question as amended was then put and carried. Amended question carried.

On the question for the second reading of the Bill, to-morrow, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows: House divides on 2nd reading of bill to-morrow.

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Atty. General, Duncombe, McCall, Roblin,  
Berczy, Elliott, D. McDonald, Samson,  
Bidwell, Howard, Maçon, Shade,  
Buell, Ingersoll, Morris, Shaver, Yeas 29.  
Campbell, Jarvis, Norton, Werden,  
Chisholm, Ketchum, Randal, J. Willson,  
Clark, Lyons, Robinson, W. Wilson—29  
Cook,

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Boulton, Jones, Macnab, VanKoughnett, Nays 7.  
Burwell, McMartin, Sol. General, 7.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-two, and ordered accordingly.

Chairman report Committee risen.

House divides on receiving report.

Nays 21.

Committee again.

Progress.

Bill to re-vest the Clergy reserves in His Majesty brought in and read.

Motion for 2nd reading to-morrow.

In amendment that the bill be printed.

House divides on amendment.

Yeas 23.

Nays 7.

Amended question carried.

House divides on 2nd reading of bill to-morrow.

Yeas 29.

Nays 7.

Committee on Contingencies report.

Mr. Elliott, from the Select Committee to which was referred the contingent expenses of the present Session, presented a report which was received and read as follows:

The Committee appointed to examine and report on the contingencies of the present Session, respectfully beg leave to submit the following charges for the consideration of your Honorable House:

Report on Contingent account.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>SESSION, 1831.</b>						
Short Estimated for Copying Clerks, do. for Postage,.....	20	7	6			
	11	18	2½			
				32	5	8½
<b>RECESS, 1831.</b>						
William P. Patrick, Chief Copying Clerk,.....	162	7	6			
David Jardine, Copying Clerk,....	89	0	0			
William Coates, do. ....	101	0	0			
Alfred Patrick, do. ....	106	0	0			
Thomas Vaux, do. ....	68	0	0			
				526	7	6
John Rielly, Office Messenger, for 210 days, at 3s. 9d. ....				39	7	6
John Carey, for Printing Journals, Balance due on Stationary from England,.....				292	7	5
				156	7	1½
				1046	15	2¾
<b>LESS.</b>						
Placed in the hands of the Clerk, ..	400	0	0			
Estimate for Printing Journals, ....	350	0	0			
do. for Stationary,.....	150	0	0			
Resolution of the House for Office Messenger,.....	25	0	0			
				925	0	0
				121	15	2¾
<b>PRESENT SESSION.</b>						
<b>CLERK'S OFFICE.</b>						
William P. Patrick, Chief Copying Clerk,.....	87	17	6			
David Jardine, Copying Clerk,....	53	16	8			
William Coates, do. ....	27	0	0			
Nicholas Crawford, do. ....	45	13	4			
Alfred Patrick, do. ....	51	1	8			
Thomas Vaux, do. ....	52	6	8			
				317	15	10
Samuel M'Murray, House Messenger, John Doel, Office Messenger,.....	20	0	0			
	12	10	0			
				32	10	0
<b>ACCOUNTS.</b>						
Lesslie & Sons,.....	49	2	5			
James R. Armstrong,.....	11	4	8			
John Watkins,.....	8	9	4½			
John Knott,.....	6	18	1½			
William Proudfoot,.....	1	12	10½			
John Iredale,.....	1	10	7½			
Wragg & Co. ....	1	10	0			
Hugh M'Guire,.....	1	10	0			
J. M. Strange,.....	0	12	0			
Charles Roddy,.....	0	5	0			
				82	15	1
				554	16	1¾
Less allowed for Copying Clerk, per Statute,.....				25	0	0
				529	16	1¾
<b>FOR PRINTING AND BINDING.</b>						
John Carey, per account,.....	76	1	1			
Robert Stanton, per account,.....	46	4	0			
George Gurnett, per account, ....	3	15	0			
Guardian Office, per account, ....	2	16	10			
Richard Brewer, Junr., per account, ..	29	2	0			
				157	18	11
				687	15	0¾
<b>LIBRARIAN.</b>						
Robert Sullivan, his Salary,.....	50	0	0			
His contingent account,.....	16	14	4½			
				66	14	4½
<b>POSTAGE.</b>						
James S. Howard, Esq. Post Master, CLERK.				408	17	4
For extra services, distributing the Statutes,.....	50	0	0			
Superintending Printing,.....	40	0	0			
	90	0	0			
<b>Carried forward, £</b>				1163	6	9¼

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Bro't. forward, £</i>	90	0	0	1163	6	9¼
Index to Journal,.....	10	0	0			
Vote of the House last Session,....	100	0	0			
				200	0	0
Committee Clerk, vote of the House last Session,.....				75	0	0
Office rent,.....				36	0	0
200 copies Revised Statutes—Hugh C. Thomson and Jas. M'Farlane, Account of Sums paid by the Treasurer of the Home District, in consequence of the House of Assembly occupying the Court House in 1830-31, and estimated for 1832, Amount estimated for furnishing the Clerk's Office and Room,.....				400	0	0
Estimate for Printing Journals,....	350	0	0			
do. for Stationary,.....	200	0	0			
Amount calculated to complete the services of the present Session,...	400	0	0			
				950	0	0
<b>SERJEANT AT ARMS' ACCOUNT.</b>						
Deputy Serjeant at Arms,.....	50	0	0			
Door keeper to Commons' House of Assembly,.....	20	0	0			
John Rielly, Messenger,.....	40	0	0			
William Allaway, Extra Messenger, James Bridgland, do. Thomas Hickley, do. John Rielly, per account,.....	20	0	0			
George Boyde, ".....	19	17	6			
George Denison, ".....	8	16	2			
Thomas Hickley, ".....	35	9	4½			
Thomas Carfrae, ".....	1	5	0			
John Columbus, ".....	15	0	0			
Church Wardens, ".....	27	6	6			
William Musson, ".....	15	0	0			
Wm. Hutchinson, ".....	1	8	9			
Michael Meighan, ".....	0	5	0			
Robert Ford, ".....	27	15	0			
Charles Roddy, ".....	31	7	4			
William Higgins, ".....	0	15	0			
John Beikie, Clerk to Land Commissioners,.....	7	5	0			
Hugh Carfrae, door keeper to Land Commissioners,.....	5	0	0			
	5	0	0			
				371	10	7½
Estimate for furnishing Chamber for the House of Assembly, Speaker's Room, and Committee Rooms, ..				400	0	0
				3870	17	4¾

Report on Contingent accounts.

Your Committee beg leave to call the attention of your Honorable House, to the great amount of the Postage;—there are other charges, which together, amounts to a very considerable sum, and which your Committee trust will not, after the next recess, appear in the contingencies of this House:—such as Office Rent; Revised Statutes; charges made by the Treasurer of the Home District, in consequence of the House of Assembly occupying the Court House, in the years 1830, 1831 and 1832; the estimates for furnishing House of Assembly Room, Speaker's Room, Committee Room, Clerks Room, and Office in the new buildings.

Your Committee have made the estimate for Stationary larger than usual, in consequence of the Clerk of your Hon. House having submitted to your Committee, the expediency of providing a larger supply of Stationary for the next year than what has been had for the last, which is found insufficient from increased consumption; also it being desirable to have a surplus on hand at the close of each Session, in the event of any succeeding year's supply coming to hand late, as was the case last November—that there may be sufficient on hand to prevent the necessity of purchasing an inferior and more expensive article here.

The sum of three hundred and fifty pounds is claimed, in all, by the Reporters, for their services during this Session; which sum your Committee have declined to place among the above charges, as they consider that the Reporters have not complied with the tenor of the resolution passed by your House respecting them, and, therefore, feel disposed to submit the same to the consideration of your Honorable House.

In consequence of the votes of your Honorable House, last Session, in favor of the Clerk of the House, and Clerk of Committees, your Committee have placed among the above charges the same amount for them respectively, and feel disposed to recommend your Honorable House to confirm by your vote this Session; your Committee have been led to con-

sider the case of William Coates, one of the Copying Clerks of your House, who from sickness contracted by close attention to the duties of the office, during many hours each day in a heated stove room, and going home at a late hour through inclement weather, which has caused him to lose a considerable portion of the time of the Session, for which he is not entitled to receive payment. And from his being so long a faithful Servant of the House, Your Committee feel disposed to recommend him to the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House, to make him an allowance equivalent to what he would have had if sickness had not overtaken him.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, }  
25th of January, 1832. }

Report on Contingencies referred to Committee of whole.

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, on to-morrow, on the report of the Select Committee on Contingencies, and that it stand as the first item on the order of the day.

In amendment, Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Duncombe, moves that after the word "moves" in the original motion, the whole be expunged and the following inserted: "that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the report of the Select Committee on Contingencies of the Legislature.

Which was carried.

The original question as amended was then put and carried, and Mr. Clark was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Progress.

Mr. Clark reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Contingencies first thing to-morrow.

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the Committee of the whole on the report of the Committee on the Contingencies of this House, be the first item on the order of the day to-morrow.

Ordered.

Committee of conference on Parliament building bill reports.

Mr. Macnab, from the Select Committee of Conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the bill entitled, "An Act to provide for the completion of the Parliament buildings," reported as follows:

*To the Honorable the Commons' House of Assembly.*

Report of conference on Parliament building bill.

The Conferees appointed on the part of this House to meet the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of the bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for the completion of the Parliament buildings," beg leave to report, that they proceeded to the Joint Committee Room at the time appointed, where they met the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council, and received from them the following communication.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALLAN N. MACNAB,  
CHAIRMAN.

House of Assembly, }  
25th day of January, 1832. }

The Committee of Conference, appointed by this House, on the subject matter of the bill sent up to the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to provide for the completion of the Parliament buildings," are instructed to represent, that they have desired this Conference for the purpose of acquainting the Assembly, that as the building erected for the use of the Legislature, is intended to afford accommodation both to the Legislative Council and House of Assembly; and as the arrangements to be made may materially affect the convenience of each House, they trust that the House of Assembly will agree with them in the propriety of having one of the intended Commissioners either a Member or Officer of the Legislative Council.

Committee of conference on arbitrators remuneration bill reports.

Mr. Morris, from the Select Committee of Conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the bill entitled, "An Act to remunerate the Arbitrator therein referred to, for certain services rendered by him," reported as follows:

Report of Committee of conference on Arbitrators remuneration bill.

The Committee of Conference appointed to meet the Conferees on the part of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the bill sent up from this House, entitled, "An Act to remunerate the Arbitrator therein referred to, for certain services rendered by him," proceeded to the Joint Committee Room at the time appointed, and received from the Conferees, on the part of that Honorable Body, the reasons why they cannot concur in thinking that the bill provides an adequate re-

muneration for the services of the said Arbitrator.

WM. MORRIS,  
CHAIRMAN.

House of Assembly, }  
25th January, 1832. }

The Committee of Conference appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject matter of the bill sent up to this House, entitled, "An Act to remunerate the Arbitrator therein referred to, for certain services rendered by him," are instructed to represent,

That the Legislative Council have requested this Conference with the House of Assembly, for the purpose of acquainting the Assembly that they cannot concur in thinking the sum of one hundred pounds an adequate remuneration for the service rendered by the Arbitrator on the part of this Province. They bear in mind that a much more adequate remuneration was given by the Legislature for the same service on two former occasions, which circumstance must have led to the expectation on the part of the Arbitrator last appointed, that what was considered just, with respect to others must be considered equally so with respect to him. Besides the appearance of injustice towards the last Commissioner, which the Bill presents in the opinion of the Legislative Council—they consider it material to the public interests, that when this Province is upon the eve of resorting to another Arbitration for the same important purpose, which must greatly affect the Revenue for a period of four years, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, should not be disabled from commanding the services of a competent Arbitrator, from inability to afford any prospect of an adequate recompense for a most responsible duty.

Mr. Berczy, from the Select Committee to superintend the Printing done during the present Session, by order of the House of Assembly, presented a report; which was received and read.

Select Committee on printing reports.

(Report—see appendix.)

Mr. Berczy, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that the report of the Committee appointed to superintend the Printing for the present Session, be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Contingencies of this House.

Report referred to Committee of whole on Contingencies.

Ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Norton, moves for leave to bring in a bill to extend the powers of certain Commissioners under the Road Act of last Session, and that the rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same.

Road Commissioners bill brought in.

Which was granted, and the bill was read twice, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Read twice and referred to Committee of whole.

Mr. Samson was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Samson reported the Bill as amended.

Bill amended.

The report was received, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act for the relief of Roman Catholic Congregations in this Province," was read the second time.

Roman Catholic relief bill read 2nd time.

On the question for committing the same, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the bill be not now referred to a Committee of the whole House, but that two hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of Members.

Bill to be printed.

Ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that he have leave to bring in a bill to provide for the establishment, maintenance and support of Common Schools in the several Townships throughout this Province, and that the order of this House be dispensed with for that purpose.

Common school bill brought in and read.

Which was granted and bill read a first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that 200 copies of the Bill for the establishment and support of Common Schools throughout this Province, be printed for the use of Members.

200 copies to be printed.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to ascertain the North Boundary line of the Township of Niagara, and to establish a public Highway contiguous to the same," was read the second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Niagara Boundary bill passed by Legislative Council read 2nd time and committed.

Mr. Boulton was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Boulton reported the Bill as amended.

Third reading The report was received, and the amendments were ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Road Commissioners bill Agreeably to the order of the day, the Road Commissioners Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Title Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Duncombe, moves that the bill be entitled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, to be raised by Dehenture, for the improvement of Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of this Province.'"

Bill sent to Council Which was carried, and Messrs. Burwell and Duncombe were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Niagara Boundary bill passed. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to ascertain the North Boundary Line of the Township of Niagara, and to establish a public highway contiguous to the same," as amended by this House, was read the third time, and passed.

Bill sent to Council Messieurs Crooks and Randal were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Message from Legislative Council The Clerk of the Honorable the Legislative Council, brought down from that Honorable House, a message, which was read as follows:

MR. SPEAKER,

Conference requested on supply bill. The Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons' House of Assembly on the subject matter of the bill sent up to this House, entitled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the support of the Civil Government, and the administration of Justice in this Province, and have appointed the Honorable Messrs. Dickson and Markland to be the Committee on the part of this House, who will be ready to meet a Committee on the part of the Commons' House of Assembly this day, at twelve of the clock, noon, in the Committee room of the Legislative Council.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
26th day of January, 1832. }

Report of Select Committee on Parliament buildings referred back. Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the report of the Committee on the Message and Documents sent down by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relating to the Parliament Buildings, be referred back to the said Committee.

Ordered.

Request of Legislative Council for conference on supply bill acceded to. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council be acceded to, and that Messieurs Berczy, Burwell, J. Willson, and Robinson, do compose the Committee of Conference on the part of this House.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Morris and Robinson were ordered to carry up the Message.

Committee of whole on Contingencies. Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the whole on the report of the Select Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. McMartin was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Resolutions reported. Mr. McMartin reported that the Committee had agreed to a series of resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

The report was received, and the following resolutions were severally put and carried:

£529 16s. 1d. due Clerk. Resolved, That the sum of five hundred and twenty-nine pounds, sixteen shillings and one penny three farthings, be allowed to the Clerk of this House, being the balance due him for the Contingencies of his office, during the late recess and present Session, as reported by the Select Committee on Contingent Accounts in their report.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and thirty-three

pounds ten shillings and seven pence halfpenny, be paid to the Clerk of this House, being the amount stated in the report on Contingencies, for the undermentioned services.

John Carey.....	£ 76	1	1	£633 10s. 7½ to Clerk various services.
Robert Stanton.....	46	4	0	
George Gurnett.....	3	15	0	
Guardian Office.....	2	16	10	
Richard Brewer, Jun.....	29	2	0	
Postage.....	408	17	4	
Librarian.....	66	14	4½	
	£633	10	7½	

Resolved, that the sum of one thousand six hundred and sixty-one pounds, be paid to the Clerk of this House, being the amount stated in the report on Contingencies as undermentioned.

H. C. Thomson and James Macfarlane, for two hundred copies of Revised Statutes..	£.	s.	d.	£1661 to Clerk certain Contingencies.	
Office Rent.....	400	0	0		
Treasurer of Home District's Account for the use of the Court House by the Legislature in 1830, 1831, and 1832.....	36	0	0		
Estimate for furnishing Clerk's Room,.....	175	0	0		
Estimate for Printing Journals, 350	0	0	0		
Estimate for Stationary,.....	200	0	0		
Estimate for completing services of present Session,.....	400	0	0		
	1050	0	0		
	£	1661	0		0

Resolved, That there be paid to the Serjeant at Arms the sum of three hundred and seventy-one pounds ten shillings and seven pence halfpenny, to enable him to pay sundry expenses of this House for the present Session. Also, the sum of four hundred pounds to furnish Chamber for the House of Assembly, the Speaker's Room, and Committee Rooms in New Buildings, as per report on Contingencies.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred pounds be paid to the Clerk of this House for services performed, and to be performed by him, as per report upon Contingencies.

Resolved that the sum of seventy-five pounds be allowed to John M. A. Cameron, as Clerk of Committees, and other services during the Session.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty pounds be paid to the Serjeant at Arms for services during the recess.

On the eighth resolution the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Duncombe, Jones, Samson,	Yeas 17.
Brown, Elliott, Macnab, Shade,	
Burwell, Ingersoll, Maçon, Sol. General,	
Chisholm, Jarvis, Morris, J. Willson—17	
Crooks,	

NAYS—Messieurs,

Berczy, Lyons, Norton, Roblin,	Nays 12.
Cook, McCall, Randal, Shaver,	
Howard, McMartin, Robinson, Werden,—12.	

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five, and it was resolved, that the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds be paid for reporting as follows:

To George Gurnett,.....	£150	0	0	£350 report-ers.
To Francis Collins,.....	100	0	0	
To John Carey,.....	100	0	0	

The following resolutions were then put and carried:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and six pounds, two shillings be paid to William Lee, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, to defray the Contingent expenses of his office.

Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred and eighty pounds, two shillings and ten pence, be paid to Grant Powell, Esquire, Clerk to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to defray the Contingent expenses of his office.

The Clerk to the Honorable the Legislative Council brought down from that Honorable House, a message, which was read as follows:

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have passed the bill sent up to

Port Hope Harbor loan bill.  
Desjardins Canal loan bill  
and Penitentiary bill passed by Legislative Council.

this House, entitled, "An Act to authorise a loan to the President, Directors and Company of the Port Hope Harbor and Wharf Company." Also, the bill entitled, "An Act to authorise a loan to the President and Directors of the Desjardins' Canal Company." Also, the bill entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty, a sum of money to obtain plans and estimates of a Penitentiary to be erected in this Province, and to appoint Commissioners for the same."

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
25th day of January, 1832. }

Committee on petition of John Carey report.

Mr. Jarvis, from the Committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Carey, of the Town of York, Printer, presented a report, which was received and read.

(Report—see Appendix.)

Motion for referring report on petition of John Carey to Committee of whole on Contingencies.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General, moves that the report of the Select Committee on the petition of John Carey, be referred to the Committee of the whole, on the subject of the contingencies.

House divides.

On Which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yeas 8. Atty. General, Clark, Jarvis, Mount,  
Brown, Crooks, Jones, J. Willson—8.

NAYS—Messieurs,

Nays 17. Berzcy, Howard, Morris, Samson,  
Chisholm, Lyons, Norton, Shaver,  
Cook, McCall, Robinson, Werden,  
Duncombe, Macnab, Roblin, W. Wilson—17  
Elliott,

The question was decided in the negative, by a majority of nine.

Committee of conference on supply bill report.

Mr. Berzcy, from the Select Committee of Conference, with the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the bill sent up from this House, entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty, a sum of money for the support of the Civil Government and the Administration of Justice in this Province," reported as follows :

Report of the Committee of conference with Legislative Council on supply bill.

The Committee of Conference appointed to meet the conferees on the part of the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the bill sent to that House, entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the support of the Civil Government and the Administration of Justice in this Province," beg leave to report, that having met the conferees of the Legislative Council at the hour appointed, in the Joint Committee Room, did receive a document containing certain reasons for dissenting to concur in passing the said bill of supply, which document is herewith submitted.

WM. BERCZY,  
CHAIRMAN.

House of Assembly, }  
26th January, 1832. }

Reasons given by Legislative Council for not passing supply bill.

The Legislative Council have requested a conference with the House of Assembly, upon the subject of the bill entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty, a sum of money for the support of the Civil Government and the Administration of Justice within this Province," for the purpose of representing their extreme regret, at finding that in the mode of appropriating the Supply for the service of the Civil Government, there is a departure in this bill, from the usage which they hoped the practice of many preceeding Sessions had finally established, and to which the Council and Assembly have hitherto concurred in adhering.

The Council refers to the innovation adopted in this bill, of attaching to each head of the public service, the particular sum to which the charge for the support of that service is to be limited, instead of granting to His Majesty, in accordance with former usage, an aggregate sum founded upon the detailed estimate, and specifying for what services it is intended to provide, but leaving it to His Majesty in the exercise of His prerogative to apportion the recompense due to the several Officers whom he has appointed and employed.

The same reasons which have led the Legislature on former occasions, to follow the example of the British Parliament, in this respect, cannot, in the opinion of the Council, have ceased to apply, and they are unwilling to depart from principles which are well established, which have been sanctioned and acted upon repeatedly in this Province, and to which, they are convinced, it will be found, on all accounts, beneficial to adhere.

In examining the details of this bill, the Legislative Council finds it to come so far short of the Estimates laid before them, by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, of the Supplies necessary for the Civil Government, that it does not appear to the Legislative Council how the Public Service can be carried on in the absence of so large a proportion of that provision which has been hitherto made, and which His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor represents to be still necessary. They observe that some salaries and allowances are curtailed and others wholly withheld, while one very important and indispensable department of the public service is left entirely unprovided for. The Legislative Council refrains at present from a particular discussion of any of these contemplated reductions, or of the changes proposed to be made in the system of remunerating certain public Officers; but they cannot forbear considering, that nearly one-half of the sum required by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the Public Service of the Colony appears to be withheld, and that the reduction is proposed to be effected by denying to several Public Officers and departments, and among others to those employed in the administration of Justice, a great part of that remuneration and support which successive Houses of Assembly have considered it just and reasonable to afford; and which the Legislative Council are aware of no satisfactory reason for withholding.

They would regret exceedingly to concur in presenting to the Government so defective a supply on the first occasion which has arisen for providing for these services since His Majesty has graciously surrendered to the Legislature the appropriation of the duties, out of which the charge had been defrayed. For having thought it proper on many former occasions to unite with the House of Assembly, in affording to the Government this provision for the public service, while His Majesty retained the appropriation of the duties alluded to, it appears to the Council to be doubly so at present, since these duties have been surrendered to the Legislature, at a time when they very considerably exceeded the whole sum for which the Government now applies.

Reasons given by the Legislative Council for not passing supply bill.

The Council consider themselves bound to remember that the surrender of the duties levied under the British Statute of the 14th George 3rd. and continually appropriated by His Majesty since that period, was made in a full reliance upon the liberality and justice of the Legislature; and they earnestly indulge the hope that neither the service of His Majesty nor the persons employed in it will be found to have suffered from the very gracious and unreserved manner in which this confidence was reposed.

Although the Legislative Council are bound to exercise their judgment in the passing or rejecting of all bills sent up from the Assembly, they entirely disclaim any wish or intention of interfering irregularly with the acknowledged privileges of the Assembly, in respect to the disposition of public monies—they reflect with sincere satisfaction on the spirit of harmony and the good understanding which has happily prevailed between the two Houses of this Legislature through a succession of years; and they have rejoiced in applying their best exertion in conjunction with the Assembly, in forwarding every effort for public improvement in this happy and highly favored Colony.

It is not, therefore, without extreme concern that they find themselves interrupted in the progress of those measures within the last few hours of the Session, by the necessity of applying their attention to the embarrassed situation in which the Government may be left by being deprived of their ordinary annual supply, a consideration which they feel it becomes them to entertain, and by which injustice to the Government their deliberations upon other measures submitted to them must necessarily be affected.

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves that the report of the Committee of Conference, on the bill entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the support of the Civil Government and the administration of Justice in this Province," be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and that it be the first item on the order of the day for to-morrow.

Report of Committee of conference on supply bill to be referred to Committee of whole to-morrow first thing.

Ordered.

Mr. Samson, from the Committee to which was referred the petition of Peter Franks, and others, inhabitants of the Township of Vaughan, and all other petitions of the same nature, presented a second report, which was received and read.

Committee on grievance petitions make a 2nd report.

(Report see Appendix.)

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the resolution of the twentieth instant be dispensed with so far as relates to the second reading of the address to His Majesty, on the subject of certain petitions presented to this House during the present Session, and that the same be now read a second time.

Address to His Majesty read 2nd time.

Which was carried, and the address was read a second time.

Address to King committed.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the address be now referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Which was carried, and Mr. Brown was called to the chair.

The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

The Clerk to the Honorable the Legislative Council brought down from that Honorable House, a message, which was read as follows :

MR. SPEAKER,

Ale House bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the bill sent up to this House, entitled "An Act to continue in force for a limited time, an Act passed in the fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to restrain the selling of Beer, Ale, Cider, and other Liguors not Spirituous, in certain Towns and Villages in this Province, and to regulate the manner of licensing the same'" ; also, the bill entitled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned" ; also, the bill entitled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, to be expended in the completion of the Burlington Bay Canal, and to defray the expenses thereof" ; also, the bill entitled "An Act to Incorporate a Joint Stock Company, under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Port Burwell Harbor" ; also, the bill entitled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, to be raised by Debenture, for the improvement of Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of this Province'" ; also, the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to divide the County of Carleton, in the Bathurst District'" ; and also, the bill entitled "An Act Incorporating a Joint Stock Company, under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company, of the Port Dover Harbor"—without amendment. The Legislative Council also inform the Commons' House of Assembly, that they have acceded to the amendments made by the Assembly in and to the bill entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of Commissioners to ascertain the North Boundary Line of the Township of Niagara, and to establish a public highway contiguous to the same."

Bill to make good certain votes of Assembly.

Burlington Bay Canal bill.

Port Burwell Harbor bill.

Road Commissioners bill.

Bathurst representation bill.

Port Dover Harbor bill.

And amendments to Niagara Boundary line bill passed by Legislative Council.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
26th day of January, 1832. }

The Speaker left the chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee.

The House resumed.

Mr. Brown reported the address as amended.

On the question for receiving the Report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Crooks,	Macnab,	Shade,
Berczy,	Elliott,	Maçon,	Sol. General,
Boulton,	Ingersoll,	Morris,	Thomson,
Brown,	Jones,	Mount,	VanKoughnett,
Burwell,	D. McDonald,	Robinson,	Werden,
Chisholm,	McMartin,	Samson,	W. Wilson, 24.

Yeas 24.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Bidwell,	Cook,	Lyons,	Randal,
Buell,	Howard,	McCall,	Roblin,
Clark,	Ketchum,	Norton,	Shaver, 12.

Nays 12.

The question was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of twelve,—the report was received, and the address was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time this day.

Third reading to day.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the bill on the order of the day, relating to a Banking Institution in the Niagara District, be now taken up, and that the rule of this House be dispensed with for such purpose.

Motion for taking up Niagara Bank bill.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS. Messieurs,

Bidwell,	Howard,	McCall,	Randal,
Buell,	Ingersoll,	Macnab,	Roblin,
Chisholm,	Ketchum,	Maçon,	Shaver,
Clark,	Lyons,	Norton,	W. Wilson—17
Cook,			

Yeas 17.

NAYS Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Jones,	Mount,	Sol. General,
Berczy,	D. McDonald,	Robinson,	Thomson,
Boulton,	MacMartin,	Samson,	VanKoughnett,
Crooks,	Morris,	Shade,	Werden—17.
Elliott,			

Nays 17.

The question was decided in the negative by the casting vote of the Speaker.

Lost by speaker.

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that it be resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to issue His Warrants in favor of Grant Powell, Esquire, Clerk to the Honorable the Legislative Council, for the sum of nine hundred and eighty pounds, two shillings and ten pence, for certain Contingent expenses of his office during the present Session.

An address to be sent to His Excellency requesting him to issue his warrants for Contingencies.

In favor of William Lee, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, for certain Contingent expenses of the Honorable the Legislative Council during the present Session, for the sum of two hundred and six pounds two shillings.

In favor of James Fitzgibbon, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Assembly, for the sum of three thousand four hundred and forty-nine pounds six shillings and nine pence farthing, to enable him to pay certain Contingent expenses of his office during the late recess, and for the present Session.

And also in favor of David A. Macnab, Esquire, Serjeant at Arms, for the sum of eight hundred and twenty-one pounds ten shillings and seven pence halfpenny, to enable him to pay certain Contingent expenses of the House of Assembly during the present Session ;—and that Messrs. Robinson and Magon be a Committee to draft and report the same.

Ordered.

Mr. Magon, from the Select Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to issue His Warrants in favor of the Clerks and officers of the two Houses, for the payment of the Contingencies of the Session, reported a draft which was received, and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Address on Contingencies reported read twice and concurred in.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves for leave to bring in a bill appropriating certain monies now in the hands of the Receiver General, and of the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates, which are applicable to the payment of the War losses, and that the rules of this House be dispensed with therefor.

Bill to appropriate certain monies toward war losses brought in read twice and committed.

Which was granted, and the bill was read twice, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Chisholm was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Chisholm reported the bill as amended.

Bill amended.

The report was received and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnett, moves that it be resolved, that a call of the names of the Members of this House, be had after the minutes are read on to-morrow.

Motion for call of the House.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

House divides.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Chisholm,	Maçon,	Sol. General,
Berczy,	Crooks,	Morris,	Thomson.
Boulton,	Jarvis,	Mount,	VanKoughnett,
Brown,	McMartin,	Samson,	J. Willson—18.
Burwell,	Macnab,		

Yeas 18.

NAYS. Messieurs,

Buell, Ketchum, McCall—3.

Nays 3.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and ordered accordingly.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House was called, when the Members whose names follow were absent.

House called.

Beardsley,  
Campbell,

Members absent.  
 A. Fraser,  
 R. Fraser,  
 Lewis,  
 McCall,  
 Perry,  
 Randal,  
 Warren,  
 White.

Address to His Majesty reported by Committee on grievance petitions read 3rd time.  
 Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Majesty, reported by the Committee to whom were referred the Petitions on the subject of Grievances, was read the third time.

On passing House divides.  
 On the question for passing the same, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messieurs.

Yeas 26.  
 Atty. General, Elliott, Magon, Sol. General,  
 Berczy, Ingersoll, Morris, Thomson,  
 Boulton, Jarvis, Mount, VanKoughnett,  
 Brown, Jones, Robinson, Werden,  
 Burwell, D. McDonald, Samson, J. Willson,  
 Chisholm, McMartin, Shade, W. Wilson—26  
 Crooks, Macnab,

NAYS—Messieurs.

Nays 11.  
 Bidwell, Duncombe, Lyons, Roblin,  
 Buell, Howard, A. McDonald, Shaver,—11.  
 Cook, Ketcham, Norton,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and the address was signed by the Speaker, and is as follows :

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Address to His Majesty reported by the Committee to whom were referred the petitions on the subject of grievances.  
 We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to express our sincere attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

A contemplation of the distractions, commotions and miseries, which daily occur in many of the nations of Europe, cannot fail to call forth the most lively gratitude of the people of this Province, for the peace and security in which they live; for the constitution which they enjoy; for the impartial administration of wholesome laws; and for the great and growing prosperity of this happy portion of Your Majesty's dominions.

We take this occasion to present to Your Majesty the feelings and attachment which we entertain to Your Royal Person and Government; and we do not hesitate to declare to Your Majesty our firm belief, that the Inhabitants of the Colony fully participate in these sentiments, notwithstanding the attempts of misguided individuals to alienate their affections from the principles of the British Constitution, and to persuade Your Majesty that they are oppressed, and discontented with the administration of the Provincial Government.

Far as we are removed from Your Royal Person, and surrounded as Your Majesty is with the cares and difficulties of a mighty Empire,—yet, experience has taught us, that the welfare of Upper Canada is neither neglected nor forgotten.

Your Majesty's paternal anxiety to advance the prosperity of this Province, and to promote the happiness of its inhabitants, awakens the warmest sentiments of affection in a people who fully appreciate the advantages derived from the fostering care of their Mother Country.

During the present Session, Your Majesty's faithful Commons have passed several addresses to Your Majesty, in the fullest confidence, that whatever the people of Upper Canada, through their Representatives, constitutionally and reasonably request, will receive Your Majesty's most gracious consideration.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
 SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
 26th January, 1832. }

Address to be sent to His Excellency to transmit address to His Majesty.  
 Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, informing His Excellency that this House has passed an address to His Majesty, on the subject of certain petitions presented during the present Session, and requesting His Excellency to transmit the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid before His Majesty, and that Messieurs Morris and Robinson be a Committee to draft and report the same.

Ordered.

Mr. Morris, from the Committee to draft an address to

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to transmit the address to His Majesty, reported a draft, which was received and read twice, and concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time this day. Address to His Excellency reported and concurred in. Third reading to-day.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to issue his Warrants for the payment of the Contingencies of the present Session—was read the third time. Contingent address read 3rd time.

On the question for passing the address, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messieurs.

Yeas 25.  
 Atty. General, Duncombe, D. McDonald, Samson,  
 Berczy, Elliott, McMartin, Shade,  
 Boulton, Ingersoll, Magon, Sol. General,  
 Brown, Jarvis, Morris, Thomson,  
 Burwell, Jones, Mount, J. Willson,  
 Chisholm, A. McDonald, Robinson, W. Wilson—25  
 Crooks,

NAYS.—Messieurs.

Nays 10.  
 Bidwell, Howard, Norton, VanKoughnett,  
 Buell, Lyons, Roblin, Werden—10.  
 Cook, Macnab,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and the address was signed by the Speaker, and is as follows :

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &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, humbly request Your Excellency to be pleased to issue Your Warrants to the Receiver General of this Province, in favor of Grant Powell, Esquire, Clerk to the Honorable the Legislative Council, for the sum of nine hundred and eighty pounds, two shillings and ten pence, for certain contingent expenses of his office, during the present Session. Address on Contingencies.

Of William Lee, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, for certain contingent expenses of the Honorable the Legislative Council, during the present Session, for the sum of two hundred and six pounds, two shillings.

Of James Fitzgibbon, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Assembly, for the sum of three thousand, four hundred and forty-nine pounds, six shillings and nine pence farthing, to enable him to pay the contingent expenses of his office during the present Session.

And also, in favor of David Archibald Macnab, Esquire' Serjeant-at-Arms, for the sum of eight hundred and twenty-one pounds, ten shillings and seven pence half-penny, to enable him to pay certain contingent expenses of the House of Assembly, during the present Session.

Which sums His Majesty's faithful Commons will make good during the next Session of the Provincial Legislature.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
 SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
 27th day of January, 1832. }

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that Messrs. Samson and Robinson be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to learn when His Excellency will be pleased to receive the address of this House, on the subject of Contingencies, and to present the same. Committee to present address.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to transmit the address to His Majesty, was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, and is as follows :

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave respectfully to inform Your Excellency, Address to His Excellency to transmit address to King.

that this House has passed an address to His Majesty, on the subject of certain petitions presented to this House during the present Session, and humbly request Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be by him laid at the foot of the Throne.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
27th January, 1832. }

Committee to wait on His Excellency to know when he will receive the House with address to King.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves that Messieurs Samson and Robinson be a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when His Excellency will be pleased to receive this House with the address to His Majesty.

Which was ordered.

Bill for appropriation of certain monies towards defraying the War Losses, was read the third time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill directing the appropriation of certain monies towards defraying the War Losses, was read the third time.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnett, moves the following as a rider to the bill:

Rider put to the bill.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the monies appropriated under the authority of this Act shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, shall be graciously pleased to direct.

Ordered.

Committee on road Commissioners accounts report a 2nd report.

Mr. Mount, from the Select Committee to which were referred the Accounts and Returns from Road Commissioners, presented a second report, which was received and read.

(Second Report—see Appendix.)

Home District Court bill read 2nd time and committed.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves to take up that item on the order of the day for the second reading of the Home District Court Bill, and that the rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same.

Which was carried, and the bill was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Duncombe was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Duncombe reported the bill without amendment.

The report was received.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Mount, moves that the bill to make valid certain proceedings in the Home District Court be read a third time forthwith, and that the rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same.

Bill read 3rd time and passed.

Which was carried, and the bill was read a third time, and passed.

Sent to Council.

Messieurs Jarvis and Elliott were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Rider to war losses bill read 3rd time and passed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the rider to the bill directing the appropriation of certain monies towards defraying the War Losses, was read a third time, and the bill was passed.

Title.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berezy, moves that the bill be entitled "An Act for appropriating certain monies towards the payment of the War Losses."

Bill sent to Council.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Attorney General and Crooks were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council and to request their concurrence thereto.

Committee of whole on report of Committee of conference on supply bill.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into a Committee of the whole on the report of the Select Committee of Conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, for the support of the Civil Government, and the administration of Justice in this Province."

Mr. Macnab was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Progress.

Mr. Macnab, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

Committee to present address on Contingencies report answer.

Mr. Samson, from the Select Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of this House, requesting His Excellency to issue His Warrants to the Clerks and other Officers of the Legislature, for the payment of the contingencies of the present Session, reported delivering the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:

GENTLEMEN—

I will issue my Warrants on the Receiver General, in compliance with this Address.

Answer.

Mr. Samson, from the Select Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when His Excellency would be pleased to receive the House with its Address to His Majesty,—reported that His Excellency had been pleased to name the hour of three, P. M. this day.

House to wait on His Excellency with address to King at 3 P. M. this day.

At three P. M. the House waited on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with its Address, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Address to His Majesty, and having returned, the Speaker reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to give the following answer:

House waits on His Excellency with address to King.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I will take an early opportunity of forwarding to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, this Address to the King.

Answer.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went again into Committee of the whole on the report of the Select Committee of Conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the bill sent up from this House, entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty, a sum of money for the support of the Civil Government and the Administration of Justice in this Province."

House in Committee on report of Committee of conference on supply bill.

Mr. Macnab in the Chair.

The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

The Clerk of the Honorable the Legislative Council, brought down from that Honorable House, a message, which was read as follows:

MR. SPEAKER—

The Legislative Council have passed the bill sent up to this House from the Commons' House of Assembly, entitled, "An Act for appropriating certain monies towards the payment of the war losses," without amendment.

Bill to appropriate certain monies to war losses passed by Legislative Council.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
27th day of January, 1832. }

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of Committee.

Committee resumes.

The House resumed.

Mr. Macnab reported that the Committee had risen.

Committee rises.

On the question for receiving the report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

House divides on receiving report.

YEAS—Messieurs,

Bidwell,	Ketchum,	Morris,	Shade,	
Buell,	Lyons,	Mount,	Shaver,	
Cook,	McCall,	Norton,	Thomson,	Yeas 22.
Duncombe,	A. McDonald,	Randal,	Werden,	
Elliott,	D. McDonald,	Roblin,	J. Willson,	22.
Howard,	Maçon,			

NAYS—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Burwell,	Jarvis,	Samson,	
Berezy,	Chisholm,	McMartin,	Sol. General,	Nays 15.
Boulton,	Clark,	Macnab,	VanKoughnett,	
Brown,	Crooks,	Robinson,		15.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and the report was received.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. John Willson, moves that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the reasons of the Honorable the Legislative Council, reported by the Committee of Conference, upon the subject of the bill sent up to the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act for affording relief to the sufferers during the late war with the United States of America."

House goes into Committee on report of Committee of conference on war loss bill.

Which was carried, and Mr. VanKoughnett was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. VanKoughnett reported that the Committee had agreed to a resolution which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

Resolution reported.

The Report was received, and the resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That this House entertaining a sincere desire to relieve the sufferers during the late war with the United States, without charging the ordinary revenues of the Province, have

Resolution.

passed, during the present Session, a Bill for imposing duties on certain articles imported into this Province, being of the growth or produce of the United States of America, for that purpose;— and that this House, in the expectation that the means provided by the said bill, if passed, and also by the duties on Salt and Whiskey, will prove sufficient to obtain the desired relief, are unwilling to take any further measures during the present Session, in relation to the said war losses.

Resolution communicated to Legislative Council.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to communicate the foregoing resolution.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Atty. General and Crooks were ordered by the Speaker to carry up the message.

Gaol limits extension bill read 2nd time and committed.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves to take up that item on the order of the day, for the second reading of the Gaol Limits Extension Bill, and that the rule of this House be dispensed with so far as respects the same.

Which was carried, and the bill was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Ketchum was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Ketchum reported the bill as amended.

Third reading to-morrow.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Bill from Legislative Council relative to transferrable stock read 2nd time and committed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill from the Hon. the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to provide for making Stock held in Companies having a Joint transferrable Stock, liable to the satisfaction of debts," was read the second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. A. McDonald was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. A. McDonald reported the Bill.

Third reading to-morrow.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Bill from Legislative Council relative to holders of lands in Niagara District read 2nd time and committed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill from the Hon. the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to make further provision for carrying into effect an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of the reign of King George the Third, entitled, An Act to afford relief to persons holding or possessing lands, tenements or hereditaments in the District of Niagara," was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Duncombe was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Duncombe reported the bill without amendment.

Third reading to-morrow.

The report was received, and the bill was ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Bill from Legislative Council for remedies against corporations read 2nd time and committed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill from the Hon. the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to facilitate legal remedies against Corporations," was read the second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Berczy was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Berczy reported the Bill without amendment.

House divides on report of Committee.

On the question for receiving the report, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messieurs,

Yea 16.	Berczy,	Cook,	Ketchum,	Robinson,
	Boulton,	Duncombe,	McCall,	Shade,
	Burwell,	Elliott,	McMartin,	Werden,
	Chisholm,	Jarvis,	Morris,	J. Willson—16

NAYS—Messieurs.

Nays 4.	Buell,	Howard,	Norton,	Samson, 4.
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The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, 23th JANUARY, 1832.

THE House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

On the order of the day, for the third reading of the Gaol limits bill being called—

Gaol limits bill recommitted.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that the

bill be not now read a third time, but that the same be recommitted.

Which was carried, and Mr. Ketchum was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Ketchum reported the bill as amended.

Amended.

The report was received, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Third reading to-day.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to extend the limits of the several Gaols in this Province, was read the third time, and passed.

Gaol limit bill passed.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act to repeal part of and amend the law now in force, assigning limits to the respective Gaols in this Province."

Title.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Jarvis and Magon were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Bill sent to Legislative Council.

The Clerk to the Honorable the Legislative Council brought down from that Honorable House, two messages, which were read as follows:

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have passed the bill sent up to this House from the Commons' House of Assembly, entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty, a sum of money in aid of the erection of an hospital, in or near the Town of Kingston," also the bill, entitled, "An Act to grant a sum of money to His Majesty in aid of the York Hospital," without amendment.

Kingston and York Hospital bills passed by Legislative Council.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
28th January, 1832.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have passed the bill sent up to this House from the Commons House of Assembly, entitled, "An Act granting a sum of money for the relief of sick and destitute Emigrants at Prescott," without amendment.

Emigrants relief bill passed by Legislative Council.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
28th January, 1832.

Mr. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the bill from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to facilitate legal remedies against Corporations," reported by a Committee of the whole House, and adopted yesterday, be now read a third time.

Motion for 3rd reading bill for remedies against corporations.

In amendment, Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Norton, moves that after the word "moves," in the original motion, the remainder be expunged, and the following inserted, "that the bill entitled, "An Act to facilitate legal remedies against corporations," be not read a third time, but that it be recommitted.

Amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

House divides on amendment.

YEAS. Messieurs,

Bidwell,	Howard,	Mount,	Samson,
Buell,	McCall,	Norton,	Shaver,
Cook,	McMartin,	Randal,	Sol. General,
Crooks,			13.

NAYS—Messieurs,

Boulton,	Elliott,	Magon,	Shade,
Brown,	Jarvis,	Morris,	VanKoughnet,
Burwell,	Ketchum,	Robinson,	Werden,
Chisholm,	D. McDonald,	Roblin,	J. Willson—18
Clark,	Macnab,		

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five.

The original question was put and carried, and the bill was read the third time.

Bill read 3rd time.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Magon, moves that the bill be amended by adding the following clause as a rider.

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this act shall be in force for the space of two years, and from thence to the end of the next ensuing Session of Parliament, and no longer."

Rider attached to the bill.

Which was carried, and the rider was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Welland Canal directors appointed.

Mr. Magon, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that Robert Randal, and John Warren Esquires, two Honorable Members of this House, be appointed Directors of the Welland Canal Company, for the present year, and to the end of the next Session of the Legislature.

Ordered.

Bill from Legislative Council relative to transferable stock passed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to provide for making Stock held in companies, having a Joint transferable Stock, liable to the satisfaction of debts," was read a third time and passed.

Bill sent to Council.

Messieurs Boulton and Brown were ordered by the Speaker to carry the same up to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Committee of whole on report of conference on Parliament building bill.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnett, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee of Conference on the subject matter of the bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for the completion of the Parliament Building."

Which was carried, and Mr. Burwell was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Resolution reported.

Mr. Burwell reported that the Committee had agreed to a resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

The report was received.

The Resolution was then put as follows :

Resolved, That this House will consent that the Honorable the Legislative Council insert the name of an additional Commissioner in the bill entitled, "An Act to provide for the completion of the Parliament Building."

House divides on adoption of resolution.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

**YEAS.—Messieurs,**

Yeas 22.

Atty. General,	Clark,	Magon,	Robinson,
Berzey,	Elliott,	Morris,	Samson,
Boulton,	Jarvis,	Mount,	Shade,
Brown,	D. McDonald,	Norton,	Werden,
Burwell,	McMartin,	Randal,	J. Willson—22
Chisholm,	Macnab,		

**NAYS.—Messieurs,**

Nays 8.

Bidwell,	Cook,	Ketchum,	Roblin,
Buell,	Howard,	McCall,	Shaver—8.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fourteen.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, informing them that this House will consent to their amending the bill entitled, "An Act to provide for the completion of the Parliament Building," by inserting therein the name of an additional Commissioner.

Which was carried, and Messieurs Macnab and Boulton were ordered by the Speaker to carry up the message.

Rider to bill from Legislative Council for remedies against corporations passed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the rider to the bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to facilitate legal remedies against corporations," was read the third time and passed.

Bill sent to Council.

Messieurs Samson and Jarvis were ordered by the Speaker to carry up the bill, as amended, to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

An address to be sent to His Majesty relative to the estates of the late order of Jesuits.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Macnab, moves that it be resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Majesty, humbly representing to His Majesty, that this House have reason to believe that His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies has communicated His Majesty's commands to the Governor in Chief for the Province of Lower Canada, that the Estates of the late order of Jesuits, in the late Province of Quebec, should be devoted to the purposes of education, but that His Excellency Sir John Colborne, K.C.B. His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor of this Province, has informed His Majesty's faithful Commons, during their present Session, that although certain sums have heretofore, from time to time, been paid out of the funds of these Estates by order of His Majesty, and His Royal Predecessor, to the Receiver General of this Province, for the purposes of education therein, He is not aware of the intention of His Majesty with respect to the future disposition thereof—and therefore humbly implore His Majesty graciously to consider the acknowledged and undoubted claim of His Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province to a participation in the Revenues arising from these Estates, as having originally been appropriated for the purposes of the education of the inhabitants of both the Canadas, while they constituted the Province of Quebec, and that in the future disposition of the funds arising either from the sale or leasing these estates, His Majesty's Subjects in this Province may be admitted to a full participation therein.

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Ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves that Messieurs Willson and Elliott, be a Committee to draft an address in pursuance of the foregoing resolution.

Committee to draft address.

Ordered

Mr. Elliott from the Select Committee to draft an address to His Majesty on the subject of the Jesuits Estates, presented a draft which was received and read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Address reported and concurred in.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Majesty, on the subject of the Jesuits Estates was read the third time, and passed as follows :

Address passed.

**TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,  
MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,**

We Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament Assembled, most humbly beg leave to represent to your Majesty, that they have reason to believe that Your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Your Majesty's Colonies, has communicated Your Majesty's commands to Your Majesty's Governor-in-Chief for the Province of Lower Canada, that the Estates of the late order of Jesuits, in the late Province of Quebec, should be devoted to the purposes of Education, but that His Excellency Sir John Colborne, K. C. B. Your Majesty's Lieutenant Governor of this Province, has informed Your Majesty's faithful Commons during their present Session, that although certain sums have heretofore, from time to time, been paid out of the funds of these Estates, by order of Your Majesty and Your Royal Predecessor, to the Receiver General of this Province, for the purposes of education therein, He is not aware of the intention of Your Majesty with respect to the future disposition thereof.

Address to His Majesty on the subject of the estates of the late order of Jesuits.

Wherefore Your Majesty's most faithful Commons humbly implore Your Majesty, graciously to consider the acknowledged and undoubted claim of Your Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province, to a participation in the Revenues arising from the Estates, as having originally been appropriated for the purposes of Education of the inhabitants of both the Canadas, while they constituted the Province of Quebec, and that in the future disposition of the funds arising either from the sale or leasing of these Estates, Your Majesty's subjects in this Province may be admitted to a full participation therein.

**ARCHIBALD MCLEAN,  
SPEAKER.**

*Commons House of Assembly, }  
28th day of January, 1832. }*

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, informing His Excellency that this House have passed an Address to His Majesty on the subject of the Jesuits Estates, which they humbly request His Excellency to be pleased to transmit to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be by him laid at the foot of the throne, and that Messieurs Macnab and Elliott, be a Committee to draft the same.

An address to be sent to His Excellency informing him that this House has passed an address to His Majesty and requesting His Excellency to transmit the same.

Ordered.

Mr. Elliott, from the select Committee, to draft and Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to transmit the address to His Majesty, to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, presented a draft which was read twice, concurred in, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on this day.

Address reported and concurred in.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to transmit the address to His Majesty, was read a third time, and passed as follows :

Address to His Excellency read a 3rd time and passed.

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight  
Commander of the Most Honorable Military  
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of  
the Province of Upper Canada, Major General  
commanding His Majesty's Forces therein,  
Sc. Sc. Sc.*

Address to His Excellency requesting His Excellency to transmit address to King on Jesuits estates.

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,**

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled,

bled, beg leave to inform Your Excellency, that we have passed an Address to His Majesty on the subject of the Jesuits Estates, and humbly request Your Excellency to be pleased to transmit the same to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the same may be by him laid at the foot of the throne.

ARCHIBALD MCLEAN,  
SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly, }  
28th day of January, 1832. }

Committee to wait on His Excellency with address.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Samson, moves that Messieurs Macnab and Elliott be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency to know when His Excellency will be pleased to receive this House with the address to His Majesty, on the subject of the Jesuits' Estates.

Ordered.

Parliament building bill sent down amended.

The Clerk to the Honorable the Legislative Council brought down from that Honorable House, a message, and the bill entitled "An Act to provide for the completion of the Parliament Building," which that Honorable House had passed, with some amendments, to which the concurrence of this House was requested.

The message was read as follows :

MR. SPEAKER,

Peter's Point Light House bill passed by Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council have passed the bill sent to this House from the Commons' House of Assembly, entitled "An Act granting to His Majesty a certain sum of money, to defray the expense of erecting a Light House between Nicholson's Island and the Ducks, and appointing Commissioners to superintend the erection thereof," without amendment.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber, }  
28th day of January, 1832. }

Amendments to Parliament building bill read.

The amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to provide for the completion of the Parliament Building," were read a first time, as follows :

Press. 2, line 3.—Before "James Fitzgibbon, Esquire," insert "the Honorable Alexander McDonell" and expunge "David Archibald Macnab, Esq."

Second reading amendments three months.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the amendment made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to provide for the completion of the Parliament Building," be read a second time this day three months.

Nem Con.

Which was carried, nem. con.

Members present.

Present—Messieurs Attorney General, Berczy, Bidwell, Boulton, Brown, Buell, Burwell, Chisholm, Clark, Cook, Crooks, Duncombe, Elliott, Howard, Jarvis, Ketchum, Lyons, D. McDonald, McMartin, Macnab, Magon, Morris, Mount, Norton, Randal, Robinson, Roblin, Samson, Shade, Shaver, Solicitor-General, Thomson, VanKoughnet, and Werden.

House to wait on His Excellency with address to King at 3 P. M. to-day.

Mr. Macnab, from the Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when His Excellency would be pleased to receive this House with its address, requesting His Excellency to transmit the address to His Majesty, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to name the hour of three P. M. this day.

House waits on His Excellency with address to King on Jesu-its estates.

At three o'clock P. M. the House waited on His Excellency with its address, requesting His Excellency to transmit the address to His Majesty, on the subject of the Jesuits' Estates, to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be by him laid at the foot of the Throne; and being returned, the Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer :

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

Answer.

I will take an early opportunity of forwarding to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, this address to the King.

An address to be sent to His Excellency requesting that a larger impression of Acts may be made in future.

Mr. Macnab, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be made a larger impression of the Acts of the present Session of the Legislature, so as there may not be less than forty copies at the disposal of each member of the Legislature, and this House will, at the next Session of Parliament, make good the expense of the same, as well as for all other printing required to be done for the Government of this Province during the current year.

Ordered.

At three o'clock P. M. the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod came to the Bar and delivered His Excellency's commands for the immediate attendance of the House at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber; and, having retired, the Speaker and Members present forthwith attended at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to assent, in His Majesty's name, to the following bills, viz :—

Black Rod delivers His Excellency's commands for attendance of House at bar of Legislative Council. House attends.

"An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction of Commissioners of Customs in this Province."

Bills assented to by His Excellency.

"An Act to facilitate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and to afford to such Justices reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty."

"An Act to make valid certain proceedings in the Home District Court."

"An Act to confirm British Subjects in their titles to Real Estates in this Province, derived through Aliens."

"An Act to provide for making Stock held in Companies having a Joint Transferable Stock, liable to the satisfaction of debts."

"An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to ascertain the North Boundary Line of the Township of Niagara, and to establish a public highway contiguous to the same."

"An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company, of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District."

"An Act to Incorporate a Joint Stock Company to improve the Navigation of the Grand River."

"An Act to afford means for attaching the Property of Absconding Debtors."

"An Act for altering and amending the Charter of the President, Directors and Company, of the Bank of Upper Canada, and for increasing the number of Shares to be held in the Capital Stock of the said Bank."

"An Act to repeal part of, and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the last Session of the Parliament of this Province, entitled 'An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District.'"

"An Act to establish a Police in the Town of Brockville, in the District of Johnstown."

"An Act to repeal part of, and amend the Charter of the Niagara Canal Company."

"An Act granting to His Majesty, a sum of money to defray the contingent expenses of the last Session of the Provincial Parliament."

"An Act granting a sum of money for the relief of the sick and destitute Emigrants at Prescott."

"An Act to impose an additional duty on licenses to vend Wines, Brandy, and Spirituous Liquors."

"An Act to authorise a loan to the President, Directors and Company of the Cobourg Harbor."

"An Act to authorise a loan to the President, Directors and Company of the Port Hope Harbor and Wharf Company."

"An Act authorising a loan to the President and Directors of the Desjardins' Canal Company."

"An Act granting to His Majesty, a sum of money to obtain plans and estimates of a Penitentiary to be erected in this Province, and to appoint Commissioners for the same."

"An Act to grant a sum of money to His Majesty, in aid of the York Hospital."

"An Act granting to His Majesty, a sum of money in aid of the erection of an Hospital in or near the Town of Kingston."

"An Act granting to His Majesty, a sum of money to be expended in the completion of the Burlington Bay Canal, and to defray the expenses thereof."

"An Act for granting to His Majesty, a certain sum of money to defray the expense of erecting a Light House between Nicholson's Island and the Ducks, and for appointing Commissioners to superintend the erection thereof."

"An Act to continue in force for a limited time, an Act passed in the fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to restrain the selling of Beer, Ale, Cider, and other liquors not spirituous, in certain Towns and Villages in this Province, and to regulate the manner of licensing the same."

"An Act granting to His Majesty, a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned."

Bills assented  
to by His  
Excellency.

“An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the fourth year of His late Majesty’s Reign, “entitled, “An Act to divide the County of Carleton, in the Bathurst District.”

“An Act to Incorporate a Joint Stock Company, under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Port Burwell Harbor.”

“An Act Incorporating a Joint Stock Company, under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Port Dover Harbor.”

“An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the first year of His Majesty’s Reign, “entitled, “An Act granting to His Majesty, a sum of money to be raised by Debeniure for the improvement of Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of this Province.”

“An Act for appropriating certain monies towards the payment of the war losses.”

And was pleased to reserve for the signification of His Majesty’s pleasure, the Bill entitled,

Bill reserved.

“An Act to protect the interests of Captain Alexander Shaw.”

His Excellency was then pleased to address the two Houses with the following Gracious Speech:

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

Speech of His  
Excellency at  
close of  
Session.

In relieving you from your Legislative duties, it is satisfactory to me to observe, that you have directed your attention to several objects of great interest to the Colony.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I thank you in His Majesty’s name, for the sums voted for Public Institutions, and Works carrying on in the Province.

*Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,*

The extent and fertility of the unoccupied lands will continue to attract to this Country large portions of the redundant population of the Parent State. I am therefore persuaded, that on your return to your respective Counties, your influence may be usefully exerted in organizing Societies for the purpose of affording information to Emigrants, which they so much require, at the Ports where they first disembark, and facilitating their dispersion in the Districts in which they may readily obtain employment.

The increasing value of land—the Harbors, Canals, and Steam Boats, now constructing—the number of acres brought into cultivation in most Districts—the projected internal Commerce by Steam Vessels on Lake Simcoe, and the Rice Lakes, are the favorable results of recent Emigration.

The exports of Staple products of the Province, last Season, amounted to a third more than those of the preceding year, and the sales of imported articles have been doubled in three years.

Such are the proofs of the property and independence, which, in a few years, have been created wholly in the Province by the industry and labor of the great body of Settlers; and also of the general prosperity and progressive advancement of the interests of the Colony.

After which the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council declared, that it was His Excellency’s pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to the seventh day of March next, and declared the Parliament prorogued to the said seventh day of March, to be then and here holden.

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**POSTAGE ON LETTERS** to and from Members to be paid by Clerk, 7.

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**--Brought to the Bar, 16.  
 Referred to Select Committee, 23, 26.  
 Reported on, 66--2nd do. 95.

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<b>PETITION OF</b> --Abbott Joseph, and 25 others, Whitby, co. York,	84	88	88		
Adams Andrew, ch'n. of Public Meet'g. & 33 others, Edwardsburg,	76	85	85	107	R.&A.
Adams Andw., Jun., & 9 others, Marlboro', &c. Johnstown District,	54	58	58	107	do.
Adams, Geo. & 87 others, Niagara District,	18	22	23	25	Bill.
Adams Wm. & 19 others, Edwardsburgh, J. D.,	30	35	40		
Aikin D. B. & 22 others, of Guelph, &c.	12	16		107	R.&A.
Algeo R. H. & 45 others, of the co. of Simcoe,	66	68	69		
Anderson S. & 32 others, Eastern District,	36	39	43	47	Bill.
Armstrong Robt. ch'n. of Pub. Meet'g. & 69 others, Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury,	48	52		107	R.&A.

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<b>PETITION of</b> --Armstrong Thos. & 35 others, of Guelph, Erramosa, and Nichol,	12	16		107	do.
Ashbridge Jonathan, & 40 others, Town and Township of York,	42	46	49		
Ault Jno. E. & 34 others, co. Dundas,	34	39	40	107	R.&A.
Bacon Miles, & 85 others, of Caledon,	15	19	19	107	R.&A.
Bagwell Jno. & 81 others, of Toronto & Chinguacousey,	75	85			
Baker, Howard & Flummerfelt, [debtors]	8	10	13	102	Bill.
Baldwin W. W. & 9 others, Stockholders, Desjardins' Canal Company,	99	99	99		
Balantine D. & 29 others, of Wolford & Montagu, Johnstown District,	54	58	58	107	R.&A.
Barnett Thos. of Stamford, Niagara District,	10	15	40		
Bass James C. & 18 others, of Edwardsb'h, Johnstown District,	48	52		107	R.&A.
Beattie James, & 56 others, of Trafalgar and Esquising, Gore Dist.,	42	46	49		
Bellamy Samuel, and 17 others, of Augusta, J. D.	54	58	58	107	R.&A.
Bergin Wm. & 24 others, of the Town of York,	68	71	76	118	R.&A.
Binkley John, & 78 others, of the Township of Ancaster,	28	35		107	R.&A.
Black Hugh, & 132 others, co. of Halton,	43	48	49		
Blevins Robert, & 57 others, of the H. District,	89	92			
Bouchier John, and 49 others, of Georgina,	18	22	23		
Brakenridge D. & 213 others,	15	19	19	31	Rep't.
Brouse Geo. & 66 others, co. of Dundas,	34	39	40	107	R.&A.
Brown D. & 38 others, of Esquising in Gore Dis.,	76	85	85	107	R.&A.
Brown John, & 60 others, of Trafalgar & Esquising,	47	52	53	107	R.&A.
Brunson Nat. & 37 others, Eastern District,	36	39	43		
Buchanan W. & 13 others, of the Townships of Marlboro' &c. J. D.	48	52		107	R.&A.
Burke G. T. Esq. & 422 others, of co. of C'rt'nton,	76	85			
Burns Dav. & 215 others,	50	54	54	62	R.&A.
Burtell T. & 170 others, of Toronto,	75	85	85	107	R.&A.
Butler Truelove, ch'n. of Public Meeting, Brockville, and 113 others,	75	85	85	111	do.
Callaghan Rich. & 37 others, of Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury,	76	85			
Cameron Angus, & 54 others, of Osnabrock & Finch,	31	35	40	107	R.&A.
Campbell Wm. & 16 others, of Esquising, G. D.	76	85	85	107	R.&A.
Carey John, of the Town of York, Printer,	69	75	75	124	Rep.
Casons Andrew, & 36 others, of Marlboro', Oxford, &c. Johnstown D't.	48	52		107	R.&A.
Caulfield John, & 27 others, of Nichol, Erramosa & Guelph.	12	16		107	R.&A.
Cauthra J. & Wm. Lyon MacKenzie, of Town of York,	48	52		107	R.&A.
Chalmer Geo. & 314 others, of Trafalgar, co. of Halton,	43		49		
Chalmers Geo. & 17 others, of Trafalgar, do.	71	75			
Cheney Fred. & 52 others, Markham Townline,	42	46	49		
Chiefs of 6 Nations Indians, co. of Haldimand,	39	44			
Chisholm A. & 193 others, co. of Glengarry,	48	52			
Chisholm Geo. & others,	25	30			
Chisholm John, of East Flamboro', Gore Dist.,	20	25	25	53	Rep.
Church Orin, & 56 others, of Chinguacousey and Toronto,	59	66			
Clark, the Hon. Thomas, & 91 others, of Niagara,	27	34	47		
Clemens Geo. & 349 others, inhabitants of Waterloo, Gore District,	76	85	85		
Clow Henry, and 12 others, Johnstown Dist.	99	107			
Coates James, and 141 others, of Albion,	10	15	15	107	

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—Coleman Wm. & 68 others, of Beverly & Dunfries,	27	24	40		
Colman Rob't. & 105 others, of S. Gower, Oxford & Mountain,	51	53			
Corlis Swain P., of the Township of Lobo, London Dist.,	39	43	44	87	Rep't.
Cornell Henry J. & 93 others, inhabitants London District,	95	99			
Cornell Samuel, & 81 others, of Beverly,	16	21	21	107	R.&A.
Corwin Jno. & 21 others of the Niagara District,	43	52		107	R.&A.
Cook Geo. & 99 others, of the Co. Dundas,	47	52	52	107	R.&A.
Cotter James, Esq. & 23 others, of Prince Edward co.	8	13	13		
Conke John, & 35 others, of the Niagara District,	30	35	40	107	R.&A.
Creighton Ogden, of Stamford Niagara District,	45	50	50		
Cunningham Wm. & 10 others, 3rd con. mil. tract, Hallowell,	29	31	40		
Cushman Artimus, Camden, Midland District,	20	25			
Decks J. & 79 others, of the co. of Dundas,	47	52	52	107	R.&A.
Deming Henry, & 122 others, of the Eastern District,	37	91	93		
Devenish Wm. & 244 others, of Scarborough,	10	15		107	R.&A.
Devenish Wm. & 11 others, of Scarborough & York,	34	38	38		
Dickey John, & 33 others, of the Johnstown District,	75	85	85	107	R.&A.
Dougal Jas. & 22 others, of 3rd con. mil. tract, Hallowell,	29	31			
Dougal Jas. & 3 others, of do.	34	39	40		
Douglas Jno. C. of Montreal, Engineer,	27	23	23	29	Bill.
Draper Joel, & 21 others, of Hope & Clark, Newcastle D.	39	92	93		
Duncan Thos. Sen. & 234 others, of Lochiel & Kenyon, Eastern District,	67	69			
Durand James, of Dundas in Gore District,	76	35	39		
Eastman Nadab, Sen. & 27 others, of Cornwall, Eastern District,	36	39	43		
Eaton John, & 43 others, of East Flamboro', Gore Dist.	50	54	53		
Eddy Wm. & 43 others, of Oxford, Marlboro', & C. Johnstown District,	43	52		107	R.&A.
Elliott Stephen H. & 102 others, of the London Dist.	15	19			
Ellis Wm. & 33 others, of WOLFORD & MONTAGU, Johnstown District,	43	52		107	R.&A.
Ellayer John, & 16 others, of Rainham & Walpole,	39	44			
Elsworth Caleb, & 100 others, of Whitby & Pickering,	12	16			
Embury Philip, & 42 others, of Sidney & Thurlow, Midland District,	39	44	44		
Empey Philip P. & 23 others, of Cornwall,	42	46	47		
Erb John, Sen. & 37 others, of Waterloo, Gore District,	43	52		107	R.&A.
Evans Francis, & 71 others, co. of Norfolk,	39	44			
Falkner Wm. Esq. J. P. ch'n. Quarter Sessions, Newcastle District,	63	71	71		
Fergus Jas. & 65 others, of the Gore District,	27	34	35		
Fenton Jno. & 26 others, Jurors, Home Dist.	13	22			
Finch Rob't. & 45 others, of Albion, Caledon, & C.	43	52			
Fisher D. J. P. & 155 others, of Nepean, March, Torbolton, Fitzroy, & C.	43	52	53		
Fitzpatrick Anthony, and 33 others, of Esquising & Trafalgar,	31	35			
Flewelling A. J. & 41 others, of Guelph, Nichol & Eramosa,	12	16		107	R.&A.
Forshee Jas. & 101 others, of Fredericksburgh & Adolphustown,	13	22	23	113	Rep't.
Frank Peter, & 230 others, of Vaughan, [Journals, 17,]	8	12	13-14	107	R.&A.
Frats Jacob, & 40 others,	34	39	40	107	R.&A.
Gander M. D. & 55 others, of the Niagara District,	85	88	89		
Glassford Paul, & 66 others, of Brockville,	15	19	19	21	Bill.
Graham Jas. & 98 others, of Eastern Parts of London D.	22	23	30	56	Bill.
Graham James, J. P. & 439 others, co. Norfolk, London District,	32	35	35		
Grant Jas. G. & 33 others, of Osnabruck & Finch,	30	35	40	107	R.&A.

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—Goodhue G. G. & 37 others, of the London District,	39	43	44	44	Bill.
Griffin Smith, & 94 others, of Clinton, Grimsby, & C.	54	39	40		
Griffis Wm. Jun. & 32 others, of Trafalgar,	13	22	23	107	R.&A.
Hagerman Henry, & 72 others, of Sidney & Thurlow.	99	107			
Haines Wm. Sen. & 105 others, of King,	12	16	16	107	R.&A.
Hall Jabez, & 135 others, of the Township of Whitby, Home District,	59	66	67	107	do.
Hamilton P. H. & 67 others, of Norwich, London District,	34	39	40	63	Rep't.
Hammill Wm. & 42 others, of Tecumseth & Adjala,	54	58	58		
Hands Wm. & 26 others, of the Western District,	34	39	40	95	Bill.
Harback H. R. of the Town of Kingston,	47	49	49	56	Bill.
Hart Sam. & 52 others, of the Eastern District,	63	71	71		
Hayward Elisha, of the Town of York,	39	92	93		
Heck S., ch'n. of Pub. Meeting in Augsta, & 36 others,	43	52		107	R.&A.
Heck Sam. & 47 others, of the Johnstown District,	76	85	85	107	R.&A.
Hodkinson Sam. of Grantham, co. of Lincoln,	67	69	69		
Holmes Wm. ch'n. of a Meeting at Brantford, & 5 others,	13	22	23	31	Bill.
Hoople Peter, & 47 others, of Osnabruck & Finch,	30	35	40	107	R.&A.
Hopkins Caleb, & 94 others, of the District of Gore,	22	23	23	107	do.
Hopkins C. ch'n. of Pub. Meeting, & 86 others, of Nelson & Nassagaweya,	22	23	23	107	do.
Horne R. C. Esq. of the Town of York,	73	76	85		
Howard Alpheus, & 24 others, Johnstown District,	75	85	85	107	R.&A.
Hunter David, & 43 others, of Oxford, Marlboro', & C. Johnstown District,	43	52		107	do.
Hunter Rob't. & 25 others, Jurors & others of Home District,	13	22	23		
Hyndman James, & 62 others, of the co. Dundas,	53	57		107	R.&A.
Ingersoll Chs. Esq. & 6 others, London District,	92	96			Bill.
Jackson Jonathan C., & 43 others, of Fredericksburg,	36	39	40		
Jacob Geo. & 16 others, of Sandwich,	34	39	40		
Johnston Thomas, & 91 others, Eastern District,	36	39	43		
Johnston Wm. & 51 others, of Chinguacousey,	34	38	38		
Jones Alpheus, & 149 others, of co. of Grenville,	63	71	72		
Jones Jonas, & 44 others, of Brockville and vicinity,	29	35	35	53	Bill.
Kelly Isaac, & 27 others, of Osnabruck & Finch,	30	35	40		
Ketchum John, & 60 others, of Elizabethtown, Johnstown District,	29	35			
Ketchum Seneca, of the Township of York,	34	39			
King Sherman D. & 33 others, of Osnabruck & Finch,	30	35	40	107	R.&A.
Kinny Peter P. & 11 others of Trafalgar,	13	22	23	107	do.
Kirby John, & 27 others, of Kingston,	15	19	19	74	Report.
Knowlson John, & 155 others, of Cavan, Emily & Monaghan,	54	58	69		
Lafferty Jas. & 54 others, of East Flamborough,	107	115	115	107	R.&A.
Langs Jacob, & 212 others, of the Eastern part of the London District,	22	23	23	56	Bill.
Lawrence John, & 13 others, of Edwardsburgh, Johnstown District,	43	52		107	do.
Leonard E. H. & 74 others, of Esquising, Trafalgar, & C.	67	69	69		
Lewis A. & 31 others, of the Township of Toronto, Home District,	48	52		107	R.&A.
Lindsay Sam. & 22 others, inhabitants of Home District,	75	85			
Lindsay Wm. & Jane, his wife, of Williamsburgh,	27	34			
Long Rob't. & 59 others, of Walpole & Rainham,	22	23			
Lossing Peter, & 67 others, of the London District,	39	92	96		
McArthur Neil, & 97 others, of Ameliasburgh, & C.	31	37			
MacAulay John, & 4 others, Magistrates, Kingston,	39	44	44		
MacAulay John, & 9 others, Magistrates, Kingston,	63	71	75		

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MacAulay, the Rev. W., co. Prince Edward,	16	21			
MacAulay, the Rev. Wm. (Prince Edward,)	67	67	67	67	Bill.
McCall Dan. & 140 others,	8	10	10	56	Bill.
McCall John, ch'n. of a Township Meeting in Esquising, & 45 others,	76	85	85	107	R.&A.
McCartney J. & 33 others, of Hallowell, Hillier, Sophiasburgh, &c. 48-		52	52		
McCargar Hugh, & 157 others, of Mountain, Matilda, &c. Eastern District,	53	53			
McCargar Thos. & 38 others, of Oxford, in the Johnstown District,	90	94	40		
McDiarmid John, & others, of the County of Glengarry,	48	52		107	R.&A.
McDonald Archibald, & 421 others, co. of Glengarry,	89	92	92		
McDonald Donald, & 32 others, of Cornwall & Roxboro'	99	107			
McDonald J. & Co. & 90 others, of Gannanoque and vicinity,	29	35	35		
McDonald H. & 189 others, of Hallowell & Mary'sburgh,	12	22	23	29	Bill.
McDonell, Rt. Rev. Alexander, Bishop of Regiopolis, & 3 others,	31	35	35		
McDougall David, & 17 others, Pentanguishine Road,	79	76			
McEwan Archibald, & 26 others, Eastern District,	75	85	85	107	R.&A.
McFarlane Duncan, & 51 others, of the Niagara District,	69	75			
McFaul Archibald, J. P., and 15 others, of Hallowell,	48	52	52		
McGinnis Donald, and 196 others, of co. of Glengarry,	12	16		107	R.&A.
McKenney R. L. & 94 others, of the London District,	15	19	19		
McKenzie Colin, and 43 others, of Ernest Town, Midland District,	45	50	52		
McKinlay Wm. and 86 others, of the District of Gore,	25	30			
McKinnon D. and 635 others, inhabitants of Bathurst Dist.	67	69			
McLaughlin Francis, and 90 others, of Mulmer, Tosoron-tio, &c.	43	48			
McLean Allan, and 17 others,	34	39	40		
McLellan Duncan, and 41 others, of Osnabrock and Finch,	30	35	40	107	R.&A.
McLem Jas. Sen. & 82 others, of the Niagara and Johnstown Districts,	53	57	58		
McMaster Peter, and 77 others, of Wolford & Montague, Johnstown District,	48	52		107	R.&A.
McNaughton Finlay, and 12 others, of Nelson and Trafalgar,	22	23	23		
McNeilledge Colin, and 6 others,	99	99	99		
Malcolm Finlay, and 79 others, London District,	99	107			
Markeley Chris. and 38 others, co. Dundas,	56	39		107	R.&A.
Markland Thos., J. P., and 20 others, Midland District,	8	13	13	19	Report & Bill.
Markland Thos. and 106 others, of Kingston, co. Frontenac, (Banks),	10	15			
Markland Thos. and 150 others, (Roads),	12	16	16		
Massey F. J. and 4 others, of Wolford & Montagu, Johnstown District,	54	58	58		
Maynard Moses, of Brockville,	50	54	54	63	Bill.
Melvin John, and 151 others, of South Gower and Oxford, Johnstown District,	54	58	58		
Merkely Henry, and 16 others, of Williamsburgh, (called James Holme when referred),	25	30	35		
Merrill Wm. and 35 others, of Sidney, Midland District,	15	19			
Merritt W.H. & 4 others, Trustees, Grantham Academy,	18	22	23		
Merwin Justus S. & 75 others, of the Town of Prescott,	54	58	58	65	Rep't.
Miller & Kirkpatrick, Deputy Surveyors,	42	46			
Milne Alexander, & 97 others, of the Township of York,	48	52		107	R.&A.
Mitroy James, and 35 others, Eastern District,	75	85	85	107	do.
Moad Wm. and 44 others, of Oxford, Marlboro' & N. & S. Gower, Johnstown Dist.	54	58	58	107	do.
Muirhead J. & 50 others, Niagara District,	30	34	35		
Muirhead J. & 17 others, Niagara District,	31	35	35		
Muirhead J. & 37 others, of the Town of Niagara,	34	39	40	44	Bill.

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Muirhead J. & 80 others, of the Niagara District,	34	39	40		
Munger Benjamin, & 39 others, of Chinguacousey & Caledon,	59	66	66		
Myers Matthew, & 21 others, Town of Kingston,	34	39	49		
Neilson Joseph, & 136 others, of Lennox and Addington,	63	71	71		
Nelles Warner, J. P., & 51 others, Niagara District,	36	39			
Niagara Harbor & Dock Com.	34	39	40		
Nudle Adam, and 44 others, co. Dundas.	36	39	40	107	R.&A.
Oliver Rob't. & 53 others, of Guelph, Eramosa & Nichol,	12	16		107	R.&A.
Orr John, & 25 others, of Esquising, Gore District,	76	85	85	107	do.
Overfield Manuel, and 80 others, of the District of Gore,	25	30			
Outwater Belyat, and 13 others, 4th Concession, Frederick's-burg Additional,	43	49	49		
Parkinson Jas. Sen. & 52 others, Eramosa &c., Gore District,	89	92			
Partridge Chas. & 24 others, of Penetanguishine,	34	39	43		
Pearson J. & 23 others,	43	48	50		
Perry Chas. of the Town of York, Blacksmith,	84	87	87		
Perry John, & 14 others, of the Township of Essa,	59	66	66		
Pinnock Sam. and others, of Brockville,	29	34	35		
Porter Wm. and 204 others, of Etobicoke, Vaughan, &c.	69	75	75		
Post Jordan, & 234 others, of the Town of York,	34	39			
Post Rob't. and 16 others, of the Township of Pickering, Home District,	48	52		107	R.&A.
Potts Jacob, J. P. and 26 others, of Charlotteville & Walsingham,	27	34	40		
Patwell J. W. and 110 others, of Windham & Townsend, London District,	89	92			
Powell Wm. and 40 others, of the Township of Bertie,	8	13	43		
President & Directors of the Bank of Upper Canada,	10	15			
President & Directors of the Cobourg Harbor Company,	16	21	21		
President & Directors of the Desjardins' Canal Comp'ny,	25	30			
President & Directors of the Port Hope Harbor Company,	45	50	50		
Priestman Matthew, and 94 others, of Etobicoke,	54	58	58		
Pringle James, and 33 others, Eastern District,	42		47		
Proudfoot A. & 55 others, of Trafalgar and Esquising,	27	34	36		
Ralston Rob't. and 50 others, of Prescott and Augusta, Johnstown District,	48	52		107	R.&A.
Ramsay Geo. J. P. and 21 others, Tecumseth, Home Dis.	34	39	43		
Randal John, and 37 others, of Trafalgar, in the Gore District,	48	52		107	R.&A.
Raney John, and 51 others, of Osnabrock & Finch,	30	35	40	107	do.
Ransom J. & 119 others, of Toronto, co. York,	67	69	69		
Ransom J. & 64 others, of Toronto, co. York,	84	88			
Rapelje A. A. Esq. Sheriff, London District,	18	22	23	31	Bill.
Reeve Wm. B. ch'n. of Public Meeting, Toronto, & 72 others,	75	85	85	107	R.&A.
Richardson John, & 22 others, of Pickering, Home District,	48	52		107	do.
Richardson Hugh, & 38 others,	8	10	10	56	Bill.
Richardson Wm. & 45 others, of Brantford, Gore District,	20	25	25-52	63	Report.
Roadhouse Henry, & 131 others, of Albion,	51	54			
Rose Jesse W. & 23 others, co. Dundas,	36	39	40	107	R.&A.
Ross Gordon, & 45 others, of Cornwall & Roxboro', Eastern District,	48	52		107	do.
Ross W. C. & 41 others, of the District of Gore,	25	30			
Rubidge Chas. & 574 others, of Monaghan, Smith, Ennis-more, Otanabee, Douro, As-phodel, Dummer & Belmont, Newcastle District,	54	54	54	56	Bill.
Sawyer Jos. & 30 others, of the co. of Dundas.	47	52	52	107	R.&A.
Schofield P. & 34 others, of the Township of Beverly,	29	35	35		
Secord David, and 7 others, of the Niagara Frontier,	29	34	36		
Shaver Henry, and 71 others, of Osnabrock and Finch,					

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Eastern District,	50	85	40	107	R.&A.
PETITION of—Shaw Mary Ann. & John S. Baldwin, Town of York,	59	66	66		
Shelden Wm. B. ch'n. of a Pub. Meeting in the Town of Hamilton, Gore District,	86	89	89		
Sherwood H. of Brockville, Esq.	63	71	71	72	Bill.
Sherwood Thos. and 6 others, of Augusta, Johnstown Dis.	48	52		107	R.&A.
Shipman Jno. and 40 others, of Kitley, Yonge & Bastard, Johnstown District,	75	85	85	107	do.
Slater W. T. of the Township of Matilda,	16	21			
Smalley Arad, & 14 others, of N. Gwillimbury,	10	15	19		
Smalley Arad, and 28 others, of East Gwillimbury,	67	69	69		
Smith Carleton C. and 143 others, of the Gore District,	27	35	35	107	R.&A.
Smith Henry, and 90 others, of Kingston, Home District,	48	52		107	do.
Smith Jacob, Sen'r. and 17 others, of the Gore of Fredericksburgh,	99	107			
Smith James F. and 76 others, of the Town of York,	29	34	36		
Smith Rob't (sometimes called Jacob,) and 34 others, of Belleville,	29	34	35		
Smith Wm. [a disbanded Soldier,]	86	89			
Snider Andrew, & 214 others, of Williamsburgh,	8	13	13	53	Rep't.
Soper Levi, and 10 others, of the Johnstown District,	75	85	85	107	R.&A.
Spencer Geo. of the Village of Cobourg,	91-99	107			
Spencer Peleg, and 29 others, of Edward'sburgh, Johnstown District,	48	52		107	R.&A.
Stanton Rob't. Esq. of the Town of York,	32	35	35		
Stocking Thos. and 13 others, of the Niagara District,	99	107			
Stoneburner Leonard, & 35 others, of Osnabrock and Finch,	30	35	40	107	R.&A.
Street Timothy, of Streetville, Home District,	20	25			
Street Timothy, and 71 others, of Toronto,	48	52	53		
Strobridge Jas. Gordon,	43	48			
Stuart Henry, and 113 others, of Osnabrock, and Finch.	30	35	40	107	R.&A.
Stuart, the Rev. Geo. O'Kill, and 71 others, of the Town and Township of Kingston,	8	13	13	51	Report.
Stuart, the Rev. Geo. O'Kill, and 17 others, of the Town of Kingston,	54	58			
Sullivan Geo. and 22 others, of Glengarry,	75	85	85		
Sweet Allan, and 30 others, of Brockville, Elizabethtown, Leeds, &c.	75	85	85	107	R.&A.
Switzer Martin, and 53 others, inhabitants of Toronto,	75	85	85	107	do.
Tenick Aaron, and 13 others, of Wolford and Montagu, Johnstown District,	53	58	58	107	do.
Terry Timothy, and others, Thomas Sam. and 34 others, of the Township of Maitland,	29	35	35		
Thomson David, and 516 others, of the Niagara District,	50	54	56	113	Report.
Thomson James, and 111 others, of the co. of Haldimand,	18	22			
Thomson Thomas, and 31 others, of Esquising, in the Gore District,	78	85	85	107	R.&A.
Thomson Wm. and 62 others, of Oxford, Marlboro' &c. Johnstown District,	48	52		107	do.
Thomson James, and 34 others, of Trafalgar,	18	22			
Thomson H. C. and James Macfarlane, Esqs. of Kingston,	25	30	30	51	Report.
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