



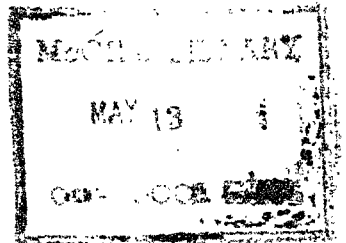
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HIS EXCELLENCY SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K.C.B.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

BY ORDER OF THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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

PROCLAMATION.

UPPER CANADA.

J. COLBORNE,

Lieutenant Governor.

Proclamation for
Proroguing the Par-
liament to Saturday,
the 15th May, 1830.

GEORGE 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 Twelfth day of April, instant, to be commenced, held, called and elected, and to every of you:—

GREETING:

WHEREAS on the Sixth day of March last we thought fit to Prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the Twelfth 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 con-voking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Saturday, the Fifteenth 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 Fifth day of April, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty, and in the Eleventh Year of our Reign.

J. C.

By Command of His Excellency.

HENRY JOHN 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 Tenth day of May, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty, the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further Prorogued to Tuesday, the Twenty-fourth day of June, next ensuing.

Proclamation for
Proroguing the Par-
liament to Thursday,
the 24th June, 1830.

By a further Proclamation of His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, dated the Twenty-second day of June, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty, the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further Prorogued to Thursday, the Twenty-ninth day of July, next ensuing.

Proclamation for
Proroguing the Par-
liament to Tuesday,
the 29th July, 1830.

By a further Proclamation of His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, dated the Twenty-seventh day of July, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty the meeting of the Legislative

Proclamation for
Proroguing the Par-
liament to Saturday,
the 4th September,
1830.

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

Council and House of Assembly stands further Prorogued to Saturday, the Fourth day of September, 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 Third day of September, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty, the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further Prorogued to Saturday, the Ninth day of October, next ensuing.

Proclamation for Proroguing the Parliament to Saturday, the 9th October, 1830.

UPPER CANADA.

J. COLBORNE.

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 all our loving Subjects in our said Province of Upper Canada :—

GREETING :

WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Executive Council, to Dissolve this present Provincial Parliament, which stands Prorogued to Saturday, the Ninth day of October next—WE do for that end publish this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby Dissolve the said Provincial Parliament accordingly, and our Legislative Councillors, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, of our said Province are discharged from their meeting and attendance on the said Saturday, the Ninth day of October next: and WE being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet our People, and to have their advice in our Provincial Parliament, do hereby make known to all our loving Subjects our Royal will and pleasure to call a new Provincial Parliament: and WE do hereby further declare, that with the advice of our Executive Council, WE have given order that Writs shall forthwith issue in due form and according to Law, for Summoning and calling together a new Assembly in and for the said Province: And WE do hereby also, by this our Royal Proclamation under our Great Seal of our said Province, require Writs forthwith to be issued accordingly for Summoning and calling together an Assembly in and for our said Province, who are to serve in the said Provincial Parliament, to be duly returned and to give their attendance in our said Provincial Parliament, which Writs are to be returnable on Friday, the Twenty-ninth day of October next.

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 Tenth day of September, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty, and in the First Year of our Reign.

J. C.

By His Excellency's Command.

H. J. BOULTON,
Attorney General.

D. CAMERON,
Secretary.

UPPER CANADA.

J. COLBORNE.

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-ninth day of October, instant, to be commenced, held, called and elected, and to every of you :—

GREETING :

Proclamation for Dissolving the present Parliament, and requiring writs to be forthwith issued for summoning and calling together a new Assembly, returnable on Friday, the 29th October 1830.

Proclamation for Proroguing the Parliament to Wednesday, the 17th November, 1830.

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

WHEREAS for certain arduous and urgent affairs Us, the state and defence of our Province of Upper Canada concerning, at our Assembly at the day and place aforesaid to be held, We have ordained you by our separate writs, at the Town and day aforesaid to be present for the purposes therein mentioned : Nevertheless for certain causes and considerations, Us thereto especially moving our said Assembly at and upon the said Twenty-ninth day of October instant, We have thought fit to Prorogue, so that you and every of you, on the said Twenty-ninth day of October, instant, at our said Town to appear are to be held and constrained : For We do will, that you and each of you be as to us in this matter entirely exonerated ; commanding, and by the tenor of these presents firmly enjoining, you and every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Wednesday, the Seventeenth day of November, now next ensuing, at our Town of York, personally, you and every of you to be and appear, to treat, do, act and conclude, upon those things, which in our said Assembly, by the Common Council of our said Province, by the favour of God may be ordained.

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 Twenty-fifth day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty, and in the First Year of our Reign.

J. C.

By Command of His Excellency in Council.

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 Tenth day of November, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty, the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further Prorogued to Friday, the Seventeenth day of December, next ensuing.

Proclamation for Proroguing the Parliament to Friday, the 17th December, 1830

UPPER CANADA.

J. COLBORNE.

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 Seventeenth day of December, instant, to be commenced, held, called and elected, and to every of you :—

Proclamation for calling the Parliament on Friday, the 7th January, 1831. for the actual despatch of public business.

GREETING :

WHEREAS by our Proclamation bearing date the Tenth day of November last, we thought fit to Prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the Seventeenth day of December, 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 con-voking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Friday, the Seventh day of January, 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. *Licutenant Governor.*

SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of our said Province, and Major General Commanding our Forces therein, at York, this Fourth day of December, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty, and in the First Year of our Reign.

J. C.

By Command of His Excellency.

HENRY J. BOULTON,
Attorney General.

D. CAMERON,
Secretary.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

UPPER CANADA.

7th & 8th January, 1831.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Provincial Legislature,
At two o'clock P. M. the House met.

Prayers were read.

After which the Oath prescribed by the Statute, 31st. Geo. 3rd. Chap. 31st. was taken and subscribed at the Table, in the presence of GRANT POWELL Esquire, one of the Commissioners named for that purpose, by the following Members, who took their Seats, :—viz.

Oath prescribed by the 31st Geo. 3d Chap. 31st, administered to Members of the House.

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER.	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> GEORGE H. MARKLAND,
<i>The Hon. Mr.</i> JAMES BABY,	“ “ JOHN H. DUNN,
<i>The Hon. & Ven. the</i> ARCHDEACON OF YORK,	“ “ WILLIAM ALLAN,
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> JOSEPH WELLS,	“ “ PETER ROBINSON,
“ “ DUNCAN CAMERON,	“ “ JAMES GORDON,
“ “ GEORGE CROOKSHANK,	“ “ WILLIAM D. POWELL,

Then the House formed.

At three o'clock P. M. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor being seated on the Throne, His Honor the Speaker of the Legislative Council commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to inform the Members of the Assembly that it was His Excellency's pleasure, that they do forthwith attend at the Bar of this House; who being come thereto, the Speaker of this House said—

His Excellency comes to the House and commands the attendance of Assembly.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to inform you, that His Excellency does not think fit to declare the causes for which he has summoned this Provincial Parliament until there be a Speaker of the House of Assembly; it is, therefore, His Excellency's pleasure that, you Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, do forthwith repair to your Chamber and there choose a fit person to be your Speaker, and that you present the person whom you shall have so chosen to His Excellency, in this House to-morrow at three o'clock, for His approbation.

The Speaker of this House being commanded by His Excellency, informs the Assembly that the causes for summoning the present Parliament will not be declared by the Lieutenant Governor until there be a Speaker of the House of Assembly.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

His Excellency retires.
The House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow at half past two o'clock P. M.

Saturday, 8th January, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> DUNCAN CAMERON,
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> JAMES BABY,	“ “ GEORGE H. MARKLAND,
“ “ WILLIAM D. POWELL,	“ “ JOHN H. DUNN,
“ “ GEORGE CROOKSHANK,	“ “ WILLIAM ALLAN,
<i>The Hon. & Ven. the</i> ARCHDEACON OF YORK,	“ “ PETER ROBINSON,
<i>The Hon. Mr.</i> JOSEPH WELLS.	“ “ JAMES GORDON,

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having come to the House, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor again comes to the House, and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

Saturday, 5th January, 1831.

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to let the Assembly know, it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House : who being come—

Mr. McLEAN said :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The House of Assembly, in obedience to Your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the election of a Speaker, and it now becomes my duty to announce to Your Excellency, that I have been chosen to fill that Office.

My deep sense of the importance of the duties which their choice imposes upon me, cannot but make me distrust my own ability sufficiently to discharge them ; and I rely rather on my ardent desire to fulfil the just expectations of the House of Assembly than on my fitness for the situation, while in their behalf I respectfully pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to approve of their choice.

Then the Speaker of this House said :—

Mr. McLEAN,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands me to declare to you, that in full assurance of your discretion, ability and zeal, He entirely approves of the choice which the Assembly have made, and does confirm and allow you to be their Speaker.

Then the Speaker of the Assembly said :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The very gracious manner in which Your Excellency has been pleased to approve of the choice which the Assembly has made of me as their Speaker, demands and receives my most grateful acknowledgments.

If in the execution of the important duties of my situation, I should at any time fall into error, I entreat that the fault may be imputed to me and not unto the Assembly, whose servant I have the honor to be ; and that they may be the better enabled to discharge their duty to His Majesty and their Country, I do, in their name, and on their behalf, by humble petition, lay claim to all their rights and privileges, particularly that they may have liberty of Speech for the better management of their Debates, access to Your Excellency's Person on all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favorable interpretation.

Then the Speaker of this House said :—

Mr. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to His Majesty's Person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, He grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you, that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all seasonable occasions ; and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from Him the most favorable construction.

Then His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that he was in possession of a copy of His Excellency's Speech which, he read, and it was again read (*pro forma*) by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

Honorable Gentlemen, and
Gentlemen :

Since the Prorogation of the Provincial Parliament we have had to lament the demise of our late most Gracious Sovereign ; an affliction which has spread through the British Empire the deepest sorrow and regret.

In opening this Session, I cannot but draw your attention to the declaration of the King, on His succeeding to the Throne of His Ancestors. It will be long borne in mind by His faithful and loyal Subjects, and will best convey to you His Majesty's resolution to rely upon the advice and the zealous co-operation of Parliament, in His anxious endeavours, under the

Mr. McLean's Address informing His Excellency that he is chosen by the Assembly to be their Speaker.

The Speaker of this House being commanded by His Excellency, replies to Mr. McLean, by declaring that the Lieutenant Governor contents and allows him to be Speaker of the Assembly.

Reply of the Speaker of Assembly thereto.

The Speaker of Assembly answered by the Speaker of this House.

Parliament convened.

His Excellency retires. The Speaker delivers a copy of His Excellency's Speech. Same read.

The Speech.

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

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

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

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

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

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

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen :

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

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

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

Committee appointed to draft an Address in answer thereto.

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

Members composing same.

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

The House adjourns.

Monday, 10th January, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

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

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

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

Petition of Ira Schofield and others presented.

10th & 11th *January*, 1831.

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Report of the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to His Speech at the opening of the Session. Draft of Address read first time. Read second time.

The Honorable Mr. Markland from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Speech at the opening of the Session reported a draft thereof, which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the report be received, and the said draft was again read by the Clerk, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole to take the same into consideration.

Committed.

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said draft into consideration, had made some amendments thereto, and recommended the same as amended to the adoption of the House.

Amended.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Ordered, that the said Address as amended be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

Tuesday, 11th *January*, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* WILLIAM ALLAN,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM D. POWELL, “ “ PETER ROBINSON,
 “ “ GEORGE CROOKSHANK, “ “ JAMES GORDON,
 “ “ JOSEPH WELLS,

Prayers were read.

Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor read third time and passed.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Speech at the opening of the Session was read a third time and passed, as follows :—

The Address.

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, and 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 Legislative Council of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, return our most respectful thanks for Your Excellency's Speech from the Throne.

The deep sorrow and regret which have been spread through the British Empire by the demise of our Most Gracious Sovereign, were not less sensibly felt in this portion of His Majesty's Dominions.

We thank Your Excellency for drawing our attention to the declaration of the King on succeeding to the Throne of His Ancestors, and shall long bear it in mind as conveying His Majesty's Resolution to rely upon the advice and zealous co-operation of Parliament in his anxious endeavours, under the blessing of Divine Providence, to protect the liberties of the people and to promote their happiness.

We concur with Your Excellency in considering that the progress of our Commercial intercourse with the Parent State, the increasing Revenue and the tide of Emigration which has recently turned with so much profit to Upper Canada, call for the best efforts of the Legislature to confirm and increase the advantages to be derived from them.

As the value of our uninterrupted Inland Navigation appears to be now highly appreciated, we confidently anticipate the successful results expected from perfecting the communication between the Great Lakes; and we agree with Your Excellency in thinking that the efforts which are directed to accomplish this important object, and to complete the Rideau Canal

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

before the close of the next Autumn, suggest the expediency of adopting such a system of constructing the Highways of the Province as will best enable the Agriculturists in the more remote Townships to participate in its Commerce, and prevent the public and individual loss which must be sustained by their exclusion from a Market where the supply of the produce of this Country is quite unequal to the demand.

The Acts which are about to expire shall receive our early attention.

We shall not fail to examine the Returns and Reports prepared for us to shew the effect of the measures which have been adopted to ensure an active prosecution of Public Works, and to foster the Institutions organized with the sanction of the Legislature; and we feel assured that the course pursued with that view, the encouragement and protection afforded to Emigrants of every description, and a judicious application of means to improve the Internal Navigation, will not fail to accord with the wishes of the people, and greatly to augment a class of Settlers who have been accustomed to love and venerate our Constitution, and whose labour, enterprise and capital, are essentially contributing to advance the prosperity and welfare of the Province.

[Signed,]

JOHN B. ROBINSON,
SPEAKER.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
11th day of January. 1831.*

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York enters,

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Allan and Gordon be appointed a Select Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when this House would be received with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of J. G. Bethune and others, praying for an Act authorising the erection of a new Gaol and Court House for the District of Newcastle, at Cobourg, and the appropriation of the District Funds for that purpose, which was laid on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Allan from the Select Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when this House would be received with its Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency had appointed the hour of eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow for that purpose.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until half past ten o'clock to-morrow A. M.

Wednesday, 12th January, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER. *The Hon. Messrs.* DUNCAN CAMERON,
The Hon. Mr. GEORGE CROOKSHANK, " " GEORGE H. MARKLAND,
The Hon. & Ven. the ARCHDEACON OF YORK, " " WILLIAM ALLAN,
The Hon. Mr. JOSEPH WELLS. " " PETER ROBINSON,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

At eleven o'clock A. M. the House proceeded to the Government House, and returned.

The Honorable Messrs. Baby and Gordon enter.

Then the Speaker reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to receive their Address, and to return an answer thereto of which he had obtained a copy, which he read, and it was again read by the Clerk as follows:—

Honorable Gentlemen:

I return you my thanks for this Address, and receive the assurances expressed in it with much satisfaction.

A Member enters the House.

A Committee appointed, to know when His Excellency would receive this House with their Address.

Petition of J. G. Bethune and others presented.

Report of the Select Committee appointed to know when His Excellency would receive this House with their Address.

The House adjourns.

The House meets.

Members present.

The House proceeds with its Address to the Government House.

Members enter the House.

The Speaker reports the Answer of Lieutenant Governor to the above Address.

The answer read.

12th & 14th January, 1831.

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Petition of Ira Schofield and others, praying for an Act repealing the Law which requires that the District School shall be kept at Vittoria, and enacting that in future the same shall be kept in the Town of London, read.
The House adjourns.
The House meets.

The Petition of Ira Schofield and others, praying for an Act repealing the Law which requires that the District School shall be kept at Vittoria, and enacting that in future the said District School shall be kept in the Town of London, was read.

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

Friday, 14th January, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

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

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

Petition of J. G. Bethune and others, on the subject of a new Gaol and Court House for the District of Newcastle, read.
Speakers notice of bringing in Commissioners of Customs jurisdiction Bill.
Petition of R. Ironside and others presented.

The Petition of J. G. Bethune and others, praying for an Act authorising the erection of a new Gaol and Court House for the District of Newcastle at Cobourg, and the appropriation of the District funds for that purpose, was read.

His Honor the Speaker gave notice that on Monday next he will move for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the Jurisdiction of Commissioners of Customs in this Province.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon brought up the Petition of R. Ironside and others, praying for an Act by which the Magistrates of the Western District, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, may be authorised to make such rules and regulations and establish fees for a Market and Wharf in the Town of Amherstburgh, and to fix such fines and penalties as they may think necessary to enforce the same.

Messages from Lieutenant Governor.

Several Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor were delivered by Mr. Secretary Mudge, who being retired, the Speaker read the same, and they were again read by the Clerk as follows :

Transmitting Population returns.

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, copies of the Returns received from the Clerks of the Peace of the Population of the several Districts of this Province, for the year 1830.

*Government House,
13th January, 1831.*

Transmitting a Petition and report on the improvement of the St. Lawrence.

J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor transmits, for the favorable consideration of the Legislative Council, the accompanying Petition and Report on the improvement of the St. Lawrence.

*Government House,
13th January, 1831.*

Transmitting a statement of Government Debentures.

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, a statement of the Receiver General, shewing the Debentures issued under the authority of various Provincial Statutes which are now outstanding, and those also which have been redeemed.

*Government House,
13th January, 1831.*

Transmitting copies of Assessment returns.

J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, copies of such Returns of Ratable Property as have been received, for the year 1830.

*Government House,
13th January, 1831.*

Transmitting the copy of a report of the Commissioners of the Burlington Bay Canal.

J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, a copy of a Report received from the Commissioners of the Burlington Bay Canal, under the provisions of an Act passed in the last Session of the Legislature.

*Government House,
13th January, 1831.*

14th & 17th *January*, 1831.SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K.C.B. *Lieutenant Governor.***J. COLBORNE.**

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the accompanying Documents, forwarded to him by the Receiver General, respecting a negotiation with certain Bankers, with a view of obtaining the Loan authorised by an Act passed in the last Session.

*Government House,*13th *January*, 1831.

Transmitting documents respecting a negotiation with certain Bankers on the subject of a loan authorised by an Act passed in the last Session.

J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor in transmitting a Return of the principal Exports by Coteau du Lac, from the 12th of April to the 20th December 1830, takes this opportunity of drawing the attention of the Legislative Council to the accompanying observations respecting the advantage which the Province may derive from effecting a change in the present system of constructing Roads, and the importance of improving the routs to the Ports on the Lakes.

*Government House,*13th *January*, 1831.

Transmitting a return of the principal exports by Coteau du Lac from the 12th April to the 20th December 1830, and requesting the attention of the Legislative Council to the accompanying observations on the subject of the present system of constructing roads, &c.

The Honorable Mr. Markland enters.

Ordered, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respectfully thanking him for his several Messages of this day, and it was—

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

The Honorable Mr. Markland brought up the Petition of James Gordon Strobridge, late Contractor for the Burlington Bay Canal, praying that the award of the Arbitrators may be complied with on the part of the Government, and that the amount therein expressed may be paid over to him; also the Petition of Thomas Markland and others, praying to be established as a Banking Company, in the Town of Kingston, by an Act incorporating them under the style and title of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada,—and also the Petition of George Simmons and others, to the like effect, which were laid on the Table.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday next.

A Member enters the House.

Address ordered to be presented to the Lieutenant Governor, thanking him for the Messages of this day. Committee appointed for that purpose.

Petition of James Gordon Strobridge, presented.

Petition of Thomas Markland and others, presented.

Petition of George Simmons and others, presented.

The House adjourns.

Monday, 17th *January*, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

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

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

The Petition of R. Ironside and others, praying for an Act by which the Magistrates of the Western District, in General Quarter Sessions Assembled, may be authorised to make such Rules and Regulations, and establish Fees for a Market and Wharf in the Town of Amherstburgh, and to fix such fines and penalties as they may think necessary to enforce the same, was read.

The Honorable Mr. Cameron enters.

The Petition of James Gordon Strobridge, late Contractor for the Burlington Bay Canal, praying that the award of the Arbitrators may be complied with on the part of the Government, and that the amount therein expressed may be paid over to him, was read.

The Petition of Thomas Markland and others, praying to be established as a Banking Company, in the Town of Kingston, by an Act incorporating them under the style and title of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada, was read.

The Petition of George Simmons and others, to the like effect, was read.

Pursuant to notice, his Honor the Speaker brought in a Bill for removing doubts with respect to the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Customs within this Province, which was read, and it was—

Petition of R. Ironside and others, praying for an Act authorising Regulations and Fees for a Market and Wharf in the Town of Amherstburgh, read.

A Member enters the House.

Petition of James Gordon Strobridge, praying that award of the Arbitrators may be complied with, and amount be paid over to him, read.

Petition of Thomas Markland and others, praying to be established as a Banking Company in the Town of Kingston, read.

Petition of George Simmons and others, (to the like effect,) read.

Commissioners of Customs Jurisdiction Bill brought in. Read first time.

17th, 18th, & 19th January, 1831.

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Ordered, to be read a second time to-morrow.

Speaker's notice of bringing in Quebec Ordinances repeal Bill.

His Honor the Speaker gave notice that he will move, to-morrow, for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec to be no longer in force in this Province.

Petition of A. P. Thom and others, presented.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon brought up the Petition of A. P. Thom and others, praying for an Act authorising the Petitioners and such other Persons as may feel disposed to undertake the Improvement of the River Tay, by rendering it Navigable at all times during the Summer Season, as a joint Stock Company with the usual powers, privileges and conditions; and also the Petition of Matthew Leech and others, praying for an Act authorising the extension of the Laws of England relating to illegitimate Children to this Province.

Petition of Matthew Leech and others presented.

The House Adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until two o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

Tuesday, 18th January, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

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

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Commissioners of Customs Jurisdiction Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for removing doubts with respect to the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Customs within this Province, was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

Quebec Ordinances repeal Bill brought in. Read first time.

Pursuant to notice, his Honor the Speaker brought in a Bill for Repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec, which was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Notice of bringing in Debtors Relief Bill.

His Honor the Speaker gave notice, that he will move, to-morrow, for leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of Debtors imprisoned for small debts.

Petition of Chester Hatch and others, presented.

The Honorable Mr. Markland brought up the Petition of Chester Hatch and others; and also the Petition of Richard Hare and others, which were laid on the Table.

Petition of Richard Hare and others, presented.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock P. M.

The House adjourns.

Wednesday, 19th January, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

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

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Petition of A. P. Thom and others, praying for an Act, authorising the Petitioners and such other persons as may feel disposed to undertake the Improvement of the River Tay, read.

The Petition of A. P. Thom and others, praying for an Act authorising the Petitioners and such other persons as may feel disposed to undertake the Improvement of the River Tay, by rendering it Navigable at all times during the Summer season, as a joint Stock Company, with the usual powers, privileges and conditions, was read.

Petition of Matthew Leech and others, praying for extension of Laws of England relating to illegitimate Children, read.

The Petition of Matthew Leech and others, praying for an Act authorising the extension of the Laws of England relating to illegitimate Children to this Province, was read.

Commissioners of Customs Jurisdiction Bill committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for removing doubts with respect to the Jurisdiction of Commissioners of Customs within this Province.

The Honorable Mr. Wells took the Chair.

19th & 20th January, 1831.

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

A Message being announced the Chairman left the Chair, and the House formed.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Message, and then withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. Baby enters.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for removing doubts with respect to the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Customs within this Province.

The Honorable Mr. Wells took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Ordered, that the report be received, and—

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

His Honor the Speaker reported to the House that a Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly had brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Message in the following words:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Commons House of Assembly request the Honorable the Legislative Council to concur with the appointment of a joint Committee to examine and to report to their respective Houses what alteration (if any) they deem to be necessary in the construction and arrangements of the Parliament House now building in this Town.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly,
18th January, 1831.

Ordered, that the request of the Assembly contained in the above Message be acceded to, and—

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Wells and Robinson be appointed a Committee on the part of the Legislative Council, and—

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council accede to the request of the Commons House of Assembly for the appointment of a joint Committee to examine and to report to their respective Houses what alteration (if any) they deem to be necessary in the construction and arrangements of the Parliament House now building in this Town, and have appointed the Honorable Messrs. Wells and Robinson on the part of this House, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Assembly, in the joint Committee Room, to-morrow at three o'clock P. M.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for Repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec, was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, his Honor the Speaker brought in a Bill to provide for the discharge of Debtors in execution for small debts from Imprisonment in certain cases.

The said Bill was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

His Honor the Speaker gave notice, that he will move, to-morrow, for leave to bring in a Bill to dispense with the necessity of certain tests on admission into Offices.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon brought up the Petition of John Stinson and others, inhabitants of the County of Prince Edward, which was laid on the Table.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock P. M.

Thursday, 20th January, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON SPEAKER, The Hon. Messrs. PETER ROBINSON,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM D. POWELL, " " CHARLES JONES,
" " GEORGE H. MARKLAND, " " JAMES GORDON.
" " WILLIAM ALLAN,

Message from Assembly.

A Member enters the House.

Commissioners of Customs Jurisdiction Bill re-committed.

Reported.

Adopted,

Speaker reports the receipt of a Message from Assembly,

Requesting that this House will concur with the appointment of a Joint Committee to examine and report what alteration (if any) is deemed necessary in the construction of the Parliament House.

Same acceded to by this House.

Committee appointed for that purpose.

Assembly acquainted of same.

Quebec Ordinances repeal Bill read second time.

Debtors Relief Bill brought in.

Read first time.

Notice of bringing in Office Test Bill.

Petition of John Stinson and others, presented.

House adjourns.

The House meets.

Members present.

Thursday, 20th January, 1831.

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Prayers were read.

Oath prescribed by the Statute of 31st Geo. 3d. Chap. 31st, administered to the Hon. Charles Jones.

The Honorable Charles Jones took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by the Statute 31st Geo. 3d. Cap. 31.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Speaker reports the indisposition of the Hon. Mr. Wells.

His Honor the Speaker communicated to the Honorable Members present that the Honorable Mr. Wells was indisposed, and it was—

The Hon. Mr. Jones appointed on the Committee named yesterday in his stead. House adjourns for half an hour.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Jones be appointed on the Committee named yesterday on the subject of the Parliament House in his stead.

The House meets. A Member enters the House.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned for half an hour.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Receiver General's Salary Bill brought up from the Assembly.

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York enters. A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," to which they requested the concurrence of this House.—The same Deputation brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Message in the following words, and then withdrew.

MR. SPEAKER,

Acquainting this House that they had appointed a Committee who would be ready to meet a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining and reporting what alteration (if any) they deem necessary in the construction, &c. of the Parliament House.

The Commons House of Assembly has appointed a Committee of four of its Members who will be ready to meet the Committee appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council, for the purpose of examining and reporting to their respective Houses what alteration (if any) they deem to be necessary in the construction and arrangements of the Parliament House now building in this Town, at the time and place appointed.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly,
20th January, 1831.*

Receiver General's Salary Bill read 1st time.

The Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Commissioners of Customs Jurisdiction Bill read third time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for removing doubts with respect to the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Customs within this Province, was read a third time.

Felons Counsel Bill brought up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to allow persons tried for Felony the benefit of full defence by Council, and to regulate in some other respects the practice of Criminal cases," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Commissioners of Customs Jurisdiction Bill passed.

Ordered, that the Bill for removing doubts with respect to the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Customs in this Province, do now pass, and that the title be "An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction of Commissioners of Customs in this Province," whereupon the Speaker signed the Bill and it was—

The Title to same.

Ordered, that the same be sent to the Commons House of Assembly by the Master in Chancery for the concurrence of that House.

Bill signed,

And sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Petition of Chester Hatch and others, praying for protection &c. by modifying the duties on certain articles imported from the United States, read.

The Petition of Chester Hatch and others, Mechanicks of the Town of Kingston, praying for protection and encouragement by modifying the duties at present imposed on articles of manufacture and raw materials imported from the United States into this Province, was read.

Petition of Richard Hare and others, praying to be established as a Banking Company in the Town of Kingston, read.

The Petition of Richard Hare and others, praying to be established as a Banking Company in the Town of Kingston by an Act incorporating them under the style and title of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada, was read.

Quebec Ordinances repeal Bill committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for Repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec.

The Honorable Mr. Markland took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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 se'night.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Debtors Relief Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to provide for the discharge of Debtors in execu-

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

tion for small debts from imprisonment in certain cases, was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, his Honor the Speaker brought in a Bill for dispensing with the necessity of certain tests on admission to Offices, which was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

His Honor the Speaker gave notice, that he will move, to-morrow, for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and to afford to such Justices reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon brought up the Petition of Doyle McKenny and others, which was laid on the Table.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

Office Test Bill
brought in.
Read first time.

Notice given of
bringing in Justices
summary proceedings
Bill.

Petition of Doyle
McKenny and others,
presented.

The House adjourns.

Friday, 21st January, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* WILLIAM ALLAN,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM D. POWELL, “ “ PETER ROBINSON,
“ “ GEORGE CROOKSHANK, “ “ JAMES GORDON,
“ “ DUNCAN CAMERON,

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the Fifth Standing Order, the House was called.

Members present and
absent at the call of
the House.

THE HONORABLE JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER.....Present.

THE HON. MESSRS. JAMES BABY,.....Absent.

“ “ JOHN M’GILL,.....Absent from sickness.

“ “ THOMAS CLARK,.....Absent with leave.

“ “ WILLIAM DICKSON,.....Absent from sickness.

“ “ ANGUS M’INTOSH,.....Absent with leave.

“ “ WILLIAM D. POWELL,.....Present.

“ “ NEIL M’LEAN,.....Absent with leave.

“ “ GEORGE CROOKSHANK,.....Present.

THE HON. & VENERABLE THE ARCHDEACON OF YORK, . Absent.

THE HON. MESSRS. JOSEPH WELLS,..... Absent from sickness.

“ “ DUNCAN CAMERON,..... Present.

“ “ GEORGE H. MARKLAND,..... Absent.

“ “ JOHN H. DUNN,..... Absent from sickness

“ “ WILLIAM ALLAN,..... Present.

THE HONORABLE SIR WILLIAM CAMPBELL,..... Absent.

THE HON. MESSRS. PETER ROBINSON,..... Present.

“ “ CHARLES JONES,..... Absent.

“ “ JAMES GORDON,..... Present.

The Bill entitled, “An Act 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,” was read.

Felons Counsel Bill
read first time.

A Member enters the
House.

The Honorable Mr. Markland enters.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled, “An Act 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,” be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Petition of John
Stinson and others,
praying for the
erection of the County
of Prince Edward
into a separate Dis-
trict, read.

The Petition of John Stinson and others, praying for the erection of the County of Prince Edward into a separate District, was read.

A Member enters the
House.

Debtors Relief Bill
committed.

The Honorable Mr. Jones enters.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to provide for the discharge of Debtors in execution for small debts from Imprisonment in certain cases.

The Honorable Mr. Allan took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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Amendments reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, had made some amendments thereto, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

Members enter the House.

The Honorable Mr. Baby, and the Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York enter.

Ordered, that the Bill to provide for the discharge of Debtors in execution for small debts from imprisonment in certain cases, be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Office Test Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for dispensing with the necessity of certain tests on admission to offices, was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same on Monday next.

Justices summary proceedings Bill brought in.

Pursuant to notice, his Honor the Speaker brought in a Bill to facilitate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and to afford to such Justices reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty.

Read first time.

The said Bill was then read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Petition of T. McKay and others presented.

The Honorable Mr. Markland brought up the Petition of T. McKay and others, inhabitants of By Town, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of J. Watson and others presented.

The Honorable Mr. Markland brought up the Petition of J. Watson and others, inhabitants of Perth, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of Joseph Ferris and others presented.

The Honorable Mr. Markland brought up the Petition of Joseph Ferris and others, inhabitants of the County of Frontenac, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of A. Manahan and others presented.

The Honorable Mr. Markland brought up the Petition of A. Manahan and others, inhabitants of Belleville, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of John Campbell and others presented.

The Honorable Mr. Markland brought up the Petition of John Campbell and others, inhabitants of the incorporated Counties of Lenox and Addington, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of Robert Charles Horne presented.

The Honorable Mr. Markland brought up the Petition of Robert Charles Horne, (formerly Government Printer,) which was laid on the Table.

Petition of W. Simpson and others presented.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of W. Simpson and others, inhabitants of Penetanguishine, which was laid on the Table.

Dissentiet,—

Dissent of the Hon. Mr. Powell from the Commissioners of Customs Jurisdiction Bill.

To the Bill passed yesterday, entitled, "An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction of Commissioners of Customs in this Province,"—Because, he cannot consider the Commissioners of Customs to be such a Court of record, in which the cognizance of the subject is limited by the Imperial Parliament.

[Signed,]

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL.

21st *January*, 1831.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 24th *January*, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, The Hon. & Ven. the ARCHDEACON OF YORK,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, The Hon. Messrs. DUNCAN CAMERON,
" " WILLIAM D. POWELL, " " WILLIAM ALLAN,
" " GEORGE CROOKSHANK, " " JAMES GORDON,

Prayers were read.

Oath prescribed by the Statute of 31. Geo. 3d. chap. 31st. Administered to the Hon. Mr. Dickson.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by the Statute of 31st Geo. 3d. Cap. 31.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Debtors relief Bill read 3rd. time and passed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to provide for the discharge of Debtors in execution for small debts from imprisonment in certain cases, was read a third time and passed, and it was—

Ordered, that the title be "An Act for the discharge of Debtors in execution for small debts from imprisonment in certain cases," whereupon the Speaker signed the Bill, and it was—

The Title to same. Bill signed and sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Monday, 24th January, 1831.

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

Ordered, that the same be sent by the Master in Chancery to the Commons House of Assembly for the concurrence of that House.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Message, accompanied by two Resolutions in the following words, and then withdrew.

Message from
Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Commons House of Assembly have passed two Resolutions, which they communicate to the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of which they request a conference with that Honorable House.

Communicating two
Resolutions on the
subject of dividing
certain Districts of
this Province, and
requesting a con-
ference thereupon.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly,
24th January, 1831.

Resolved, That the extent of certain Districts of this Province is a serious inconvenience and hardship to the inhabitants.

The Resolutions.

Resolved, That from the number of applications heretofore made, and which will probably be continued, to the Legislature for Divisions of Districts from various parts of the Province, it is necessary that inquiry be made to ascertain if any, and where, and how such Divisions may be formed throughout the Province, with the most general and permanent advantage.

Truly extracted.

[Signed,]

JAMES FITZGIBBON,
CLERK OF ASSEMBLY.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson enters.

A Member enters the
House.

Ordered, that this House doth accede to a conference as desired by the Commons House of Assembly on the subject of the Resolutions received by their Message this day, and—

A Conference
acceded to on the
subject of the above
Resolutions.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Dickson and Allan be appointed a Committee to manage the same on the part of this House, and then it was—

Conferees ap-
pointed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council accede to a conference on the subject of the Resolutions received by message this day, and have appointed the Honorable Messrs. Dickson and Allan to manage the same on the part of the Legislative Council, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly, in the joint Committee Room, to-morrow at three of the clock P. M. for that purpose.

Assembly acquainted
of same.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," was read a second time, and it was—

Receiver General's
Salary Bill read
2d time.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same this day se'night.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for dispensing with the necessity of certain tests on admission to Offices.

Office Test Bill
committed.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made some amendments thereto, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

Amendments
reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to facilitate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and to afford to such Justices reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty, was read a second time, and it was—

Justices Summary
proceedings Bill read
2d time.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

The Petition of Doyle McKenny and others, praying for the construction of a Harbour at the mouth of Big Otter Creek, was read.

Petition of Doyle
McKenny and others,
praying for the
construction of a
Harbour at the
mouth of Big Otter
Creek, read.

The Petition of T. McKay and others, inhabitants of By Town; also of J. Watson and others, inhabitants of Perth; also of John Ferris and others, inhabitants of the County of Frontenac; also of A. Manahan and others, inhabitants of Belleville; and also of John Campbell and others, inhabitants of the incorporated Counties of Lenox and Addington, praying to be established as a Banking Company, in the Town of Kingston, by an Act incorporating them under the style and title of the Commercial Bank of Upper Canada, was read.

Petition of T. McKay
and others, also of
J. Watson and others,
also of John Ferris
and others, also of
A. Manahan and
others, and also of
John Campbell and
others, praying to
be established as a
Banking Company in
the Town of
Kingston, read.

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Petition of Robert Charles Horne, praying for further remuneration, read.

Petition of W. Simpson and others, praying for aid in the improvement of the road leading to Penetanguishine, read.

Petition of Mrs. Mary Ridout presented.

Petition of George O'Kill Stewart and others, presented.
Petition of the President Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada presented.
House adjourns.

The Petition of Robert Charles Horne, praying for further remuneration for Printing the Statutes, while he held the office of Government Printer, according to the existing scale of prices, was read.

The Petition of W. Simpson and others, inhabitants of Penetanguishine, praying for aid in the improvement of the Road leading to the aforesaid place, was read.

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York brought up the Petition of Mrs. Mary Ridout, which was laid on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon brought up the Petition of George O'Kill Stewart and others, inhabitants of Kingston and other parts of the Midland District; and also the Petition of the President, Directors and Company, of the Bank of Upper Canada, which were laid on the Table.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until two o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

Tuesday, 25th January, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER. *The Hon. Messrs.* DUNCAN CAMERON,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " PETER ROBINSON,
" " WILLIAM D. POWELL, " " CHARLES JONES,
" " GEORGE CROOKSHANK, " " JAMES GORDON.
The Hon. & Ven. the ARCHDEACON OF YORK,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Office Test Bill, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for dispensing with the necessity of certain tests on admission to Offices, was read a third time and passed, and it was—

The Title.

Ordered, that the title be, "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 Lords Supper as a qualification for Offices, or for other temporal purposes," whereupon the Speaker signed the Bill, and it was—

Bill signed and sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that the same be sent to the Commons House of Assembly by the Master in Chancery for the concurrence of that House.

Felons Counsel Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled, "An Act 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, was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole to take the same into consideration.

Committed.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported Committee had risen.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had risen.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

A Member enters the House.

The Honorable Mr. Allan enters.

Justices summary proceedings Bill Committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to facilitate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and to afford to such Justices reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Petition of Thomas Wallis and others presented.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of Thomas Wallis and others, Mechanicks and inhabitants of this Province, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of George Mallock and others presented.

The Honorable Mr. Allan brought up the Petition of George Mallock and others, inhabitants of the Town of Brockville, which was laid on the Table.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock P. M.

Wednesday, 26th January, 1831.

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

Wednesday, 26th January, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* JOSEPH WELLS.
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, “ “ WILLIAM ALLAN,
 “ “ WILLIAM D. POWELL, “ “ PETER ROBINSON,
The Hon. & Ven. the ARCHDEACON OF YORK, “ “ JAMES GORDON,

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Dissentiet,—

To the Bill passed yesterday, 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 Lords Supper as a qualification for Offices, or for other temporal purposes,”—Because, the repeal of the several tests is suggested and supposed to be sanctioned by a similiar repeal of the same by the Imperial Parliament, whose acts to that effect are known to us by verbal report only.

Dissent of the Hon. Mr. Powell from the Office Test Bill.

[Signed,]

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL.

The Petition of Mrs. Mary Ridout, praying for relief, was read.

Petition of Mrs. Mary Ridout, praying for relief, read.

The Petition of George O'Kill Stewart and others, inhabitants of the Town of Kingston and other parts of the Midland District, praying for the establishment of a Branch of the Bank of Upper Canada at the said Town of Kingston, was read.

Petition of George O'Kill Stewart and others, praying for the establishment of a branch of the Bank of Upper Canada at the Town of Kingston, read.

The Petition of the President, Directors and Company, of the Bank of Upper Canada, praying that the Capital Stock of the Institution may be increased to at least two hundred thousand Pounds, was read.

Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada, praying for an increase of Stock, read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to facilitate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and to afford to such Justices reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty.

Justices summary proceedings Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made some amendments thereto, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

Amendments reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

His Honor the Speaker gave notice, that he would move, to-morrow, for leave to bring in a Bill for removing doubts as to the jurisdiction over offences committed on Lakes and Rivers in this Province.

Notice of bringing in Lake and River offences Jurisdiction Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon brought up the Petition of J. Muirhead and others, inhabitants of the Town and District of Niagara, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of J. Muirhead and others presented.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon brought up the Petition of Dugald Campbell and others, members of the regular Calvinist Baptist Church, in the Townships of Dunwich and Aldborough, in the London District, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of Dugald Campbell and others presented.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon brought up the Petition of Robert Smith and others, inhabitants of Kingston and other parts of the Midland District, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of Robert Smith and others presented.

The Honorable Mr. Allan brought up the Petition of Alexander Davidson, of Port Hope, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of Alexander Davidson presented.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until tomorrow at two of the clock P.M.

House adjourns.

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The House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present. *The Honorable* JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER. *The Hon. & Ven. the* ARCHDEACON OF YORK,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, *The Hon. Messrs.* PETER ROBINSON,
 “ “ WILLIAM D. POWELL, “ “ JAMES GORDON,
 “ “ GEORGE CROOKSHANK,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Justices summary proceedings Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to facilitate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and to afford to such Justices reasonable protection in the discharge of their duty, was read a third time and passed, and it was—

The Title.

Ordered, that the title be “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,” whereupon the Speaker signed the Bill, and it was—

Bill signed,

Ordered to be sent to the Commons House of Assembly by the Master in Chancery for the concurrence of that House.

And sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Speaker acquaints the House that a Member waits to be introduced.

His Honor the Speaker acquainted the House that there was a Member without ready to be introduced.

Introduction of the Honorable Mr. McDonell.

When the Honorable Mr. Alexander McDonell was introduced between the Honorable Mr. Dickson and the Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York.

Presents his Writ of Summons.

Then the Honorable Mr. McDonell presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and is as follows :

Same read.

J. COLBORNE.

UPPER CANADA.

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 trusty and well beloved Alexander McDonell Esquire :

GREETING :

KNOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence that We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our said Province of Upper Canada, and the Church thereof, concern : We have thought fit to Summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province : And We do therefore command you the said Alexander McDonell, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, at the Legislative Council of our said Province at all times whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be therein hereinafter convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

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 Twenty-sixth day of January, 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.

J. C.

HENRY J. BOULTON,

Attorney General.

D. CAMERON,

Secretary.

(Recorded at two o'clock P. M. 27th January.)

Oath prescribed by Statute of the 31st Geo. 3d, Chap. 31st, administered to him.

Then the Honorable Mr. McDonell came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of 31st Geo. 3d. Cap. 31. which was administered by Grant Powell, Esquire, one

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of the Commissioners appointed to administer the oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

He takes his seat.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec.

Quebec Ordinances repeal Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, and had agreed to a Resolution, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

Resolution reported for referring the Bill to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

The said Resolution was then read as follows :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members, to report thereon.

The Resolution read.

The question of concurrence being put, the said Resolution was agreed to by the House, and it was—

Question put and carried.

Ordered, that the Bill for repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec be referred to a Select Committee of three Members to report thereon, and—

Bill referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Dickson, Powell and McDonell, be appointed the Committee for that purpose.

Committee appointed.

The Petition of Thomas Wallis and others, Mechanicks and inhabitants of this Province, praying for an increase of duty on Wood manufactured in the United States imported into this Province, was read.

Petition of Thomas Wallis and others praying for an increase of duty on wood manufactured in the United States imported in this Province, read. Petition of George Mallock and others, praying for the establishment of a Market and an Elective Police in the Town of Brockville, read.

The Petition of George Mallock and others, inhabitants of the Town of Brockville, praying for the establishment of a Market and an elective Police in the said Town, was read.

Three Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor were delivered by Mr. Secretary Mudge, who being retired, the Speaker read the same, and they were again read by the Clerk as follows :

Three Messages from the Lieut. Governor.

J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, a copy of a Despatch from His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, with an order of His Majesty in Council, and a letter from the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for trade, respecting the Commercial relations between the British Colonies and the United States of America ; the Lieutenant Governor acquaints the Legislative Council, that the Secretary of State has not yet been enabled to forward the schedule of protecting duties which it may be deemed fit to establish as the result of the correspondence which has recently taken place between His Majesty's Government and the Minister of the United States upon the subject of the intercourse of that Country and His Majesty's Colonial Possessions ; but the Secretary of State has informed the Lieutenant Governor, that this subject will receive the earnest and most attentive consideration of His Majesty's Government, and that he shall lose no time in apprising him of the decision which may be adopted on this important point.

Transmitting a copy of a Despatch on the subject of the trade between the British Colonies and the United States of America.

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J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, copies of such Annual Accounts of the District Treasurers as have been prepared.

Transmitting copies of Annual Accounts of the District Treasurers.

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J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, a copy of the Annual Report of the York Hospital and Dispensary, and trusts that this Institution will continue to receive the support of the Legislature.

Transmitting a copy of the Annual Report of the York Hospital and Dispensary.

Government House,

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Ordered, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respectfully thanking him for his several Messages of this day, and—

Address of thanks to be presented for the above Messages.

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Committee appointed for that purpose.

Lake and River offences Jurisdiction Bill presented.

Read first time.

Petition of Abraham Fraser and others presented.

Petition of James Muirhead presented.

House adjourns.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Gordon and McDonell do present the same.

Pursuant to notice, his Honor the Speaker brought in a Bill to declare the jurisdiction over offences committed upon the Lakes, Rivers, or other waters in this Province, not being within the defined limits of any Town, Township or County.

The said Bill was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of Abraham Fraser and others, inhabitants of the Townships of Fredericksburgh and Ernestown, which was laid on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon brought up the Petition of James Muirhead, of the Town of Niagara, which was laid on the Table.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at two o'clock P.M.

Friday, 28th January, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, The Hon. & Ven. the ARCHDEACON OF YORK,
 The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM ALLAN,
 “ “ WILLIAM D. POWELL, “ “ JAMES GORDON,
 “ “ GEORGE CROOKSHANK, “ “ ALEXANDER M'DONELL

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The Petition of J. Muirhead and others, inhabitants of the Town and District of Niagara, praying for relief to the Sufferers during the late War with the United States of America, was read.

The Petition of Dugald Campbell and others, members of the regular Calvinist Baptist Church in the Townships of Dunwich and Aldborough, in the London District, praying for an Act authorising the regular ordained Elders of their Society to solemnize Matrimony, was read.

The Petition of Robert Smith and others, inhabitants of Kingston and other parts of the Midland District, praying for an Act authorising the enlargement of the Capital and extension of the Charter of the Bank of Upper Canada, so as to enable a Branch of the same to be established in the said Town, was read.

The Petition of Alexander Davidson, of Port Hope, praying for an Act whereby the Copyright of “the Upper Canada Spelling Book,” may be vested in him, was read.

His Honor the Speaker acquainted the House that there were some Members without ready to be introduced—

When the Honorable Mr. John Elmsley was introduced between the Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York and the Honorable Alexander McDonell.

Then the Honorable Mr. Elmsley presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and is as follows :

J. COLBORNE.**UPPER CANADA.**

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 trusty and well beloved John Elmsley Esquire :

GREETING :

KNOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence that We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our said Province of Upper Canada, and the Church thereof, concern ; We have thought fit to Summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province : And We do therefore command you, the said John Elmsley, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, at the Legislative Council of our said Province at all times whensoever and wheresoever

Petition of James Muirhead and others praying for relief to the sufferers during the late war, read.

Petition of Dugald Campbell and others, praying for an Act authorising the regularly ordained members of the Calvinistic Society to solemnize Matrimony, read.

Petition of Robert Smith and others, praying for the establishment of a branch of the Bank of Upper Canada at Kingston, read.

Petition of Alexander Davidson, praying for an Act securing to him the copy right of the Upper Canada Spelling-book, read. Speaker acquaints the House of Members waiting to be introduced. Introduction of the Hon. Mr. Elmsley. Presents his Writ of Summons.

Same read.

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

our Provincial Parliament may be therein hereafter convoked and holden, and this you are in no wise to omit.

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 Twenty-sixth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty one, and in the First Year of our Reign.

J. C.

By Command of His Excellency.

H. J. BOULTON,
Attorney General.

D. CAMERON,
Secretary.

(Recorded at two o'clock P. M. 26th January.)

Then the Honorable Mr. Elmsley came to the Table and took the oath prescribed by the Statute of 31st Geo. 3d. cap. 31. which was administered by Grant Powell Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

Oath prescribed by Statute of the 31st Geo. 3d, Chap. 31st, administered to him.

He takes his seat.

The Honorable Mr. Zaccheus Burnham was introduced between the Honorable Mr. Allan, and the Honorable Mr. Gordon.

Introduction of the Hon. Mr. Burnham.

Then the Honorable Mr. Burnham presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and is as follows :

Presents his Writ of Summons.

J. COLBORNE.

UPPER CANADA.

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.

Same read.

To our trusty and well beloved Zaccheus Burnham Esquire :

GREETING :

KNOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence that We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our said Province of Upper Canada, and the Church thereof, concern : We have thought fit to Summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province : And We do therefore command you the said Zaccheus Burnham, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, at the Legislative Council of our said Province at all times whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be therein hereafter convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

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 Twenty-sixth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-one, and in the First Year of our Reign.

J. C.

By Command of His Excellency.

HENRY J. BOULTON,
Attorney General.

D. CAMERON,
Secretary.

(Recorded 27th January, at one o'clock P. M.)

Then the Honorable Mr. Burnham came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of 31st Geo. 3d. Cap. 31. which was administered by Grant Powell, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

Oath prescribed by Statute of the 31st Geo. 3d, Chap. 31st, administered to him.

He takes his seat.

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Wine and Brandy
Shop consumption
Bill brought up from
Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to prevent the consumption of Wine, Brandy, Rum and other Spirituous Liquors within Shops," to which they requested the concurrence of this House, and withdrew.

Read first time.

The said Bill was then read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Lake and River
offences Jurisdiction
Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to declare the jurisdiction over offences committed upon Lakes, Rivers, or other waters in this Province, not being within the defined limits of any Town, Township or County, was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same on Monday next.

Notice given of
bringing in British
Coinage repeal Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon gave notice that he would, on Monday, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal An Act passed in the seventh year of His late Majesty's Reign establishing the value of the British Silver and Copper Coinage current within this Province.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday next, at two of the clock P.M.

Monday, 31st January, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER. *The Hon. Messrs.* DUNCAN CAMERON,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " GEORGE H. MARKLAND,
" " WILLIAM D. POWELL, " " JAMES GORDON.
" " GEORGE CROOKSHANK, " " JOHN ELMSLEY,
The Hon. & Ven. the ARCHDEACON OF YORK, " " ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,
The Hon. Mr. JOSEPH WELLS, " " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Speaker acquaints
the House of Mem-
bers waiting to be
introduced.

His Honor the Speaker acquainted the House that there were some Members without ready to be introduced.

Introduction of the
Honorable Mr.
Baldwin.

When the Honorable Augustus Baldwin was introduced between the Honorable Joseph Wells and the Honorable Duncan Cameron

Presents his Writ of
Summons.

Then the Honorable Mr. Baldwin presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and is as follows :

Same read.

J. COLBORNE.**UPPER CANADA.**

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 trusty and well beloved Augustus Baldwin Esquire :

GREETING :

KNOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence that We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which the state and defence of our said Province of Upper Canada, and the Church thereof, concern ; We have thought fit to Summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province : And We do therefore command you, the said Augustus Baldwin, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, at the Legislative Council of our said Province at all times whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be therein hereafter convoked and holden, and this you are in no wise to omit.

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

Monday, 31st January, 1831.

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

Commanding our Forces therein, at York, this Twenty-sixth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty one, and in the First Year of our Reign.

J. C.

By Command of His Excellency.

HENRY J. BOULTON,

Attorney General.

D. CAMERON,

Secretary.

(Recorded 26th January 1831, at three o'clock P.M.)

Then the Honorable Mr. Baldwin came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st Geo. 3rd. Cap. 31st. which was administered by Grant Powell Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st Geo. 3d, Chap. 31st, administered to him.

He takes his seat.

The Honorable John Hamilton was introduced between the Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York and the Honorable James Gordon.

Introduction of the Honorable Mr. Hamilton.

Then the Honorable Mr. Hamilton presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and is as follows :

Presents his Writ of Summons.

J. COLBORNE,

Same read.

UPPER CANADA.

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 trusty and well beloved the Honorable John Hamilton :

GREETING :

KNOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence that We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our said Province of Upper Canada, and the Church thereof, concern : We have thought fit to Summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province : And We do therefore command you the said John Hamilton, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, at the Legislative Council of our said Province at all times whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be therein hereafter convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

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 Twenty-ninth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-one, and in the First Year of our Reign.

J. C.

By Command of His Excellency.

HENRY J. BOULTON,

Attorney General.

D. CAMERON,

Secretary.

(Recorded 31st January 1831, at Noon.)

Then the Honorable Mr. Hamilton came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st Geo. 3rd. Cap. 31st. which was administered by Grant Powell Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

Oath prescribed by the 31st Geo. 3d, Chap. 31st, administered to him.

He takes his seat.

The Petition of Abraham Fraser and others, inhabitants of the Townships of Fredericksburgh and Ernestown, praying for an Act establishing the Survey of the Gore of land between the said Townships, was read.

Petition of Abraham Fraser and others praying for the establishment of the Survey of the Gore of land between the Townships of Fredericksburgh and Ernestown, and the Petition of Jas. Muirhead praying for relief read. Receiver General's Salary Bill committed.

The Petition of James Muirhead, of the Town of Niagara, praying for relief, was read.

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 the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof."

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank took the Chair.

Monday, 31st January, 1831.

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A Message being announced the Chairman left the Chair, and the House formed.

Amherstburgh
Market establishment
Bill brought up from
Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to establish a Market, and to establish Wharfage Fees in the Town of Amherstburgh, in the Western District," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Receiver General's
Salary Bill re-com-
mitted.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof."

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank took the Chair.

A Message being announced, the Chairman left the Chair, and the House formed.

Tay Company's In-
corporation Bill
brought up from
Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

The Honorable Messrs. Baby, Allan and Robinson enter.

Members enter the
House.

Receiver General's
Salary Bill re-com-
mitted.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof."

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave
asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Thursday next.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Leave granted.

Speaker acquaints the
House that a Member
wants to be intro-
duced.

His Honor the Speaker acquainted the House that there was another Member without ready to be introduced—

Introduction of the
Honorable Mr.
Boswell.

When the Honorable Walter Boswell was introduced between the Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York and the Honorable Duncan Cameron.

He presents his writ
of Summons.

Then the Honorable Mr. Boswell presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and is as follows :

Same read.

J. COLBORNE,

UPPER CANADA.

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 trusty and well beloved the Honorable Walter Boswell, and to all to whom these presents shall come.

GREETING :

KNOW YE, that as well for the special trust and confidence that We have manifested for you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our said Province of Upper Canada, and the Church thereof, concern : We have thought fit to Summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province : And We do therefore command you the said Walter Boswell, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, at the Legislative Council of our said Province at all times whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be therein hereafter convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

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 Twenty-ninth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-one, and in the First Year of our Reign.

J. C.

By Command of His Excellency.

HENRY J. BOULTON,
Attorney General.

D. CAMERON,
Secretary.

(Recorded 31st January 1831, at half past twelve o'clock P. M.)

31st *January*, & 1st *February*, 1831.

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

Then the Honorable Mr. Boswell came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st Geo. 3rd. Cap. 31st. which was administered by Grant Powell Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

The Bill entitled, "An Act to establish a Market, and to establish Wharfage Fees in the Town of Amherstburgh, in the Western District," was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Bill entitled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company," was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled, "An Act to prevent the consumption of Wine, Brandy, Rum and other Spirituous Liquors within Shops," was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Hamilton prayed that he might have leave of absence during the remainder of the Session, and it was—

Ordered, that he take leave accordingly.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

Oath prescribed by the 31st Geo. 3rd, Chap. 31st, administered to him.

He takes his seat.

Amherstburgh Market establishment Bill read 1st time.

Tay Company's Incorporation Bill read 1st time.

Wine and Brandy Shop consumption Bill read second time.

Honorable Mr. Hamilton prays for leave of absence.

Leave granted.

House adjourns.

Tuesday, 1st February, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,
 " " WILLIAM D. POWELL, " " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
 " " JAMES GORDON, " " WALTER BOSWELL.

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to declare the jurisdiction over offences committed upon Lakes, Rivers, or other Waters in this Province, not being within the defined limits of any Town, Township or County.

Lake and River offences Jurisdiction Bill committed.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

Adopted.

The Honorable Messrs. Crookshank and Allan enter.

Members enter the House.

Ordered, that the Bill to declare the jurisdiction over offences committed upon Lakes, Rivers, or other waters in this Province, not being within the defined limits of any Town, Township or County, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice the Honorable Mr. Gordon brought in a Bill to repeal An Act passed in the seventh year of His late Majesty's Reign establishing the value of the British Silver and Copper Coinage current within this Province.

British Coinage repeal Bill brought in.

The said Bill was then read, and it was—

Read first time.

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company." was read a second time, and it was—

Tay Company's Incorporation Bill read second time.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York enters.

A Member enters the House.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to prevent the consumption of Wine, Brandy, Rum and other Spirituous Liquors within Shops."

Wine and Brandy Shop consumption Bill committed.

The Honorable Mr. Burnham took the Chair.

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After some time the House resumed.

Reported and leave
asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Petition of Eliakim
Malcolm and others
presented.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson brought up the Petition of Eliakim Malcolm and others, inhabitants of the London District, which was laid on the Table.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

Wednesday, 2nd February, 1831.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
 " " WILLIAM D. POWELL, " " WALTER BOSWELL,
 " " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Lake and River
offences Jurisdiction
Bill read third time
and passed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to declare the jurisdiction over offences committed upon Lakes, Rivers, or other Waters in this Province, not being within the defined limits of any Town, Township or County, was read a third time and passed, and it was—

Title to same.

Ordered. that the title be "An Act to remove doubts respecting the jurisdiction over offences committed upon the Lakes and Rivers in this Province," whereupon the Speaker signed the Bill, and it was—

Bill signed,
And sent to Assembly
for concurrence,

Ordered to be sent to the Commons House of Assembly by the Master in Chancery for the concurrence of that House.

Amherstburgh
Market establishment
Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to establish a Market, and to establish Wharfage Fees in the Town of Amherstburgh, in the Western District," was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole to take the same into consideration.

Committed.

The Honorable Mr. M'Donell took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave
asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Friday next.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Members enter the
House.

The Honorable Messrs. Gordon and Elmsley enter.

British Coinage
repeal Bill read
second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the seventh year of His late Majesty's Reign, establishing the value of the British Silver and Copper Coinage current within this Province, was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same on Friday next.

Tay Company's In-
corporation Bill
committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company."

The Honorable Mr. Elmsley took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

A Member enters the
House.

The Honorable Mr. Wells enters.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and recommended that the same be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

and referred to a
Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company," be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon, and—

Members composing
same.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Wells, Elmsley and Burnham, be appointed a Committee for that purpose.

2nd & 3rd February, 1831.

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

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled, "An Act to prevent the consumption of Wine, Brandy, Rum and other Spirituous Liquors within Shops." Wine and Brandy Shop consumption Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Burnham took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, and recommended that the same be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon. Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The Honorable Messrs. Cameron and Allan enter. Members enter the House.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled "An Act to prevent the consumption of Wine, Brandy, Rum and other Spirituous Liquors within Shops," be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon, and— above Bill referred to Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Allan, Baldwin and Boswell, be appointed a Committee for that purpose. Members composing same.

By command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Public Accounts were presented by Mr. Secretary Cameron, which were laid on the Table. Public Accounts presented by Mr. Secretary Cameron.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned. House adjourns.

Thursday, 3rd February, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. The House meets.

PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> ALEXANDER M'DONELL,	
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM DICKSON,	" " ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,	Members present.
" " WILLIAM D. POWELL,	" " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,	
" " WILLIAM ALLAN,	" " WALTER BOSWELL.	
" " JAMES GORDON,		

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The Petition of Eliakim Malcolm and others, praying for a Division of the London District, as also for a loan of Money for the purpose of building a new Gaol and Court House, within the District wherein the Petitioners are to be situated, was read. Petition of Eliakim Malcolm and others, praying for a division of the London District, &c. read.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank enters. A Member enters the House.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof." Receiver General's Salary Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank 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 recommended that a Conference be asked with the Commons House of Assembly on the same. Reported, and a Conference recommended.

The Honorable Mr. Baby, the Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York, and the Honorable Messrs. Wells and Markland enter. Members enter the House.

Ordered, that the above Report be received.

The Honorable Messrs. Cameron and Robinson enter. Members enter the House.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council desire a conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of the Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof." A Conference requested with Assembly on Receiver General's Salary Bill.

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York brought up the Petition of Archibald McNab and others, inhabitants of the Townships situated adjacent to the River Ottawa, in the District of Bathurst and the Western part of the Ottawa District, which was laid on the Table. Petition of Archibald McNab and others presented.

His Honor the Speaker acquainted the House that there was a Member without ready to be introduced— Speaker acquaints the House of a Member waiting to be introduced.

When the Honorable Peter Adamson was introduced between the Honorable Duncan Cameron and the Honorable William Allan. Introduction of the Honorable Mr. Adamson.

Thursday, 3rd February, 1831.

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Presents his Writ of
Summons.

Then the Honorable Mr. Adamson presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and is as follows :

Same read.

J. COLBORNE.

UPPER CANADA.

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 trusty and well beloved Peter Adamson Esquire :

GREETING :

KNOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence that We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our said Province of Upper Canada, and the Church thereof, concern ; We have thought fit to Summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province : And We do therefore command you, the said Peter Adamson, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, at the Legislative Council of our said Province at all times whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be therein hereafter convoked and holden, and this you are in no wise to omit.

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 Second day of February, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty one, and in the First Year of our Reign.

J. C.

By Command of His Excellency.

HENRY J. BOULTON,
Attorney General.

D. CAMERON,
Secretary.

(Recorded third February.)

Oath prescribed by
the Statute of the 31st
Geo. 3d, Chap. 31st,
administered to him.

Then the Honorable Mr. Adamson came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st Geo. 3rd. Cap. 31st. which was administered by Grant Powell Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

He takes his seat.

Report of Select
Committee, on Wine
and Brandy Shop
consumption Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Allan from the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill sent up from the Commons House of Assembly entitled, "An Act to prevent the consumption of Wine, Brandy, Rum and other Spirituous Liquors within Shops," Reported some amendments which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow to take the same into consideration.

Petition of J. Muir-
head and others
presented.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of J. Muirhead and others, inhabitants of the Town of Niagara, which was laid on the Table.

Message from
Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Message in the following words, and then withdrew :

MR. SPEAKER,

The Commons House of Assembly accedes to the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council for a conference on the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof."

Acceding to a Con-
ference on the
Receiver General's
Salary Bill.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly,
3rd February, 1831.*

3rd & 4th February, 1831.

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

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Wells and Markland be appointed a Committee to manage the conference on the part of this House on the subject matter of the last mentioned Bill, and—

Conferrees appointed on the part of this House.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have appointed the Honorable Messrs. Wells and Markland to manage the conference on the part of this House, on the subject matter of the Bill sent up from the Commons House of Assembly entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly, at four of the clock P. M. to-morrow, in the joint Committee Room for that purpose.

Assembly acquainted of same.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Wells, Markland and Boswell, be appointed a Committee to prepare instructions for the Committee of conference.

Committee appointed to prepare instructions for the Conferrees.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

House adjourns.

Friday, 4th February, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets:

PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM ALLAN,	
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM DICKSON,	" "	JAMES GORDON,
" " WILLIAM D. POWELL,	" "	ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
" " JOSEPH WELLS.	" "	JOHN ELMSLEY,
" " GEORGE H. MARKLAND,	" "	ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,

Members present

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled, "An Act to establish a Market, and to establish Wharfage Fees in the Town of Amherstburgh, in the Western District."

Amherstburgh Market establishment Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. M'Donell took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the seventh year of His late Majesty's Reign, establishing the value of the British Silver and Copper Coinage current within this Province.

British Coinage repeal Bill committed.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took the Chair.

A Message being announced the Chairman left the Chair, and the House formed.

The Honorable Messrs. Baldwin, Boswell and Adamson, enter.

Members enter the House.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a 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," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Commercial Bank of Upper Canada Incorporation Bill brought up from Assembly.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the seventh year of His late Majesty's Reign establishing the value of the British Silver and Copper Coinage current within this Province.

British Coinage repeal Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson 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 on the same this day se'night.

Reported and leave asked to sit again.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Leave granted.

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," was read.

Commercial Bank of Upper Canada Incorporation Bill read 1st time.

The Honorable Messrs. Cameron and Robinson enter.

Members enter the House.

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Ordered, that 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," be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. Wells from the Select Committee appointed to prepare instructions for the Conferees on the part of this House on the subject matter of the Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," presented a draft of same, which he was directed to recommend to the adoption of the House.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be presently put into a Committee of the whole to consider the same.

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York enters.

Three Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor were delivered by Mr. Secretary Mudge, who being retired, the Speaker read the same, and they were again read by the Clerk as follows :

J. COLBORNE,

With reference to a Private Act which passed the Legislature in the month of March 1828, entitled, "An Act for enabling William Warren Baldwin Esquire to carry into effect the Will of the late Laurent Quetton St. George, and for other purposes relating to the Real and Personal Estates which were of the said Laurent Quetton St. George," the Lieutenant Governor acquaints the Legislative Council, that the Act having been referred to His Majesty in Council it was disallowed in the absence of certain information, which was afterwards forwarded by Mr. Baldwin to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

From the accompanying extract of a Despatch from Sir George Murray, the Legislative Council will perceive, that His Majesty's Government will assent to any Bill which may be passed by the Legislature of Upper Canada for the accomplishing the object of the former Bill. The Lieutenant Governor therefore submits the Draft of a Bill for their consideration.

*Government House,
4th February, 1831.*

EXTRACT.

I have had the honor to receive your Despatch dated the 11th January last, No. 1, enclosing various documents explanatory of the grounds upon which the Legislature of the Province of Upper Canada proceeded in passing the private Act for enabling Mr. Baldwin to settle the affairs of the late Mr. St. George.

I much regret that the various facts stated by Mr. Baldwin were not communicated to me before the decision of His Majesty in Council upon this case.

Had these statements been brought under the notice of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council at an earlier period they would, not improbably, have entirely altered the view which their Lordships were induced to take of this Act.

You will signify to Mr. Baldwin the disposition of His Majesty's Government to assent to any new Bill which may be passed by the Council and Assembly of Upper Canada for accomplishing the same object.

J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council a copy of a Report of the Commissioners of the Kettle Creek Harbour, with their statement of the expenditure of the sum granted by the Legislature, and of the exports and imports at Port Stanley, for the years 1827 ; 1828 ; and 1829.

*Government House,
2nd February, 1831.*

J. COLBORNE.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council a copy of the Report of the Commissioner of the Welland Canal appointed by Legislative enactment.

*Government House,
2nd February, 1831.*

Pursuant to order, the House was then put into a Committee of the whole on the instructions prepared by the Select Committee for the Conferees on the part of this House on the

Report of Select Committee appointed to prepare instructions for the Committee of Conference on the Receiver General's Salary Bill.

A Member enters the House.
Three Messages from the Lieut. Governor,

Transmitting an extract of a Despatch from Sir George Murray, on the subject of Quetton Saint George's Estate Bill passed the Legislature in March 1828 ; and submitting the draft of a Bill for the consideration of this House.

This Extract.

Transmitting the copy of a Report of the Commissioners of the Kettle Creek Harbour.

Transmitting the copy of a Report of the Commissioner of the Welland Canal.

Instructions prepared by the Select Com.

Friday, 4th February, 1831.

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

subject matter of the Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof."

Committee for the Conference on the Receiver General's Salary Bill, committed.

The Honorable Mr. Wells took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said instructions into consideration, had made some amendments thereto, and recommended the same as amended to the adoption of the House.

Reported.
Amended.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The instructions were then read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence being put it was carried in the affirmative, and it was—

Read.
Adopted.

Ordered, that the Committee of Conference be instructed to communicate to the Assembly that—

The Legislative Council have desired this Conference upon the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," for the purpose of acquainting the House of Assembly that, they are strongly impressed with the imprudence of leaving the Office of Receiver General upon its present footing, and are desirous to concur in supplying the defect in the Act of 1802, which assures to the Receiver General a certain sum per centum on all Provincial monies passing through his hands, without affixing any limit to the total amount of such percentage.

The Instructions.

In now affixing a limit the Legislative Council has no difficulty, so far as it may respect any Receiver General to be hereafter appointed, in acceding to that salary which the Bill proposes, being confident, that if experience shall shew it to be not well proportioned to the service, the Legislature will make any alteration which the public interest may require.

The giving the measure a present effect such as to reduce the actual emoluments of the incumbent who accepted the Office on other terms, is the point which alone occasions hesitation in the Legislative Council. The Act of this Province which assured to him a certain percentage on all Provincial Revenue passing through his hands, was not limited either as to time or amount, and without entering upon the consideration of any claim, which the Receiver General may conceive, he has to be secured against any alteration of this Act, (which claim it will be in his power to urge in any manner he may think fit,) the Legislative Council is willing to concur with the House of Assembly in such a modification of the Act of 1802, as will prevent the further increase of the emoluments of the Receiver General's Office without reducing his income below that which he has been several years receiving, and is now receiving under an Act of the Legislature.

It appears to the Legislative Council, that a measure upon this principle will be subject to no reasonable exception, while it will ensure a great advantage by preventing the emoluments of the Receiver General from reaching to an extravagant amount during the incumbency of the present officer, and by rendering it at once certain that the Legislature will be saved from any embarrassment, and the Office placed on a moderate footing upon the accession of the next incumbent; it being inconsistent with Parliamentary usage, that the Legislative Council should make amendments to a Bill of this description, they have desired this conference, in order to explain their view of a subject which has engaged much of the attention of the Legislature on former occasions, and which the Legislative Council are desirous to be finally and satisfactorily settled.

Ordered that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respectfully thanking him for his several Messages of this day, transmitting the report of the Commissioners of Kettle Creek Harbour—the Report of the Commissioner of the Welland Canal appointed by Legislative enactment, and the extract from a Despatch from Sir George Murray, relative to an Act for enabling William Warren Baldwin, Esq. to carry into effect the will of the late Laurent Quetton St. George, and for other purposes relating to the real and personal estates which were of the said Laurent Quetton St. George, and assuring His Excellency that the Legislative Council will not fail to give due consideration to His Excellency's recommendation of that measure.

Address of thanks ordered to be presented to the Lieutenant Governor for his Messages of this day.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Gordon and Baldwin do present the said Address.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Report of the Select Committee on the subject matter of the Bill entitled, "An Act to prevent the consumption of Wine, Brandy, Rum and other Spirituous Liquors within Shops."

Committee appointed for that purpose.
Report of Select Committee on Wine and Brandy Shop consumption Bill committed.

4th & 7th February, 1831.

FIRST SESSION, 11th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 1st. WILLIAM IV.

The Honorable Mr. Burnham took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave
asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded the House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 7th February, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* WILLIAM ALLAN,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM D. POWELL, “ “ JAMES GORDON.
 “ “ WILLIAM DICKSON, “ “ AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
 “ “ JOSEPH WELLS, “ “ WALTER BOSWELL.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Amherstburgh
Market establishment
Bill read third time,
passed and signed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “ An Act to establish a Market, and to establish Wharfage Fees in the Town of Amherstburgh, in the Western District,” was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Assembly acquainted
thereof.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Petition of Archibald
McNab and others,
praying for an Act
authorising a new
District to be formed
of the Townships
therein mentioned,
read.

The Petition of Archibald McNab and others, inhabitants of the Townships situated adjacent to the River Ottawa, in the District of Bathurst and the Western part of the Ottawa District, praying for an Act authorising a new District to be formed of the Townships of Horton, McNab, Fitzroy, Torbolton, Pakenham, March, Huntley, Goulbourn, Nepean, Gloucester, Cumberland and Osgood, to be called the District of Wellington, having By Town for its District Town, was read.

Petition of J. Muir-
head and others,
praying to be incor-
porated for the
purpose of construc-
ting a Harbour &c. in
the Town of Niagara,
read.

The Petition of J. Muirhead and others, inhabitants of the Town of Niagara, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of constructing, erecting, and managing, a safe, commodious, and durable Harbour, Wharf, and Dry and Wet Dock in the said Town, in conjunction with an Iron Marine Railway, for the constructing, repairing, and refitting any Shipping, Vessels or Crafts Navigating Lake Ontario, was read.

Commercial Bank of
Upper Canada In-
corporation Bill
read second time,

Pursuant to the order of the day, 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,” was read a second time, and it was—

Members summoned
to attend in their
places.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Thursday next on 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 Members in Town be Summoned to attend in their places on that day.

Report of the Com-
mittee of Conference
on Receiver General's
Salary Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Wells from the Committee of Conference appointed by this House on the subject matter of the Bill entitled, “ An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof,” reported that they had met the Conferees of the Commons House of Assembly, and delivered to them their instructions.

Saint George's Estate
Bill brought in.
Read first time.

The Honorable Mr. Wells brought in a Bill to enable William Warren Baldwin Esquire to carry into effect the Will of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George.

The said Bill was then read.

Members enter the
House.

The Honorable Messrs. M'Donell and Elmsley enter.

Ordered, that the Bill to enable William Warren Baldwin Esquire, to carry into effect the Will of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George be read a second time to-morrow.

Petition of Jacob
Langs, junior, and
others, presented.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon brought up the Petition of Jacob Langs junior and others, inhabitants of the London District, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of Burleigh
Hunt and others
presented.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon brought up the Petition of Burleigh Hunt and others, inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, in the London District, which was laid on the Table.

Monday, 7th February, 1831.

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

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Message in the following words, and then withdrew :

Message from Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Commons House of Assembly communicate to the Honorable the Legislative Council certain Resolutions for their concurrence, and request that that Honorable House will agree to a joint Address to His Majesty on the subject matter of said Resolutions.

Communicating certain Resolutions for concurrence, on the subject of the Timber Trade, and requesting that this House will agree to a Joint Address to the King on the subject matter of said Resolutions.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly,
4th day of February, 1831.*

The Resolutions were then read as follows :—

Resolved. That by the latest accounts from England, the Imperial Parliament contemplate some material alteration and reduction in the present Duties on Timber and Deals imported into Great Britain and Ireland from the North of Europe.

The Resolutions.

Resolved. That the Timber Trade of Upper and Lower Canada, in consequence of the protecting Duty imposed on Timber imported into Great Britain from the North of Europe, has of late years induced Capitalists to invest large sums of money in the construction of expensive Saw-Mills and other Works necessary to ensure a regular and extensive supply of all kinds of Timber, Deals and Staves, for the British and West India Markets.

Resolved. That any material diminution of these Duties will wholly exclude Canada Timber from consumption in the British Market, in consequence of the more expensive voyage to North America and the higher rate of wages paid for labour in these Colonies, as well as to British Seamen.

Resolved. That the employment of many hundred Ships manned with British Subjects is, of itself, a consideration which, in the opinion of this House, ought to induce the Imperial Parliament to continue a regulation so important to the welfare of the people of His Majesty's North American Colonies and the Shipping Interests of the Empire, especially as the nature of that Trade enables the Colonists to consume vast quantities of the Manufactures of the Mother Country, while at the same time the redundant population of the Kingdom find an easy method of being conveyed to a Country where industrious families have a certain opportunity of earning a livelihood; and thus relieve the nation of a most alarming burthen, besides the expense of removing them as a National measure.

Resolved. That besides the long and expensive voyage and the high rate of wages, which operate so injuriously against the Canadian Timber, the recent regulation which imposes a Duty of one penny per foot on Timber cut from the waste Lands of the Crown in this Province, is not the least of the many discouragements which fetter and blight the efforts of those who prosecute this interesting Trade.

Resolved. That an Humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the foregoing Resolutions, and beseeching His Majesty to continue such Duty on Timber imported into Great Britain from the North of Europe as may be thought sufficient to protect the Timber Trade of His Majesty's faithful Canadian Subjects, and also remit the Duty charged on Timber cut from the Waste Lands of the Crown in this Province.

Truly extracted from the Journals.

[Signed,]

JAMES FITZGIBBON,
CLERK OF ASSEMBLY.

4th February, 1831.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow on the subject matter of the above Resolutions.

The Honorable Messrs. Robinson and Adamson enter.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

Members enter the House.
House adjourns.

Tuesday, 8th February, 1831.

FIRST SESSION, 11th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 1st. WILLIAM IV.

Tuesday, 8th February, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.	<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM DICKSON,	“ “ JOHN ELMSLEY,
	“ “ WILLIAM D. POWELL,	“ “ AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
	“ “ WILLIAM ALLAN,	“ “ WALTER BOSWELL.
	“ “ JAMES GORDON,	“ “ PETER ADAMSON,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Saint George's Estate Bill read second time,

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to enable William Warren Baldwin Esquire, to carry into effect the Will of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George, was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

Resolutions of Assembly on Timber Trade committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the subject matter of the Resolutions adopted by the Assembly on the subject of the Timber Trade, transmitted to this House yesterday by message.

The Honorable Mr. Allan took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported and leave asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Resolutions into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Leave granted. A Member enters the House.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson enters.

21st James 1st, Chap. 27th repeal Bill brought in.

His Honor the Speaker brought in a Bill for repealing an Act passed in the 21st year of the Reign of His late Majesty King James the First, entitled “ An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of Bastard Children.”

Read first time.

The said Bill was then read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjournment for an hour.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned for one hour.

The House meets.

At three o'clock P. M. the House met pursuant to adjournment.

A Member enters the House.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank enters.

Marmora Foundry Company's Incorporation Bill brought up from Assembly. Provincial Commissioner's appointment Bill brought up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, “ An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the Marmora Foundry Company,” and also a Bill 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,” to which they requested the concurrence of this House.

Message from Assembly.

The same Deputation brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Message in the following words, and then withdrew :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Requesting that the Honorable Mr. Allan may have leave to attend a Select Committee of that House.

The Commons House of Assembly request permission for the Honorable William Allan, a Member of your Honorable House, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of that House to whom is referred the Petition of the President, Directors and Company, of the Bank of Upper Canada.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly,
7th day of February, 1831.*

Marmora Foundry Company's Incorporation Bill read first time.

The Bill entitled “ An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the Marmora Foundry Company,” was read.

Provincial Commissioners appointment Bill read first time.

The Bill 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, was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

8th & 9th February, 1831.

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

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Allan have leave to go to a Select Committee of the Commons House of Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message of this day, if he thinks fit.

Leave given to the Honorable Mr. Allan to attend a Select Committee of Assembly.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Honorable Mr. Allan has leave to go to the Select Committee of the Commons House of Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message of this day, if he thinks fit.

Assembly acquainted thereof.

His Honor the Speaker informed the House that he had been authorised by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to announce to them his intention of proroguing the present Session of Parliament on Wednesday the ninth day of March next.

The Speaker informs the House of the time fixed by His Excellency for proroguing the Parliament.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

House adjourns.

Wednesday, 9th February, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets:

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER. *The Hon. Messrs.* ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
 " " WILLIAM D. POWELL, " " WALTER BOSWELL,
 " " JAMES GORDON. " " PETER ADAMSON.

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on Bill entitled "An Act to prevent the consumption of Wine, Brandy, Rum and other Spirituous Liquors within Shops."

Wine and Brandy Shop consumption Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had risen.

Reported Committee had risen.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The Petition of Jacob Langs junior and others, inhabitants of the London District, praying for an Act authorising a new Survey of the tenth Concession of the Township of Windham in the said District, was read.

Petition of Jacob Langs, junior, and others, praying for a new Survey of the 10th Concession of Windham, read. Petition of Burleigh Hunt and others, praying for a sum of money, to be applied in the completion of Kettle Creek Harbour read. Saint George's Estate Bill committed.

The Petition of Burleigh Hunt and others, inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, in the London District, praying for a sum of money to be applied in the completion of a Harbour at the mouth of Kettle Creek, was read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to enable William Warren Baldwin Esquire, to carry into effect the Will of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon 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 recommended the same to be referred to a Select Committee with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon.

Reported and referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The Honorable Messrs. Allan, Robinson and Elmsley enter.

Members enter the House.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Dickson and Boswell be appointed a Select Committee to take into consideration the Bill to enable William Warren Baldwin Esquire to carry into effect the Will of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon.

Members composing the above Committee.

The Honorable Mr. Wells enters.

A Member enters the House.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the subject matter of the Resolutions adopted by the Assembly on the subject of the Timber Trade, transmitted to this House by Message on the seventh instant.

Resolutions of Assembly on the Timber Trade re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Allan took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Resolutions into consideration, had made some amendments thereto, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

Amendments reported.

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Ordered, that the Report be received.

Read first time.

The said Amendments were then read as follows :

The Amendments.

Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Resolutions on the subject of the Timber Trade, sent by the Assembly for the concurrence of this House :—

In the first Resolution—After the word "England" insert "there is reason to apprehend"

" Fourth Resolution—Expunge the words "ought to" and insert "might"

Expunge the Fifth Resolution.

In the sixth Resolution—After the word "subjects" expunge the remainder.

A Member enters the House.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank enters.

Ordered, that the Amendments be engrossed, and the said Resolutions as amended read a third time this day.

21st James 1st. Chap. 27th repeal Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for repealing an Act passed in the twenty-first year of the reign of His late Majesty King James the First, entitled "An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of Bastard Children," was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

Provincial Commissioners appointment Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill 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," was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

Resolutions of Assembly on the Timber Trade read third time and passed, as amended.

Pursuant to order, the Resolutions of the Assembly on the subject matter of the Timber Trade were, as amended, read a third time, and the question of concurrence being put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House, as follows :—

The Resolutions, as amended.

Resolved. That by the latest accounts from England there is reason to apprehend the Imperial Parliament contemplate some material alteration and reduction in the present Duties on Timber and Deals imported into Great Britain and Ireland from the North of Europe.

Resolved. That the Timber Trade of Upper and Lower Canada, in consequence of the protecting Duty imposed on Timber imported into Great Britain from the North of Europe, has of late years induced Capitalists to invest large sums of money in the construction of expensive Saw-Mills, and other works necessary to insure a regular and extensive supply of all kinds of Timber, Deals and Staves, for the British and West India Markets.

Resolved. That any material diminution of these Duties will wholly exclude Canada Timber from consumption in the British Market, in consequence of the more expensive voyage to North America, and the higher rate of wages paid for labour in these Colonies, as well as to British Seamen.

Resolved. That the employment of many hundred ships, manned with British Subjects, is of itself, a consideration which, in the opinion of this House, might induce the Imperial Parliament to continue a regulation so important to the welfare of the people of His Majesty's North American Colonies and the Shipping interests of the Empire, especially as the nature of that Trade enables the Colonists to consume vast quantities of the Manufactures of the Mother Country, while at the same time the redundant population of the Kingdom find an easy method of being conveyed to a country where industrious families have a certain opportunity of earning a livelihood, and thus relieve the nation of a most alarming burthen, besides the expense of their removal as a National measure.

Resolved. That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the foregoing Resolutions, and beseeching His Majesty to continue such Duty on Timber imported into Great Britain from the North of Europe as may be thought sufficient to protect the Timber Trade of His Majesty's faithful Canadian Subjects.

Amendments signed.

Whereupon the Speaker signed the Amendments, and it was—

The Resolutions, as amended, sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed the Resolutions on the subject matter of the Timber Trade, with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Commons House of Assembly.

Petition of Abner Decow and others, presented.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson brought up the Petition of Abner Decow and others, Inhabitants of the banks of the Grand River, in the County of Haldimand, which was laid on the Table.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded the House adjourned.

Thursday, 10th February, 1831.

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

Thursday, 10th February, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM ALLAN,	
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM DICKSON,	“ “ JAMES GORDON,	Members present.
“ “ WILLIAM D. POWELL,	“ “ ALEXANDER M'DONELL,	
“ “ GEORGE CROOKSHANK,	“ “ JOHN ELMSLEY,	
“ “ DUNCAN CAMERON,	“ “ AGUSTUS BALDWIN,	
“ “ GEORGE H. MARKLAND,	“ “ PETER ADAMSON,	

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for repealing an Act passed in the 21st year of the Reign of His late Majesty King James the First, entitled “An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of Bastard Children.”

21st James 1st, Chap. 27th repeal Bill committed.

The Honorable Mr. Markland took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

Adopted.

The Honorable Messrs. Wells and Boswell enter.

Members enter the House.

Ordered, that the Bill for repealing an Act passed in the twenty-first year of the reign of His late Majesty King James the First, entitled “An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of Bastard Children,” be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Baby, the Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York, and the Honorable Messrs. Crookshank and Robinson, enter.

Members enter the House.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on 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.”

Commercial Bank of Upper Canada Incorporation Bill committed.

The Honorable Mr. Elmsley 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 on Tuesday next.

Reported and leave asked to sit again.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that there be a call of the House on Tuesday next, at two o'clock P. M.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill 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.”

Provincial Commissioners appointment Bill committed.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson 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 to-morrow.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson brought up the Petition of Thomas Hetherington, Peter McGill, and Anthony Manahan, which was laid on the Table.

Petition of Thomas Hetherington and others, presented.

Ordered that the Bill entitled “An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the Marmora Foundry Company,” be read a second time, and that the same do stand upon the order of the day for Monday next.

Marmora Foundry Company's Incorporation Bill restored to the order of the day.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

House adjourns.

Friday, 11th February, 1831.

FIRST SESSION, 11th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 1st WILLIAM IV.

Friday, 11th February, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER. *The Hon. Messrs.* ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
 " " WILLIAM D. POWELL, " " PETER ADAMSON.
 " " JAMES GORDON.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

21st James 1st. Chap.
27th repeal Bill read
third time, and
passed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for repealing an Act passed in the twenty-first year of the Reign of His late Majesty King James the first, entitled, "An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of Bastard Children," was read a third time and passed, and it was—

Title to same.

Ordered, that the title be "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.'"

Bill signed, and sent
to Assembly for
concurrence.

Whereupon the Speaker signed the Bill, and it was—

Ordered to be sent to the Commons House of Assembly by the Master in Chancery for the concurrence of that House.

Order of the day
read for committing
British Coinage
repeal Bill.

The order of the day being read for the House to be put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the seventh year of His late Majesty's Reign establishing the value of the British Silver and Copper Coinage current within this Province, it was—

Same discharged.

Ordered, that it be discharged, and that the same do stand upon the order of the day for next Monday se'night.

Petition of Abner
Decow and others,
praying for remun-
eration from the
Welland Canal
Company, for losses
sustained by Pe-
titioners, read.

The Petition of Abner Decow and others, Inhabitants of the banks of the Grand River, in the County of Haldimand, praying for an Act whereby the Welland Canal Company may be obliged to remunerate them for loss sustained by reason of the Dam erected by the said Company overflowing the Petitioners Lands, was read.

Report of Select
Committee on
Saint George's Estate
Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson from the Select Committee on the Bill to enable William Warren Baldwin Esquire, to carry into effect the Will of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George, reported that they had inquired into the facts of the Bill, and recommended some amendments to the adoption of the House.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Ordered, that the House be again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill on Monday next.

Marriage Bill brought
up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act for rendering valid certain Marriages heretofore Solemnized, and for amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in this Province," to which they desired the concurrence of this House, and withdrew.

Read first time.

The said Bill was then read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Provincial Commis-
sioner's appointment
Bill re-committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill 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."

The Honorable Mr. M'Donell took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Amendments re-
ported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made some amendments thereto, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

Members enter the
House.

The Honorable Messrs. Allan and Elmsley enter.

Amendments to
Provincial Commis-
sioners appointment
Bill read first time.

The Amendments in and to the Bill 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," were then read as follows:—

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

In the title—Line 1—Expunge “appoint” and insert “provide for the appointment of.” The Amendments.
 Press. 1, Line 1.—After “that” insert “provision be made for the appointment of,” and expunge “be appointed.”

“ “ “ 11.—After the word “same” expunge the remainder of the clause, and insert “that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province from time to time, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Province, to Commission, authorise and empower, three able and discreet persons, two of whom shall be a quorum, to treat, consult, and agree with the persons duly authorised, or to be authorised for that purpose, by a power granted by an Act of the Legislature of His Majesty’s Province of Lower Canada; which said Commissioners so appointed for Upper Canada, shall have power and authority to enter into any regulations, provisions, matters and things, which may regard the Commerce, Navigation, and Roads of either Province, and from time to time to report their proceedings to the Lieutenant Governor or Person Administering the Government, to be laid before the Legislature of this Province.”

Press. 2—After the third clause insert “provided always, nevertheless, and it is hereby declared and enacted, that the Commissioners to be appointed under the authority of this Act, shall have no power to annul, alter, or in any manner interfere with any thing done, or to be done, under the authority of a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, made in the third year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, entitled “An Act to regulate the Trade of the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, and for other purposes relating to the said Provinces.”

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence being put on each they were severally agreed to by the House, and it was— Read second time, and Adopted.

Ordered, that the Amendments be engrossed, and the Bill as amended read a third time on Monday next.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday next. House adjourns.

Monday, 14th February, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. The House meets:

PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> JAMES GORDON,	
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM DICKSON,	“ “	ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
“ “ WILLIAM D. POWELL,	“ “	AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
“ “ WILLIAM ALLAN,	“ “	PETER ADAMSON,

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

The Honorable Mr. Powell brought in a Bill for declaring the Quebec Ordonnance of 25th of George Third, touching Appeals, to be in full force of law in this Province. Court of Appeals Bill brought in.

The said Bill was then read. Read first time.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, “An Act for incorporating the President and Board of Police of Brockville, and for establishing a Market in the said Town,” to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew. Brockville Police Bill brought up from Assembly.

The said Bill was then read. Read first time.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson enters. A Member enters the House.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled “An Act for incorporating the President and Board of Police of Brockville, and for establishing a Market in the said Town,” be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill 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,” was as amended read a third time. Provincial Commissioner's appointment Bill, as amended, read third time.

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Members enter the House.

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York, and the Honorable Mr. Wells enter.

Provincial Commissioners appointment Bill not to pass.

Ordered, that the Bill 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," as amended do not now pass, and that the House be again put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill to-morrow.

Same to be re-committed.

Petition of Thomas Hetherington and others, praying to be incorporated under the name of the Marmora Foundry Company read.

The Petition of Thomas Hetherington, Peter McGill and Anthony Manahan, praying to be incorporated under the name of the Marmora Foundry Company, was read—

The Bill for that purpose read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled 'An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the Marmora Foundry Company,' was read a second time, and it was—

44th Rule dispensed with as regards same.

Ordered, that the forty-fourth rule of the House be dispensed with as it regards the said Bill, and that the House be put into a Committee of the whole, on the same presently.

The Bill committed.

Pursuant to order, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the Marmora Foundry Company."

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and leave granted accordingly.

Saint George's Estate Bill re-committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to enable William Warren Baldwin Esquire, to carry into effect the Will of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Amendments reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, had made some amendments thereto, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Marriage Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act for rendering valid certain Marriages heretofore Solemnized, and for amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in this Province," was read a second time, and it was—

And ordered to be printed.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same on Friday next, and in the mean time it be printed.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded the House adjourned.

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The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> PETER ROBINSON,
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM DICKSON,	" " JAMES GORDON,
" " WILLIAM D. POWELL,	" " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
" " DUNCAN CAMERON,	" " JOHN ELMSLEY,
" " GEORGE H. MARKLAND,	" " AGUSTUS BALDWIN.
" " WILLIAM ALLAN,	

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Report of Select Committee on Quebec Ordinances repeal Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill for repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec, presented their Report.

Ordered, that it be received, and the same was then read as follows:—

Same read.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of a Bill for repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec—

MOST RESPECTFULLY REPORT—

That Your Committee had recourse for their information on the subject committed to them to a Book printed in Quebec, as the Ordinances made and passed by the Governor

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and Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec, and in force in the Province of Lower Canada in the year 1795, as a guide to them in examining what Ordinances are repealed positively; what constructively; what may still be in force; and what doubtful; which they submit for the consideration of your Honorable House.

The first Ordinance, the 17th George 3d, Cap. 1st, was in force at the division of the Provinces, is not at length set out as it was repealed by the Statute of Lower Canada 34th Geo. 3d, Cap. 6th, section 38th; and although not expressly repealed, is so constructively and necessarily varied by our own Act of 34th Geo. 3d, Cap. 2nd, entitled "An Act to establish a superior Court of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction, and to regulate the Court of Appeal."

II.—An Ordinance of 17th Geo. 3d, entitled "An Ordinance for ascertaining damages on Protested Bills of Exchange, and fixing the rate of Interest in the Province of Quebec." This was repealed by our own Provincial Statute of 51st George the third, Cap. 9th.

III.—17th Geo. 3d, Cap. 5—An Ordinance for establishing Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec. This Ordinance is expressly repealed by the Statute of Lower Canada 34th Geo. 3d, Chap. 6th, Section 38th, and necessarily and constructively repealed by our Statute of 34th Geo. 3d, Chap. 2nd, as before mentioned.

IV.—17th Geo. 3d, Chap. 7th—An Ordinance to prevent the selling of Strong Liquors to the Indians in the Province of Quebec, and also to deter persons from buying their Arms or Clothing, and for other purposes relative to the trade and intercourse with the said Indians.

The second and fourth clauses of this Act may be considered to be in force—limitation of Informations six months. The other clauses in this Ordinance appear to be repealed by an Ordinance of 31st Geo. 3d, Chap 1st, Section 3d, and that Ordinance necessarily and constructively repealed by our own Provincial Statutes.

V.—17th Geo. 3d, Chap. 8th—For regulating the Militia of the Province of Quebec.—This Ordinance was repealed by the 33d Geo. 3d, Chap. 1st, and by the 48th Geo. 3d Chap. 1st.

VI.—17th Geo. 3d, Chap. 9th—An Ordinance for regulating the Currency of the Province. This is repealed by 36th Geo. 3d, Chap. 1st. Section 12th.

VII.—17th Geo. 3d. Chap. 11th.—For repairing and amending the Public Highways and Bridges in the Province of Quebec.—This Ordinance is necessarily repealed by 33d. Geo. 3d. Chap. 2d. and 50th Geo. 3d. Chap. 1st.

VIII.—17th Geo. 3d. Chap. 12th.—An Ordinance empowering Commissioners of the Peace to regulate the prices to be paid for the carriage of Goods and the passage of Ferries in the Province of Quebec.—This is local as to the carriage of Goods, and necessarily repealed as to Ferries by 37th Geo. 3d. Chap. 10th.

IX.—17th Geo. 3d. Chap. 13th.—An Ordinance for preventing accidents by fire.—This Ordinance is necessarily repealed by 32d. Geo. 3d. Chap. 5th.

X.—17th Geo. 3d. Chap. 14th.—An Ordinance for preventing persons leaving the Province without a pass.—Although this Ordinance was in force at the division of the Province it is no longer applicable to this Province as the penalties are recoverable in the Courts of Common Pleas, and the introduction of the Laws of England has virtually repealed it.

XI.—22nd Geo. 3d. Chap. 1st.—For altering, fixing and establishing, the age of Majority. This Ordinance is in correspondence with the Law of England introduced; the age of Majority before this was twenty-five years.

XII.—24th Geo. 3d. Chap. 1st.—For securing the liberty of the Subject, and for the prevention of imprisonment out of this Province.—This Ordinance appears to be correspondent to the Common Law of England, and was in force at the division of the Provinces; how far the provisions of this Ordinance may vary from the Common and Statute Law would require examination, but as the liberty of the Subject is sufficiently protected by the existing Law, it would be prudent to repeal this Statute to avoid doubts.

XIII.—25th Geo. 3d. Chap. 2d.; 29th Geo. 3d. Chap. 3d; and 32d. Geo. 3d. Chap. 1st.—To regulate the proceedings in the Courts of Civil Judicature and to establish trial by Jury in actions of a Commercial nature, and personal wrongs to be compensated in damage.

To continue the Ordinances regulating the practice of the Law, and to provide more effectually for the dispensation of Justice, and especially in the new Districts.

An Ordinance relating to causes in Appeal to the Court of the Governor and Executive Council.

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The first of the above Acts have necessarily by construction been repealed, leaving the clauses respecting Appeals in force until the 31st Geo. 3d. Chap. 34th changed the constitution of the Court of Appeals; and instead of the Governor and Council, (Legislative Council) enacted that the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person Administering the Government, together with such Executive Council as shall be appointed by His Majesty for the affairs of such Province, shall be a Court of Civil Jurisdiction within each of the said Provinces respectively for hearing and determining Appeals within the same in the like cases, and in the like manner and form, and such Appeals therefrom as such Appeals might before the passing of this Act have been heard and determined by the Governor and Council of the Province of Quebec, but subject nevertheless to such further or other provision as may be made in this behalf by any Act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of either of the said Provinces respectively, assented to by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors. Under the authority of such last clause the Legislature of Upper Canada enacted "That the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person Administering the Government, together with two or more Members of the Executive Council of the Province, shall compose a Court of Appeal for hearing and determining all Appeals from such Judgments or Sentences as may lawfully be brought before them." It does not appear from this Act explicitly that the verdict of a jury may not be appealed from in a matter of fact and the Court have cognizance of it, but if it is construed as an appeal in error, then it is presumed that the law only and not the fact may be drawn in question. The Ordinance mentioned in the thirty-fourth clause of the thirty-first of the King is not to be found in the Book now in the possession of the Committee which might clear up this matter.

The Legislature of the Province of Lower Canada have put this doubt at rest in that Province by the twenty-eighth section of the 34th Geo. 3d. Chap. 6th, and have also limited appeals in certain cases, and by the twenty-seventh section on what conditions.

25th Geo. 3d. Chap. 3d.—An Ordinance concerning land Surveyors and the admeasurement of lands.—This Ordinance is repealed by the 59th Geo. 3d. Chap. 14th section 1st.

25th Geo. 3d. Chap. 4th.—An Ordinance concerning Advocates &c. and for the more easy collection of His Majesty's Revenue.—Repealed as far as relates to Barristers, Advocates, Attornies or Solicitors, by 37th Geo. 3d. Chap. 13th section 8th; and Notaries by 38th Geo. 3d. Chap. 2d.

25th Geo. 3d. Chap. 5th.—For granting a limited Civil power and jurisdiction to His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the remote parts of this Province.—This is necessarily repealed by the introduction of the Laws of England by our first Statute 32d. Geo. 3d. Chap. 1st.

25th Geo. 3d. Chap. 6th.—An Ordinance to prevent the Exportation of Flour unmerchantable &c.—Repealed constructively by the division of the Provinces.

25th Geo. 3d. Chap. 1st. section 2d.—To regulate the proceedings in certain cases in the Court of King's Bench, and to give the Subject the benefit of appeal from large fines.—The last part of this Ordinance may still exist being an appeal to the King in Council from large fines, if above one hundred Pounds.

27th Geo. 3d. Chap. 3d.—For quartering the Troops upon certain occasions in the County Parishes, and providing for the conveyance of effects belonging to Government.—Necessarily and constructively repealed under existing circumstances, the Militia laws of Lower Canada not being in force.

27th Geo. 3d. Chap. 4th.—To continue in force for a limited time &c.—The two last clauses of this Act seem to form a part of the law of attachment, and appear to be unrepealed by any constructive Act, and are applicable to the Province of Upper Canada; but whether the foundation of these subsidiary clauses originate in the Civil law or the law of Canada, your Committee have not any correct means of ascertaining. If in Upper Canada, the law on this subject is defective. Your Honorable House have repeatedly tendered a remedy to the other Branch of the Legislature but without a concurrence, in a measure so evidently necessary for the protection of the creditor against fraudulent and absconding debtors.

27th Geo. 3d. Chap. 6th.—To explain and amend an Ordinance for establishing Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction in the Province.—This is a local Act as regards the Militia Laws, and is necessarily repealed.

27th Geo. 3d. Chap. 11th.—Concerning Advocates &c.—Repealed by 37th George 3d. Chap. 13th.

28th Geo. 3d. Chap. 1st.—Further to regulate the Inland Commerce of this Province, and to extend the same.

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28th Geo. 3d. Chap. 3d.—Further to regulate the Inland Commerce.

The above two Ordinances are repealed, the first constructively, the last positively, by 4th Geo. 4th Chap. 6th.

28th Geo. 3d. Chap. 2d.—For the easy settlement and recovery of the Crown debts incurred on the Commercial Transportation over the Inland Lakes.—No longer applicable to circumstances.

28th Geo. 3d. Chap. 4th.—For the better security of the Revenue arising on the retail of Wine, Brandy, Rum, or other Spirituous Liquors.—Necessarily repealed by all the Provincial Statutes of Upper Canada.

28th Geo. 3d. Chap. 8th.—To prevent persons practicing Physic, and Surgery within the Province of Quebec, or Midwifery in the Towns of Quebec and Montreal.—This is constructively repealed by 35th Geo. 3d. Chap. 8th.

28th Geo. 3d. Chap. 9th.—To alter the present method of drawing Sleds—This is a local Ordinance and partly repealed by another Ordinance 29th Geo. 3d. Chap. 7th, and entirely inaplicable.

29th Geo. 3d. Chap. 3d.—An Act to continue the Ordinances regulating the practice of the Law, and to provide more effectually for the dispensation of Justice, and especially in the new Districts.—Part of the seventh section of this Ordinance is in force, and the crime of Petty Larceny for stealing to the amount of twenty shillings sterling extended, the remainder of the clause may still be considered part of the Criminal Law, for a breach of the Peace, or Fetty Larceny, not finding security forty-eight hours after commitment to Gaol, three Justices on conviction, may give judgment for corporal punishment, section 15th.

30th Geo. 3d. Chap. 1st.—An Act to regulate the Pilotage in the River Saint Lawrence, and preventing abuses in the Port of Quebec.—This is entirely a local Ordinance.

30th Geo. 3d. Chap. 4th.—For preventing Cattle going at large.—This Ordinance is constructively repealed.

30th Geo. 3d. Chap. 6th.—More effectually to prevent the desertion of Seamen from the Merchants service.—This Act may be considered as still in force, but it is questionable whether it extends to the Lakes.

31st Geo. 3d. Chap. 2d.—To continue and amend the Acts or Ordinances therein mentioned respecting the practice of Law in Civil cases.—This Ordinance continued the Ordinances passed in the 25th, 27th, 29th, 30th April, 31st Geo. 3d. until other provision be made for the subjects to which the said several Acts and Ordinances relate, as the condition of the Country then may soon be the subject of reform; thereby meaning our Constitutional Act of the 31st Geo. 3d. Chap. 1st.

31st Geo. 3d. Chap. 6th.—Concerning the building and repairing of Churches, Parsonage Houses and Church Yards.—Not applicable to Upper Canada, His Majesty's Protestant Subjects not chargeable with contribution, however far it may extend to Roman Catholics and the power of the Bishops &c. &c. as to the Churches in Upper Canada.

23d. Geo. 3d. Chap. 1st.—An Ordinance relating to causes in appeal to the Court of Governor and Executive Council.—It does not appear at length in the Ordinances as it was repealed in Lower Canada by 34th Geo. 3d. Chap. 6th, section 41st; and by our Provincial Statute 34th Geo. 3d. Chap. —

Your Committee after an attentive consideration of what Ordinances were in their opinion in force at the division of the Provinces, and remaining unrepealed and unexpired, advert to the 31st George 3d. Chap. 31st. section 33, that all Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, which shall be in force on the day to be fixed, (*viz.* 31st December 1792) shall remain and continue to be of the same force, authority and effect, in the said Provinces respectively as if this Act had not been made and if the said Province of Quebec had not been divided, except in so far as the same are expressly repealed or varied by this Act, or in so far as the same shall or may hereafter by virtue and under the authority of this Act be repealed or varied by His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Councils and Assembly of the said Provinces respectively. Under this authority the Laws of England instead of the Laws of Canada became in all matters of controversy and Civil rights the rule of decision, 32d. Geo. 3d. Chap. 1st. but should not extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal or vary any of the Ordinances made and passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec previous to the division of the same into the Provinces of Up-

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per and Lower Canada, otherwise, as they are necessarily varied by the provisions herein contained.

Your Committee have remarked what Ordinances in their opinion have been positively repealed, necessarily varied, and constructively repealed, but submit for the consideration of your Honorable House:—

The 2d. and 4th clauses of 17th Geo. 3d. Chap. 7th.

The 24th George 3d. Chap. 1st.

The 25th George 3d. Chap. 1st. section 2nd.

The 27th George 3d. Chap. 4th, last clauses.

The 29th George 3d. Chap. 3d. section 7th.

The 30th Geore 3d. Chap. 6th.

The 31st. George 3d. Chap. 6th.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Court of Appeals under the several Ordinances, with all the provisions incident thereto, and all the practice, rules and regulations, ceased and expired at the time of passing the Provincial Act (viz. the 34th Geo. 3d.) and it appears to your Committee not only a prudent but a necessary measure for many reasons to repeal all these Ordinances, retaining only such as your Honorable House may think proper to remain Laws in Upper Canada, to be contained in a provision or provisions to be added to the present Bill.

Members enter the House.

The Honorable Messrs. Baby, Wells and Adamson, enter.

Ordered, that the House be again put into a Committee of the whole on Monday next on the Bill for repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec, as also the report of the Select Committee thereon.

Court of Appeals Bill restored to the order of the day.

Ordered, that the Bill for declaring the Quebec Ordonnance of 27th of George Third, touching Appeals, to be in full force of law in this Province, be read a second time, and that the same do stand upon the order of the day for Thursday next.

Call of the House.

Pursuant to the order of the day the House was called.

PRESENT,

Members present.

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM ALLAN,
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> JAMES BABY,	“ “ PETER ROBINSON,
“ “ WILLIAM DICKSON,	“ “ JAMES GORDON,
“ “ WILLIAM D. POWELL,	“ “ ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
“ “ JOSEPH WELLS,	“ “ JOHN ELMSLEY,
“ “ DUNCAN CAMERON,	“ “ AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
“ “ GEORGE H. MARKLAND,	“ “ PETER ADAMSON,

ABSENT,

Members absent.

<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> JOHN M'GILL,	<i>The Hon.</i> SIR WILLIAM CAMPBELL,
“ “ THOMAS CLARK,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,
“ “ GEORGE CROOKSHANK,	“ “ CHARLES JONES,
<i>The Hon. & Ven. the</i> ARCHDEACON OF YORK,	“ “ WALTER BOSWELL,
<i>The Hon.</i> Mr. JOHN H. DUNN,	“ “ JOHN HAMILTON.

Commercial Bank of Upper Canada Incorporation Bill re-committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on 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.”

The Honorable Mr. Elmsley took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

A Member enters the House.
Reported Committee had risen.

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York enters.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had risen.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

Brockville Police Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act for incorporating the President and Board of Police of Brockville, and for establishing a Market in the said Town,” was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same on Tuesday next.

Provincial Commissioners appointment Bill re-committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill 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.”

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The Honorable Mr. Robinson took the Chair.

A Message being announced, the Chairman left the Chair, and the House formed.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Prince Edward separation Bill brought up from Assembly.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill 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."

Provincial Commissioners appointment Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made a further amendment thereto, and recommended the Bill as further amended to the adoption of the House.

Further amendment reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The further Amendment was then read as follows :

After the fourth Amendment add "respecting the apportionment and payment of duties on Merchandize imported into the Port of Quebec."

Read first time.
The Amendment.

The further Amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put, it was agreed to by the House, and it was—

Read second time.
Adopted.

Ordered, that the same be engrossed, and the said Bill as further amended read a third time on Thursday next.

The Bill entitled "An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District," was read, and it was—

Prince Edward separation Bill read first time.

Ordered, that the same be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the Marmora Foundry Company."

Marmora Foundry Company's Incorporation Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Thursday next.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned for one hour.

House adjourns for an hour.

At four of the clock P. M. the House met.

House meets.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon gave notice that he would, on Thursday next, move that it be, *Resolved*, That the Forty-third Rule of this House, which declares "that no argument against the principle of a Bill shall be had or admitted in any Committee of the whole House upon such Bill," be rescinded.

Notice of motion for rescinding the 43rd Rule of the House.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Adamson have leave of absence for ten days.

Leave of absence granted to the Hon. Mr. Adamson.

On motion made and seconded the House adjourned until Thursday next.

House adjourns.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets:

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, The Hon. Messrs. PETER ROBINSON,

The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " JAMES GORDON,

Members present.

" " WILLIAM D. POWELL, " " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,

The Hon. & Ven. the ARCHDEACON OF YORK, " " AGUSTUS BALDWIN.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to enable William Warren Baldwin Esquire, to carry into effect the Will of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George, was read a third time and passed, and it was—

Saint George's Estate Bill read third time, and passed.

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Title to same.

Ordered, that the title be "An Act for vesting the Estates which were of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George, deceased, in this Province, in William Warren Baldwin, and for declaring the trusts upon which certain other Estates are held by the said William Warren Baldwin, for the purpose of enabling the said William Warren Baldwin the better to carry into effect the Will of the said Laurent Quetton Saint George, and for other purposes relating to the Real and Personal Estates which were of the said Laurent Quetton Saint George, in this Province," whereupon the Speaker signed the Bill, and it was—

Bill signed,

And sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that the same be sent to the Commons House of Assembly by the Master in Chancery for the concurrence of that House.

Provincial Commissioner's appointment Bill, as further amended, read third time and passed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill 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," was as further amended read a third time, and the question being put, whether this Bill as further amended should pass, it was carried in the affirmative, whereupon the Speaker signed the amendments, and it was—

Amendments signed.

Bill (as amended) sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Marmora Foundry Company's Incorporation Bill read third time, passed and signed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the Marmora Foundry Company," was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Assembly acquainted of same.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Members enter the House.

The Honorable Messrs. Wells and Elmsley enter.

Court of Appeals Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for declaring the Quebec Ordonnance of the 25th of George Third, touching Appeals, to be in full force of law in this Province, was read a second time.

Femme Couverte Estate Bill brought up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to alien and convey their Real Estate," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Message from Assembly, acquainting this House of their having adopted the Amendments to the Resolutions on the subject of the Timber Trade, and submitting an Address to the King, founded thereon, for the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Message in the following words, and then withdrew :

MR. SPEAKER,

The Commons House of Assembly having adopted the Amendments of the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Resolutions on the subject of the Timber Trade, have passed an Address to His Majesty founded thereon, which they submit for the concurrence of Your Honorable House.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly,
17th day of February, 1831.*

Two Messages from the Lieut. Governor.

Two Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor were delivered by Mr. Secretary Mudge, who being retired, the Speaker read the same, and they were again read by the Clerk as follows :

J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, copies of such Reports respecting District and Common Schools as have been received from the Trustees and Boards of Education respectively for the past year.

*Government House,
17th February, 1831.*

Transmitting copies of District and common School Reports.

J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, a copy of the Report and accompanying papers received from the Commissioners of the late Bank at Kingston, for the year 1830.

*Government House,
17th February, 1831.*

Transmitting copies of Documents from the Commissioners of the late Bank at Kingston.

17th & 18th February, 1831.

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

The question being put for the House to be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow on the Bill for declaring the Quebec Ordinance of the 25th of George the Third touching appeals to be in full force of Law in this Province, it was carried in the negative.

Question put for committing Court of Appeals Bill. Carried in the Negative.

The Bill entitled "An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to alien and convey their Real Estate," was read, and it was—

Femme Couverte Estate Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

The Address to the King, on the subject of the Timber Trade received by Message from the Commons House of Assembly this day, was then read, and it was—

Address to the King on the Timber Trade read.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice it was moved that it be—

Resolved, That the Forty-third Rule of this House which declares, "that no arguments against the principle of a Bill shall be had in any Committee of the whole House upon such Bill," be rescinded, the said Rule being found to be inconvenient in practice.

Motion for rescinding the 43d Rule of the House.

Ordered, that the said Resolution do lie on the Table, and—

Laid on the Table.

Ordered, that pursuant to the Fifty-fourth Rule of the House the Members in Town be Summoned to attend in their places to-morrow.

Members in Town summoned.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

House adjourns.

Friday, 18th February, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* JAMES GORDON,

The Hon. Messrs. JAMES BABY,

" " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,

Members present.

" " WILLIAM DICKSON,

" " JOHN ELMSLEY,

" " DUNCAN CAMERON,

" " ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,

" " JOHN H. DUNN,

" " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,

" " WILLIAM ALLAN,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act for incorporating the President and Board of Police of Brockville, and for establishing a Market in the said Town."

Brockville Police Bill committed.

The Honorable Mr. Allan took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, and had agreed to a Resolution, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

Resolution reported for referring the Bill to a Select Committee of two Members.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank, the Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York, and the Honorable Messrs. Wells and Markland enter.

Members enter the House.

The Resolution was then read as follows:—

Resolved, That the Brockville Police Bill be referred to a Select Committee of two Members, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon, and whether the Rules of this House have been complied with in respect to the introduction of this Bill.

Above Resolution read. The Resolution.

The question of concurrence being put the said Resolution was agreed to by the House, and it was—

Question put and carried.

Ordered that the Bill entitled "An Act for incorporating the President and Board of Police of Brockville, and for establishing a Market in the said Town," be referred to a Select Committee of two Members, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon, and whether the Rules of this House have been complied with in respect to the introduction of this Bill.

And the Bill referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Gordon and Baldwin be appointed the Committee for that purpose.

Members composing same.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District," was read a second time,

Second reading Prince Edward separation Bill.

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FIRST SESSION, 11th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 1st. WILLIAM IV.

Marriage Bill
committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled, "An Act for rendering valid certain Marriages heretofore Solemnized, and for amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in this Province."

The Honorable Mr. Wells took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported and leave
asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Monday next.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. Allan laid on the Table the following Resolution :

Resolution for sus-
pending the Rule
relative to private
Bills laid on the Table.

Resolved, That the Rule of this House, passed on the fifth day of March last, restraining this House from proceeding on Private Bills which may come up from the Assembly after the thirtieth day of the Session be suspended, so far as the same may affect any Bills which have come up, or may come from the Assembly before the expiration of eight days from the passing of this order.

Members in Town
summoned.

Ordered, that the same be taken into consideration on Monday next, and that pursuant to the Fifty-fourth Rule of this House the Members in Town be summoned to attend in their places on that day.

Femme Couverte Es-
tate Bill read 2d time.

Pursuant to the order of the day the Bill entitled "An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to alien and convey their Real Estate," was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same on Monday next.

Address to the King
on the Timber Trade
committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Address to His Majesty on the subject matter of the Timber Trade, transmitted by the Assembly on the seventh instant.

The Honorable Mr. Markland took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that they had gone through the Address, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Ordered, that the said Address be read a third time on Monday next.

Question put on the
motion for rescinding
the 33d rule of the
House.

On motion made and seconded, the question of concurrence was put on the Honorable Mr. Gordon's motion of yesterday, that it be—

Resolved, That the Forty-third Rule of this House, which declares "that no arguments against the principle of a Bill shall be had in any Committee of the whole House upon such Bill," be rescinded, the said Rule being found to be inconvenient in practice, which was carried in the negative.

And Negatived.
House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 21st February, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER. *The Hon. Messrs.* WILLIAM ALLAN,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " JAMES GORDON,
" " GEORGE CROOKSHANK, " " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
" " JOSEPH WELLS. " " ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Address to the King
on the Timber Trade
read third time and
passed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Address to His Majesty, received from the Assembly, on the subject matter of the Timber Trade, was read a third time and passed, as follows :—

The Address.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

WE, YOUR MAJESTY'S most dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty with expressions of deep concern at the accounts which have reached this Colony of an intention, on the part of Your Majesty's Government, to

Monday, 21st February, 1831.

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

reduce the present Duty on Timber and Deals Imported into Great Britain and Ireland from the North of Europe.

We would humbly impress upon Your Majesty's attention, that the Timber Trade of Upper and Lower Canada, in consequence of the protecting Duty imposed on Timber Imported into Your Majesty's Kingdom from the North of Europe, has of late years induced Capitalists to invest large sums of money in the construction of expensive Saw-mills, and other Works, necessary to ensure a regular and extensive supply of all kinds of Timber, Deals and Staves, for the British and West India Market, and that any material diminution of these duties will wholly exclude Canada Timber from consumption in the British Market, in consequence of the more expensive voyage to North America, and the higher rate of wages paid for labour in these Colonies, as well as to British Seamen.

We would further represent to Your Majesty, that the employment of many hundred Ships, manned with Your Majesty's Subjects, is of itself a consideration which, in our opinion, must afford an inducement to Your Majesty's Parliament to continue a regulation so important to the welfare of the people of Your Majesty's North American Colonies, and the Shipping interests of the Empire, especially as the nature of that Trade enables the Colonists to consume vast quantities of the Manufactures of the Mother Country, while at the same time the redundant population of the Kingdom find an easy method of being conveyed to a Country, where industrious families have a certain opportunity of earning a livelihood, and thus relieve the Nation of a most alarming burthen, besides the expense of their removal to the Colonies as a national measure.

We, therefore, earnestly beseech Your Majesty to take this our humble Address into consideration, and recommend to the Imperial Parliament a continuance of such duty on Baltic Timber, Deals and Staves, as will protect the Timber Trade of these Provinces, and thereby avert the utter ruin of Your Majesty's faithful Canadian Subjects.

[Signed,]

JOHN B. ROBINSON,
SPEAKER.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Twenty-first day of February, 1831.*

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly,
Seventeenth day of February, 1831.*

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have adopted the Address to His Majesty, on the subject matter of the Timber Trade.

Assembly acquainted of the adoption thereof.

The order of the day for the House to be again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the seventh year of His late Majesty's Reign establishing the value of the British Silver and Copper Coinage current within this Province, being read, it was—

Order of the day read for committing British Coinage Repeal Bill.

Ordered, that the same be discharged.

Same discharged.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec, as also the report of the Select Committee thereon.

Quebec Ordinances Repeal Bill, and Report of Select Committee thereon, committed.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took the Chair.

A Message being announced the Chairman left the Chair, and the House formed.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company,"—and also a Bill entitled, "An Act to extend the time for taking the oaths prescribed by a certain Act passed in the sixth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act to secure and confer upon certain Inhabitants of this Province the Civil and Political Rights of Natural Born British Subjects,'" to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Niagara Harbour and Dock Company's Incorporation Bill brought up from Assembly.

Naturalization Oath's extension Bill brought up from Assembly.

The Honorable Messrs. Robinson and Elmsley enter.

Members enter the House.

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Sheriff's security Bill brought up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office," to which they requested the concurrence of this House, and withdrew.

A Member enters the House.

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York enters.

Quebec Ordinances repeal Bill, and Report of Select Committee thereon, re-committed.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec, as also the report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took the Chair.

A Message being announced, the Chairman left the Chair, and the House formed.

Members enter the House.

The Honorable Messrs. Baby, Cameron and Markland, enter.

York Market Square trust Bill brought up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill 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," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Quebec Ordinances repeal Bill and Report of Select Committee thereon, re-committed.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec, as also the report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took the Chair.

A Message being announced, the Chairman left the Chair and the House formed.

Kingston Police Bill brought up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force establishing a Police in the Town of Kingston, and to provide for the election of a Council to regulate the Police of the said Town," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec, and the report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported and leave asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill, and the report thereon, into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Leave granted.

Niagara Harbour and Dock Company's Incorporation Bill read first time.

The Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company," was read.

York Market Square trust Bill read 1st time.

The Bill 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," was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Naturalization Oaths extension Bill read first time.

The Bill entitled "An Act to extend the time for taking the oaths prescribed by a certain Act passed in the sixth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act to secure and confer upon certain Inhabitants of this Province the Civil and Political Rights of Natural Born British Subjects,'" was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Sheriff's security Bill read first time.

The Bill entitled "An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office," was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Kingston Police Bill read first time.

The Bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force establishing a Police in the Town of Kingston, and to provide for the election of a Council to regulate the Police of the said Town," was read.

Marriage Bill re-committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled, "An Act for rendering valid certain Marriages heretofore Solemnized, and for amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in this Province."

The Honorable Mr. Wells took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and recommended that the same be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon.

And referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled "An Act for rendering valid certain Marriages heretofore Solemnized, and for amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in this Province," be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon, and—

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

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Wells, Robinson and M'Donell, be appointed the Committee for that purpose. Members composing same.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House took into consideration the Honorable Mr. Allans Resolution of Friday last, which was read as follows : Resolution read for suspending the Rule relating to private Bills.

Resolved, That the Rule of this House, passed on the fifth day of March last, restraining this House from proceeding on Private Bills which may come up from the Assembly after the thirtieth day of the Session be suspended; so far as the same may affect any Bills which have come up, or may come from the Assembly before the expiration of eight days from the passing of this order. The Resolution.

The question of concurrence being put the said Resolution was agreed to by the House, and it was ordered that it be— Question put and carried.

Resolved, That the Rule of this House passed on the fifth day of March last, restraining this House from proceeding on Private Bills which may come up from the Assembly after the thirtieth day of the Session be suspended, so far as the same may affect any Bills which have come up, or may come from the Assembly before the expiration of eight days from the passing of this order, then it was—

Ordered, that the above Resolution be communicated by message to the Commons House of Assembly. Assembly acquainted of same.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the the Bill entitled "An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District," and that the same do stand upon the order of the day for to-morrow. Prince Edward separation Bill restored to the order of the day.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force establishing a Police in the Town of Kingston, and to provide for the election of a Council to regulate the Police of the said Town," be read a second time, and that the same do stand upon the order of the day for Wednesday next. Kingston Police Bill restored to the order of the day.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company," be read a second time, and that the same do stand upon the order of the day for to-morrow. Niagara Harbour and Dock Company's Incorporation Bill restored to the order of the day.

The Honorable Mr. Wells from the Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company," reported that they had made some amendments to the Bill, which he was ready to submit when the House would be pleased to receive them. Report of Select Committee on Tay Navigation Company's Incorporation Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and—

Ordered, that the House be again put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill to-morrow, as also the report of the Select Committee thereon.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to alien and convey their Real Estate." Femme Couverte Estate Bill committed.

The Honorable Mr. M'Donell 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 to-morrow. Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and leave granted accordingly.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned. Leave granted. House adjourns.

Tuesday, 22nd February, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, <i>The</i>	<i>Hon. Messrs.</i> ALEXANDER M'DONELL,	The House meets: Members present.
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM DICKSON,	" " JOHN ELMSLEY,	
" " JOSEPH WELLS,	" " ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,	
" " WILLIAM ALLAN,	" " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,	
" " JAMES GORDON.		

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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Quebec Ordinances
repeal Bill, and
Report of Select
Committee thereon,
re-committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec, as also the report of the Select Committee on the same.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, had made some amendments thereto, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

Amendments re-
ported.
Adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Ordered, that the said Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

York Market Square
trust Bill read second
time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill 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," was read a second time, and it was—

And referred to a
Select Committee.

Ordered, that the same be referred to a Select Committee of two Members, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon.

Members composing
same.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Dickson and Allan be appointed the Committee for that purpose.

Naturalization Oath's
extension Bill read
second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to extend the time for taking the oaths prescribed by a certain Act passed in the sixth year of His late Majesty's reign entitled 'An Act to secure and confer upon certain Inhabitants of this Province the Civil and Political Rights of Natural Born British Subjects,'" was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

Sheriff's security Bill
read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office," was read a second time, and it was,

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

Prince Edward
separation Bill,
committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District."

The Honorable Mr. Gordon took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave
asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and leave granted accordingly.

Niagara Harbour and
Dock Company's
Incorporation Bill
read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company," was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

Tay Navigation Com-
pany's Incorporation
Bill re-committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company."

The Honorable Mr. Elmsley took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave
asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill, and Report of the Select Committee into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Femme Couverte Es-
tate Bill re-committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to alien and convey their Real Estate."

The Honorable Mr. M'Donell took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave
asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded the House adjourned.

Wednesday, 23rd February, 1831.

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

Wednesday, 23rd February, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
 " " JOSEPH WELLS, " " JOHN ELMSLEY,
 " " JAMES GORDON.

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for repealing the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec, was read a third time and passed, and it was—

Quebec Ordinances
 Repeal Bill read third
 time, and passed.

Ordered, that the title be "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," whereupon the Speaker signed the Bill, and it was—

Title to same.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Bill signed,

And sent to Assembly
 for concurrence.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force establishing a Police in the Town of Kingston, and to provide for the election of a Council to regulate the Police of the said Town," was read a second time, and it was—

Kingston Police Bill
 read second time.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to extend the time for taking the oaths prescribed by a certain Act passed in the sixth year of His late Majesty's reign entitled 'An Act to secure and confer upon certain Inhabitants of this Province the Civil and Political Rights of Natural Born British Subjects.'"

Naturalization Oath's
 extension Bill
 committed.

The Honorable Mr. Elmsley 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 amendments thereto, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

Amendments
 reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follows :

Read first time.

In the Title, line 2—Expunge "Sixth" and insert "Ninth."

" " " 3—After "secure" insert "to."

The Amendments.

In the Preamble, 2—After "secure" insert "to."

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House, and it was—

Read second time,
 and adopted.

Ordered, that they be engrossed and the said Bill as amended read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office."

Sheriff's security Bill
 committed.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin 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 to-morrow.

Reported, and leave
 asked to sit again.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

The Honorable Messrs. Markland, Allan and Burnham, enter.

Leave granted.
 Members enter the
 House.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District."

Prince Edward
 separation Bill
 re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon 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 to-morrow.

Reported, and leave
 asked to sit again.

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- Leave granted.** Ordered, that the Report be received, and leave granted accordingly.
- Niagara Harbour and Dock Company's Incorporation Bill committed.** Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company."
The Honorable Mr. Wells took the Chair.
After some time the House resumed.
- Reported.** The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and recommended that the same be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon.
Ordered, that the Report be received, and—
- And referred to a Select Committee.** Ordered, that the Bill entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company," be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon, and—
- Members composing same.** Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Elmsley and Baldwin, be appointed the Committee for that purpose.
- Tay Navigation Company's Incorporation Bill re-committed.** Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company."
The Honorable Mr. Elmsley took the Chair.
After some time the House resumed.
- Reported, and leave asked to sit again.** The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.
- Leave granted.** Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.
- Ferme Couverte Estate Bill re-committed.** Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to alien and convey their Real Estate."
The Honorable Mr. M'Donell took the Chair.
After some time the House resumed.
- Reported, and leave asked to sit again.** The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.
- Leave granted.** Ordered, that the Report be received, and leave granted accordingly.
- Report of Select Committee on York Market Square trust Bill.** The Honorable Mr. Dickson from the Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly 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," presented their Report.
Ordered, that the Report be received.
- Read.** The same was then read as follows:—
The Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill 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," respectfully Report:—
That they have minutely inquired into the facts and circumstances on which the Bill is founded, and have satisfactorily ascertained that the enactment is just and necessary, and that the same is in accordance with the wishes of all parties interested.
Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the above Report together with the Bill to-morrow.
- House adjourns.** On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until twelve of the clock to-morrow.

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The House meets: The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present. The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER. The Hon. Messrs. ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " JOHN ELMSLEY,
" " WILLIAM ALLAN, " " ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,
" " JAMES GORDON, " " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,

Prayers were read.

Naturalization Oath's extension Bill (as amended) read third time.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.
Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to extend the time for taking the oaths prescribed by a certain Act passed in the sixth year of His late Majesty's reign,

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entitled 'An Act to secure and confer upon certain Inhabitants of this Province the Civil and Political Rights of Natural Born British Subjects,' was as amended read a third time, and the question being put, whether this Bill as amended should pass, it was carried in the affirmative, whereupon the Speaker signed the amendments, and it was—

And passed.
Amendments signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Bill (as amended)
sent to Assembly for
concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. Wells enters.

A Member enters the
House.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District."

Prince Edward
separation Bill,
re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon 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.

Reported, and leave
asked to sit again.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Leave granted.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company."

Tay Navigation Com-
pany's Incorporation
Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Elmsley took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made some amendments thereto, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

Amendments re-
ported.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follows :

Read first time.

Amendments proposed to the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company."

Press. 6. line 14.—After the word "the" insert "said Directors so soon as may be after the said Election shall proceed in like manner to elect by ballot one of their number to be President for the like period, and the President and"

The Amendments.

Press. 9. line 19.—After the word "the" expunge the remainder of the clause, and insert "state of their affairs, debts, credits, profits and losses ; such statement to appear on the Books, and to be open to the perusal of any Stockholder, at his or her reasonable request."

Press. 24. line 11.—After "Navigation" insert "and provided also, that the value of the Lands so taken shall be ascertained and compensated for in the manner hereinbefore prescribed for the payment of Lands taken for the other purposes of this Act."

Last Press. line 12.—After the word "Province" add "37, and be it further enacted &c. That whenever it shall appear that the Tolls received by the said Tay Navigation Company in any one year shall exceed twenty per Cent on the Capital invested, it shall and may be lawful for the Legislature of this Province to regulate the Tolls to be received by the said Company, in such manner as to them may appear just by any Act to be passed for that purpose."

"38—And be it further enacted, &c. That notwithstanding any thing in this Act contained, it shall and may be lawful to authorise one or more Public Ferry or Ferries across the said River, if the same shall appear expedient, and to erect, maintain and use, such Bridge or Bridges over the said River, and to make and use such Highways leading to and from the same as shall be found necessary for public convenience, in the same manner as Highways and Bridges are constructed and made in other parts of this Province, and as if this Act had not been passed:—Provided always, that such Highways and Bridges shall be so constructed and made as to occasion no unnecessary inconvenience to the said Navigation."

"39.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That at any time after fifty years after the making and completing the said Navigation, His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, may assume the possession

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Last Press. line 12.—and property of the same, and of all and every the works and dependencies thereto belonging, upon paying to the said Company, for the use of the Stockholders thereof, the full amount of their respective Shares, or of the sums furnished and advanced by each subscriber towards the making and completing the said Navigation, together with such further sum as will amount to twenty-five per Cent upon the monies so advanced and paid, as a full indemnification to such Company ; and the said Navigation shall, from the time of such assumption in manner aforesaid, appertain and belong to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, who shall from thenceforth be substituted in the place and stead of the said Company, upon the conditions and subject to the provisions of any Act of the Legislature of this Province that may be passed of or respecting the same.—Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, at any time after the expiration of the said fifty years to assume the possession and property of the said Navigation, with its appurtenances as aforesaid, unless it shall appear from the accounts of the said Company, to be for that intent laid before the Legislature, that the Stockholders of the said Company have received every year upon an average the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings for every hundred pounds they shall be possessed of in the said concern.”

“40.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the period when the possession of the right, interest and property, in and to the said Navigation shall have been assumed by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, as hereinbefore authorised, all Tolls and profits arising therefrom shall be paid into the hands of His Majesty’s Receiver General, to and for the Public uses of this Province at the disposition of the Legislature thereof, and shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury, in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, shall be graciously pleased to direct.—Provided always, that the said Navigation shall be commenced within one year and completed within seven years after the passing of this Act, otherwise this Act and every matter and thing herein contained shall cease and be utterly null and void.”

“41.—And be it further enacted, &c. That if within two months after the passing of this Act it shall be ascertained by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province, that the Officer superintending the construction of the Rideau Canal is instructed to undertake the improvement of the Navigation of the River Tay, or deems it expedient that the same should be undertaken by His Majesty’s Government, under the authority given by the twenty-fifth Section of the Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty’s Reign, then it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province, by a Proclamation to be issued by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, to suspend the operation of this Act, and from thenceforth it shall cease to have any force or effect, any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.”

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House, and it was—

Ordered, that they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled “An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to alien and convey their Real Estate.”

The Honorable Mr. M'Donell took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Read second time,
and adopted.

Femme Couverte Es-
tate Bill re-committed.

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- The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill, into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow. Reported, and leave asked to sit again.
- Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly. Leave granted.
- The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York enters. A Member enters the House.
- Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill 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." York Market Square trust Bill committed.
- The Honorable Mr. Allan took the Chair.
- After some time the House resumed.
- The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House. Reported.
- Ordered, that the Report be received, and—
- Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow. Adopted.
- The order of the day for the House to be again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office," being read, it was—
- Ordered, that it be discharged, and that the same do stand upon the order of the day for Monday next. Order of the day read for again committing Sheriff's security Bill.
- The Honorable Messrs. Markland and Robinson, enter. Same discharged.
- Pursuant to order, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District." Members enter the House.
- The Honorable Mr. Gordon took the Chair. Prince Edward separation Bill re-committed.
- After some time the House resumed.
- The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, had made some amendments thereto, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House. Amendments reported.
- Ordered, that the Report be received.
- The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follows : Read first time.
- Press. 2. line 11.—After the word "District" insert "Provided always, that such Gaol and Court House shall be erected in the Village of Picton, upon a certain block of land containing two and a half Acres, granted or intended to be granted and conveyed, to Asa Worden, Simeon Washburn and James Dougal, Esquires, agreeably to a resolution adopted at a public meeting in May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, convened for the purpose of fixing the site of said Gaol and Court House, unless a majority of such Justices of the Peace of the Midland District as shall be present on the second day of the Court of General Quarter Sessions for the Midland District in the month of July next, shall by a resolution declare that such site is ineligible." The Amendments.
- Press. 3. line 4.—After "aforesaid" expunge "that the Gaol and Court House required to be erected in the said County of Prince Edward before the issuing of the Proclamation hereinbefore mentioned, shall be erected and built in the Township of Hallowell, and"
- The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House, and it was— Read second time, and adopted.
- Ordered, that they be engrossed, and the said Bill as amended read a third time to-morrow.
- 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 part of and amend the Laws now in force establishing a Police in the Town of Kingston, and to provide for the election of a Council to regulate the Police of the said Town." Kingston Police Bill committed.
- The Honorable Mr. Robinson took the Chair.
- After some time the House resumed.
- The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, and had agreed to a Resolution, which they recommended to the adoption of the House. A Resolution reported.
- Ordered, that the Report be received.
- The said Resolution was then read as follows :— Same read.

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The Resolution.

Resolved, that this Bill be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon, with power to send for persons and papers, also to inquire whether the Rules of this House have been complied with so far as relates to the same.

Question put and carried.

The question of concurrence being put the said Resolution was agreed to by the House, and it was—

Bill referred to the Select Committee on Brockville Police Bill.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled “An Act to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force establishing a Police in the Town of Kingston, and to provide for the election of a Council to regulate the Police of the said Town,” be referred to the Select Committee on the Bill entitled “An Act for incorporating the President and Board of Police of Brockville, and for establishing a Market in the said Town,” and—

Hon. Mr. Markland added to that Committee. House adjourns.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Markland be added to that Committee.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock at Noon.

Friday, 25th February, 1831.

The House meets:

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, “ “ JOHN ELMSLEY,
 “ “ JOSEPH WELLS, “ “ ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,
 “ “ WILLIAM ALLAN, “ “ AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
 “ “ JAMES GORDON,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Tay Navigation Company's Incorporation Bill (as amended) read third time and passed. Amendments signed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act to incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company,” was as amended read a third time, and the question being put, whether this Bill as amended should pass, it was carried in the affirmative, whereupon the Speaker signed the Amendments, and it was—

Bill, as amended, sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

York Market Square trust Bill read third time and passed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill 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,” was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Bill signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Assembly acquainted of same.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson enters.

A Member enters the House.

Prince Edward separation Bill, [as amended] read third time and passed. Amendments signed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District.” was read a third time as amended, and the question being put, whether this Bill as amended should pass, it was carried in the affirmative, whereupon the Speaker signed the amendments, and it was—

Bill, as amended, sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Femme Converte Estate Bill committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled “An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to alien and convey their Real Estate.”

The Honorable Mr. M'Donell took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Amendments reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, had made some amendments thereto, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follows :

Read first time.

Amendments proposed in and to the Bill entitled “An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to alien and convey their Real Estate.”

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In the Title, line 2.—After “Estate” insert “and to repeal an Act passed in the forty-third year of the reign of King George the Third, entitled “An Act to enable Married Women having Real Estate more conveniently to alien and convey the same,” The Amendments.

Press. 1. line 1.—After “whereas” expunge the remainder to the word Provided on the fifteenth line of Press. two, and insert “the Laws now in force enabling Married Women more conveniently to alien their Real Estate, do not afford the facility required, and at the same time unnecessarily expose purchasers to risque, from the chance of the Married Woman dying or retracting her consent after her execution of the conveyance, by means whereof such conveyances may be defeated to the great prejudice of innocent purchasers : Be it therefore enacted, &c. That from and after the first day of August, next after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Married Woman, being above the age of twenty one years, residing within this Province, and seized of Real Estate therein, to alien and convey such Real Estate by Deed, to be executed by her jointly with her Husband, to such use and uses as to her and her said Husband shall seem meet : Provided always nevertheless, that such Deed shall not be valid or have any effect unless such Married Woman shall execute the same in presence of one of the Judges of the Court of King’s Bench in this Province, or in the presence of a Judge of the District Court, or of a Judge of the Surrogate Court of the District in which such Married Woman shall resided, or of two Justices of the Peace for such District ; and unless such Judge, or such two Justices of the Peace, (as the case may be) shall examine such Married Woman apart from her Husband respecting her free and voluntary consent to alien and depart with her Estate as mentioned in the Deed, and shall on the day of the execution of such Deed certify on the back of the Deed in some form of words to the effect following :—‘ That on the day mentioned in the certificate such Married Woman did appear before him or them (as the case may be) at the place to be named in the said certificate, and being examined by him or them (as the case may be) apart from her Husband, did appear to give her consent to depart with her Estate in the Deed mentioned, freely and voluntarily, and without any coercion or fear of coercion on the part of her Husband or of any other person or persons whatsoever.’ ”

“II. And be it further enacted, &c. That when the Married Woman resides out of this Province, the Deed may be executed by her in the presence of a Judge of the Court of King’s Bench, or of a Judge of the District Court, or of the Surrogate Court, or of two Justices of the Peace in and for any District of this Province, whose certificate shall be effectual for the purposes aforesaid : Provided always, that it shall not in any case be necessary for any such Judge or Justices as aforesaid to attest the execution of any Deed as a subscribing witness : Provided also, that nothing in this Act contained shall be taken or construed to give to such Deeds so executed as aforesaid, so far as relates to the Married Woman, or the interests of herself, or of those claiming under her, any greater or other force or effect than the same would have had in case such Married Woman had been sole at the time of executing the same.”

“III And be it further enacted, &c. That in all cases in which a Married Woman shall, before the passing of this Act, have made any conveyance, which would have been valid in Law if such certificate had been obtained within the period of twelve months as was required by the Laws then in force in this Province, such certificate may at any time after the passing of this Act be obtained, notwithstanding the period of twelve months may have expired, and the same shall have the like effect, and no other, as if given within twelve months.”

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Press. 2, line 3 from the bottom.—After “that” expunge “such Judge or his Clerk shall be entitled to receive the sum of five shillings for drawing” and insert “the sum of five shillings shall be paid for.”

Last line.—After “more” insert “IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a certain Act of the Parliament of this Province passed in the forty-third year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled ‘An Act to enable Married Women having Real Estate more conveniently to alien and convey the same,’ shall from and after the said first day of August next be repealed, except as to any conveyances which have been or shall be executed while the same was in force.”

Read second time, and adopted.

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House, and it was—

Ordered, that they be engrossed and the said Bill as amended read a third time on Monday next.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until twelve of the clock at Noon on Monday next.

Monday, 28th February, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, “ “ JOHN ELMSLEY,
 “ “ WILLIAM ALLAN, “ “ ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,
 “ “ JAMES GORDON, “ “ AGUSTUS BALDWIN,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Femme Couverte Estate Bill, as amended, read third time, and passed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to alien and convey their Real Estate,” was as amended read a third time, and the question being put, whether this Bill as amended should pass, it was carried in the affirmative, whereupon the Speaker signed the amendments, and it was—

Amendments signed.

Bill, as amended, sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Speaker acquaints the House of a Member waiting to be introduced.

His Honor the Speaker acquainted the House that there was a Member without ready to be introduced—

Introduction of the Hon. James Kirby.

When the Honorable James Kirby was introduced between the Honorable William Allan, and the Honorable James Gordon.

Presents his Writ of Summons.

Then the Honorable Mr. Kirby, presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and is as follows :

Same read.

J. COLBORNE.

UPPER CANADA.

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 trusty and well beloved James Kirby, Esquire, and to all whom these Presents shall come :

GREETING :

KNOW YE, that as well for the special trust and confidence that We have manifested for you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our said Province of Upper Canada, and the Church thereof, concern ; We have thought fit to Summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province : and We do therefore command you, the said James Kirby, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, at the Legislative Council of our said Province at all times whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be therein hereafter convoked and holden, and this you are in no wise to omit.

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

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 Twenty-sixth day of February, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty one, and in the First Year of our Reign.

J. C.

By His Excellency's Command.

HENRY J. BOULTON,
Attorney General.

D. CAMERON,
Secretary.

Then the Honorable Mr. Kirby came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st Geo. 3rd. Cap. 31st. which was administered by Grant Powell Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

Oath prescribed by the 31st Geo. 3rd, Chap. 31st, administered to him.

He takes his seat.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office."

Sheriff's security Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin took the Chair.

A Message being announced, the Chairman left the Chair and the House formed.

Message from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly returned the Bill entitled, "An Act for vesting the Estates which were of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George, deceased, in this Province in William Warren Baldwin, and for declaring the trusts upon which certain other Estates are held by the said William Warren Baldwin, for the purpose of enabling the said William Warren Baldwin the better to carry into effect the Will of the said Laurent Quetton Saint George, and for other purposes relating to the real and personal Estates which were of the said Laurent Quetton Saint George in this Province," and informed this House that they had made some amendments to the same, to which they requested the concurrence of the Legislative Council, and withdrew.

Returning the Saint George's Estate Bill, and requesting the concurrence of this House to certain amendments made thereto.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office."

Sheriff's security Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin 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 on Wednesday next.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. Wells enters.

Leave granted.

A Member enters the House.

The Amendments to the Bill sent up from the Commons House of Assembly this day, were then read as follows :

Amendments made by Assembly to Saint George's Estate Bill read first time.

Amendments made by the Commons House of Assembly in and to the Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act for vesting the Estates which were of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George, deceased, in this Province in William Warren Baldwin, and for declaring the trusts upon which certain other Estates are held by the said William Warren Baldwin, for the purpose of enabling the said William Warren Baldwin the better to carry into effect the Will of the said Laurent Quetton Saint George, and for other purposes relating to the real and personal Estates which were of the said Laurent Quetton Saint George in this Province."

In Press. 9. line 10.—After the word "done" insert the words "and provided also, that the said William Warren Baldwin, his heirs, executors and administrators, trustee, or trustees, under this Act, shall be answerable and accountable to the said Adele de Barbeyrac de Saint Maurice, the Tutrix aforesaid, and to any Tutrix or Tutor regularly appointed in her place and stead, under and according to the laws of France, and to the

The Amendments.

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In Press 9. line 10.—said Henry Charles Joseph Qetton de Saint George, his heirs, executors or administrators, in an action of account, as her, his or their Bailiff, for all monies received by him, them or any of them, under the authority of this Act; and provided also, that His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in this Province shall and may from time to time have and hold equitable jurisdiction in and over the trusts hereby created, and shall have full power to make all such orders and decrees touching the same, or any thing therewith connected, as any Court of Equity might or could do in the like case."

Ordered, that the said Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Report of Select Committee on Niagara Harbour and Dock Company's Incorporation Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Elmsley from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company," presented their Report.

Ordered, that the same be received, and—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

Message from Lieut. Governor.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by Mr. Secretary Mudge, who being retired, the Speaker read the same, and it was again read by the Clerk as follows :

J. COLBORNE,

Informing this House of the disposition of His Majesty's interest in the duties collected under the British Statute of the 14th Geo. 3d, Cap. 88.

The Lieutenant Governor has the satisfaction to inform the Legislative Council, that the King places at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature all His Majesty's interest in the Duties which are collected under the British Statute of the 14th Geo. 3d, Chap. 88th, and which have hitherto been applied to the support of the Civil Government, by Warrants of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

His Majesty, in conceding the complete disposal of this increasing Revenue, has naturally the confident expectation that so great a proof of His anxious desire to consult the wishes of His faithful and loyal Subjects in Upper Canada will be met with a reciprocal feeling by the Legislature.

The Lieutenant Governor is therefore instructed to acquaint the Legislative Council, that His Majesty's Government trusts that the Legislature will think it indispensable that provision should be immediately made for the Salaries of the Lieutenant Governor, the Judges and Principal Officers of the Government, and for such expenses of the Civil Government, and Administration of Justice, as may appear upon examination of the Estimates in possession of the House to require a more permanent arrangement than the supplies which are granted by annual vote.

The sum of Eight Thousand Pounds is deemed sufficient by His Majesty's Government for this important object, exclusive of the sum granted permanently by a Provincial Act towards the maintenance of the Civil Government.

The Revenue to be ceded cannot be calculated at less than Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling; and it will be highly gratifying to the Lieutenant Governor to concur in any measure that may accelerate the final arrangements proposed by His Majesty's Government to give effect to His Majesty's gracious intentions, and to the decision of the British Parliament, when the Lords of the Treasury may be released from their obligation of appropriating in future the Duties referred to in this communication.

Government House,

28th February, 1831.

Address of thanks ordered to be presented to the Lieutenant Governor, for the above Message. Committee appointed therefor.

Ordered, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respectfully thanking him for the above Message, and assuring His Excellency that this House will give the subject thereof their serious consideration.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Wells and Kirby, do present the same.

Ordered, that the Message received from His Excellency this day be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Report of Select Committee on Marriage Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Wells from the Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Bill entitled, "An Act for rendering valid certain Marriages heretofore Solemnized and for amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in this Province," presented their Report.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

28th February, & 1st March, 1831.

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

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same to-morrow.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock at Noon. House adjourns.

Tuesday, 1st March, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER. *The Hon. Messrs.* JOHN ELMSLEY,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, “ “ ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,
 “ “ GEORGE CROOKSHANK, “ “ AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
 “ “ JAMES GORDON, “ “ JAMES KIRBY,
 “ “ ALEXANDER M'DONELL,

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Amendments made by the Assembly in and to the Bill entitled “An Act for vesting the Estates which were of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George, deceased, in this Province in William Warren Baldwin, and for declaring the trusts upon which certain other Estates are held by the said William Warren Baldwin, for the purpose of enabling the said William Warren Baldwin the better to carry into effect the Will of the said Laurent Quetton Saint George, and for other purposes relating to the real and personal Estates which were of the said Laurent Quetton Saint George in this Province.” were read a second time, and it was—

Amendments made by Assembly to Saint George's Estate Bill read second time.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently on the same.

Pursuant to order, the House was then put into a Committee of the whole on the said Amendments accordingly.

Committed.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the said Amendments, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The Honorable Mr. Allan enters.

A Member enters the House.

The said Amendments were then read a third time and adopted, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Above amendments read third time, and adopted.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have adopted the Amendments made in and to the Bill entitled “An Act for vesting the Estates which were of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George, deceased, in this Province in William Warren Baldwin, and for declaring the trusts upon which certain other Estates are held by the said William Warren Baldwin, for the purpose of enabling the said William Warren Baldwin the better to carry into effect the Will of the said Laurent Quetton Saint George, and for other purposes relating to the real and personal Estates which were of the said Laurent Quetton Saint George in this Province.”

Assembly acquainted of same.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled “An Act to incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company.”

Report of Select Committee on Niagara Harbour and Dock Company's Incorporation Bill committed.

The Honorable Mr. Elmsley took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the Report of the Select Committee into consideration, and had agreed to a Resolution, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

Resolution reported for not proceeding on the Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The said Resolution was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Same read.

Resolved, That it appearing to the Committee by the report of the Select Committee on this Bill that the notice required by the forty-seventh Rule of this House has not been given, and this Bill being one of those coming within the terms and intention of that Rule, it is not proper to proceed in Committee of the whole upon it, unless the House shall make order to that effect.

The Resolution.

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Question put and carried.

Order of the day read for committing Lieut. Governor's Message on the subject of duties collected under the British Statute of 14th Geo. 3d, Chap. 88th.

Same discharged. A Member enters the House.

Report of Select Committee on the Marriage Bill committed.

The question of concurrence being put the said Resolution was agreed to by the House. The order of the day for the House to be put into a Committee of the whole on the the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of Duties collected under the British Statute of 14th Geo. 3d, Chap. 88th, being read, it was—

Ordered, that it be discharged, and that the same do stand upon the order of the day for Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. Adamson enters.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Bill entitled "An Act for rendering valid certain Marriages heretofore Solemnized, and for amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in this Province."

The Honorable Mr. Wells took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Report of the Select Committee into consideration, and recommended that the Bill be referred back to the same Select Committee to report thereon.

A Member enters the House.

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York enters.

Ordered, that the above Report be received, and—

Marriage Bill referred back to the Select Committee

Ordered, that the Bill entitled "An Act for rendering valid certain Marriages heretofore Solemnized, and for amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in this Province," be referred back to the same Select Committee to report thereon, and—

Hon. Mr. Gordon added thereto.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Gordon be added to the said Committee.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded the House adjourned.

Wednesday, 2nd March, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
 " " GEORGE CROOKSHANK, " " WALTER BOSWELL.
 " " JAMES GORDON. " " JAMES KIRBY,
 " " ALEXANDER M'DONELL, " " PETER ADAMSON.

Prayers were read.

Sheriff's security Bill committed.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office."

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin took the Chair.

A Message being announced, the Chairman left the Chair, and the House formed.

Saltfleet and Binbrook Arbitration Bill brought up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to provide for settling and determining by Arbitration certain difficulties that have arisen, or may arise, between persons owning Land in the Eighth Concession of Saltfleet and persons owning, or claiming to own Land in the First Concession of Binbrook, who through mistake may have made improvements on the rear part of the said Eighth Concession of Saltfleet," to which they requested the concurrence of this House.

Tay Navigation Bill [as amended] adopted by Assembly.

The same Deputation returned the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company," and acquainted this House that the Commons House of Assembly had adopted the Amendments made thereto by the Legislative Council.

Sheriff's security Bill re-committed.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office."

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin took the Chair.

A Message being announced the Chairman left the Chair, and the House formed.

2nd & 3rd *March*, 1831.

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

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act for the Relief of George Adam Darby, and Mary his Wife," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Darby and Wife's relief Bill brought up from Assembly.

The Honorable Messrs. Allan and Elmsley enter.

Members enter the House.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office."

Sheriff's security Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin 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 to-morrow.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and leave granted accordingly.

Leave granted.

Two Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor were delivered by Mr. Secretary Mudge, who being retired, the Speaker read the same, and they were again read by the Clerk as follows :

Two Messages from the Lieut. Governor.

J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor acquaints the Legislative Council, that the Bill entitled "An Act to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Matrimony in this Province," passed in the month of March 1829, by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, in conformity with the King's instructions, and by the advice of the Law Officers of the Crown, has received His Majesty's Royal Confirmation, and is accordingly finally enacted."

Acquainting this House of the Royal Assent being had to the Marriage Bill passed by the two Houses of the Legislature in the month of March 1829.

Government House,

the Second day of March, 1831.

J. COLBORNE,

The Lieutenant Governor, with reference to his Communication of yesterday, transmits for the information of the Legislative Council, estimates of the expenses of the Civil Government.

Transmitting Estimates of the expenses of the Civil Government.

Government House,

1st March, 1831.

The Bill entitled "An Act to provide for settling and determining by Arbitration certain difficulties that have arisen, or may arise, between persons owning Land in the Eighth Concession of Saltfleet and persons owning, or claiming to own Land in the First Concession of Binbrook, who through mistake may have made improvements on the rear part of the said Eighth Concession of Saltfleet," was read.

Saltfleet and Binbrook Arbitration Bill read first time.

The Bill entitled "An Act for the relief of George Adam Darby, and Mary his Wife," was read.

Darby and Wife's relief Bill read first time.

Ordered, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respectfully thanking him for his Messages received this day, and—

Address of thanks to be presented to Lieutenant Governor, for the Messages just received.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Boswell and Adamson be appointed a Committee to present the same.

Committee appointed for that purpose.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned to twelve of the clock to-morrow.

House adjourns.

Thursday, 3rd March, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> JOHN ELMSLEY,
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> GEORGE CROOKSHANK,	" " ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,
" " WILLIAM ALLAN,	" " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
" " PETER ROBINSON,	" " WALTER BOSWELL,
" " JAMES GORDON,	" " PETER ADAMSON,
" " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,	" " JAMES KIRBY.

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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Speaker acquaints the House of a Member waiting to be introduced.

His Honor the Speaker acquainted the House that there was a Member without ready to be introduced—

Introduction of the Hon. Mr. John Kirby.

When the Honorable John Kirby was introduced between the Honorable Messrs. Allan, and Gordon.

Presents his Writ of Summons.

Then the Honorable Mr. Kirby, presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and is as follows :

Same read.

J. COLBORNE.

UPPER CANADA.

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 trusty and well beloved John Kirby, Esquire, and to all to whom these Presents shall come :

GREETING :

KNOW YE, that as well for the special trust and confidence that We have manifested for you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our said Province of Upper Canada, and the Church thereof, concern ; We have thought fit to Summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province : and We do therefore command you, the said John Kirby, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, at the Legislative Council of our said Province at all times whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be therein hereafter convoked and holden, and this you are in no wise to omit.

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 Second day of March, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty one, and in the First Year of our Reign.

J. C.

By His Excellency's Command.

HENRY J. BOULTON,
Attorney General.

D. CAMERON,
Secretary.

Oath prescribed by the 31st Geo. 3rd, Chap. 31st, administered to him.

Then the Honorable Mr. Kirby came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st Geo. 3rd. Cap. 31st. which was administered by Grant Powell Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

He takes his seat.

Sheriff's security Bill re-committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled " An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office."

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin took the Chair.

A Message being announced, the Chairman left the Chair, and the House formed.

Prince Edward separation Bill [as amended] adopted by Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly returned the Bill entitled, " An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a separate District," and acquainted this House that they had adopted the Amendments made in and to the same by the Legislative Council.

Newcastle District Gaol and Court House Bill brought up from Assembly.

The same Deputation brought up a Bill entitled " An Act to indemnify the Magistrates of the Newcastle District, and to authorise them to raise a loan, on the credit of the funds of the said District, to complete a Building erected at the Village of Amherst, as the Gaol and Court House of the said District."—And also a Bill entitled " An Act to prevent a failure of Justice by reason of immaterial variances in certain Law proceedings, and to require all Courts to take judicial notice of Private Acts of Parliament." to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Failure of Justice prevention Bill brought up from Assembly.

Sheriff's security Bill re-committed.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled " An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office."

3rd & 4th *March*, 1831.SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. *Lieutenant Governor.*

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin 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 to-morrow. Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly. Leave granted.

The Bill entitled "An Act to indemnify the Magistrates of the Newcastle District, and to authorise them to raise a loan, on the credit of the funds of the said District, to complete a Building erected in the Village of Amherst as the Gaol and Court House of the said District," was read, and it was— Newcastle District Gaol and Court House Bill read first time.

Ordered, that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

The Bill entitled "An Act to prevent a failure of Justice by reason of immaterial variances in certain Law proceedings, and to require all Courts to take judicial notice of Private Acts of Parliament," was read, and it was— Failure of Justice prevention Bill read first time.

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow at twelve of the clock at Noon. House adjourns.

*Friday, 4th March, 1831.*The House met pursuant to adjournment. The House meets.**PRESENT,**

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> AGUSTUS BALDWIN,	Members present.
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> JAMES GORDON,	" " JAMES KIRBY,	
" " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,	" " JOHN KIRBY.	
" " ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,		

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to prevent a failure of Justice by reason of immaterial variances in certain Law proceedings, and to require all Courts to take judicial notice of Private Acts of Parliament," was read a second time, and it was— Failure of Justice prevention Bill read second time.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same on Monday next.

The Honorable Messrs. Allan, Markland, Boswell and Adamson, enter. Members enter the House.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Message in the following words, and then withdrew : Message from Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Commons House of Assembly request a conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject matter of the reasons communicated by the Conferrees on the part of that Honorable House at a former conference held on the subject matter of a Bill sent up from this House entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof." Requesting a conference on the subject of the reasons communicated by the Conferrees of this House on the Receiver General's Salary Bill.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.*Commons House of Assembly,
Third day of March, 1831.*

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council accedes to the request of the Commons House of Assembly for a Conference with this House on the subject matter of the reasons communicated by the Conferrees on the part of the Legislative Council at a former Conference held on the subject matter of a Bill sent up from the Assembly entitled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," as desired by their Message of this day, and have appointed the Honorable Messrs. Wells and Markland to be a Committee to manage the same on the part of this House, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose at three of the clock this afternoon, in the joint Committee Room. Same acceded to by this House, and Assembly acquainted thereof.

Conferrees appointed.

The Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York, and the Honorable Mr. Wells enter. Members enter the House.

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Report of the above
Committee of
Conference.

The Honorable Mr. Wells from the above Committee of Conference reported to the House that the Honorable Mr. Markland and himself had met the Conferees on the part of the Commons House of Assembly, who delivered to them their Instructions.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Their Instructions
read.

The said Instructions were then read as follows :—

The Instructions.

The Conferees on the part of the House of Assembly are instructed to acquaint the Conferees on the part of the Honorable the Legislative Council, that the House of Assembly have desired this Conference upon the reasons delivered by the Conferees of the Legislative Council at a conference heretofore held upon the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," for the purpose of acquainting the Legislative Council, that they cannot concur in the view taken by that Honorable House of that Bill.

That in passing the Bill the House of Assembly was influenced by an anxious desire to provide for the Officer affected by it an ample and liberal Salary for all the duties and responsibilities of his situation, and at the same time prevent what has long appeared to them an extravagant increase of his emoluments, under an Act of the Legislature improvidently passed at a time when the resources of the Province were comparatively small, and when it does not appear to have been contemplated that their great increase would yield as poundage more than a reasonable compensation.

In the sense expressed by the Honorable the Legislative Council of the improvidence of leaving the Office of the Receiver General upon its present footing, the House of Assembly fully concurs, and they cannot but advert to the fact, that the two Houses of the Legislature were so strongly impressed with the necessity of a change in this respect, that a Bill was passed in the Second Session of the Eighth Provincial Parliament, similar in its provisions to the one recently sent up, but limiting the Salary of the Receiver General to Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Sterling: which Bill having been assented to by His Majesty, would have become a Law had the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon arrived in time to admit of its being promulgated within the period prescribed by the constitution.

The House of Assembly cannot, however, recognize the principle that the present Receiver General should be allowed to enjoy a larger sum for the discharge of less arduous duties than in all probability his Successors will have to perform, should the revenues of the Province continue to increase in the same ratio as heretofore.

Notice of motion for
re-committing Re-
ceiver General's
Salary Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon gave notice that he would on Monday next move that the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," be then referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Rule of 1830, relating
to private Bills,
suspended as regards
Saltfleet and Binbrook
Arbitration Bill.

Ordered, that the Rule of this House on the subject of limiting the time for receiving private Bills from the Assembly, made on the fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, be suspended so far as it regards the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for settling and determining by Arbitration, certain difficulties that have arisen, or may arise, between persons owning Land in the Eight Concession of Saltfleet and persons owning or claiming to own Land in the first Concession of Binbrook, who through mistake may have made improvements on the rear part of the said Eighth Concession of Saltfleet," and—

Same restored to the
order of the day.

Ordered, that the same be read a second time, and that the Bill do stand upon the order of the day for Monday next.

Commercial Bank
of Upper Canada
Incorporation Bill
restored to the order
of the day.

Ordered, that the House be again put into a Committee of the whole on 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 same do stand upon the order of the day for Monday next.

Order of the day read
for re-committing
Sheriff's security Bill.

The order of the day for the House to be again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office," being read, it was—

Same discharged.

Ordered, to be discharged, and that the same do stand upon the order of the day for to-morrow.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow at twelve of the clock at noon.

Saturday, 5th March, 1831.

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

Saturday, 5th March, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> JOHN ELMSLEY,	
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM DICKSON,	" " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,	Members present.
" " WILLIAM ALLAN,	" " PETER ADAMSON,	
" " JAMES GORDON,	" " JAMES KIRBY,	
" " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,	" " JOHN KIRBY.	

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Ordered, that the Members in Town be summoned to attend in their places on Monday next, at twelve of the clock at noon.

Members in Town summoned.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office."

Sheriff's security Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, had made some Amendments thereto, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

Amendments reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follows:—

Read first time.

Press. 1. line 1.—After "whereas" expunge the remainder of the Preamble, and insert, "from the tenure of the office of Sheriff in this Province, and the nature of the security exacted for the due performance of its duties, sufficient indemnity is not afforded against damages that may arise from the misprisions or defaults of Sheriffs."

The Amendments.

Press 1 and 2.—Expunge the first and second clauses, and insert "I.—Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, 'An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,'" and by the authority of the same, That the Sheriff of each and every District of this Province, shall on or before the first day of August next, after the passing of this Act, enter into a bond to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in the penal sum of One Thousand Pounds, together with two Sureties to be approved of by the Inspector General of Public Accounts, in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds each, with a condition that he shall well and faithfully account for and pay over all such monies as he shall receive for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, which bond and condition shall be in the form given in the Schedule to this Act annexed, marked A, or in words to the like effect."

II. "And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Sheriff of each and every District of this Province, shall also on or before the same first day of August, provide either two or four sufficient persons, who together with himself shall enter into a covenant under their seals joint and several according to the form given in the Schedule to this Act annexed marked B, or in words to the same effect; which covenant shall be available to and may be sued upon by any

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Press. 1 and 2.—person suffering damage by the default, or wilful misconduct of any such Sheriff respectively.”

“III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such Sureties shall not be accepted as sufficient, unless a majority of the Justices of the Peace, at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the District in which any such Sheriff is serving, shall ascertain and determine that they are good and sufficient, and unless a certificate shall be given in pursuance of such determination under the hand and seal of the Chairman of such Quarter Sessions, declaring that the Court are satisfied that the persons named in the Certificate, are responsible persons to the full amount for which they are required to become Surety, which Certificate shall be produced and filed at the time of the delivering and filing of the said Covenant, as hereinafter provided.”

“IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Bond to His Majesty, required by this Act, shall be deposited with the Inspector General of Public Accounts in this Province, and that the Covenant required by this Act, shall be made in duplicate, each part of which shall be marked Duplicate, but may be considered and received as original, one of which parts shall be filed in the Office of Secretary of the Province, and the other part thereof shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace of the District, for which such Sheriff shall be appointed, for which filing, the said Clerk of the Peace shall be entitled to demand and receive from the Sheriff, the sum of two shillings and six pence, and no more.”

Press. 2. line 15.—Expunge “III,” and insert “V.”

“ “ 16.—Expunge “bond or bonds,” and insert “covenant.”

“ “ 18.—Expunge “bond or bonds,” and insert “covenant.”

Press. 3. line 1.—Expunge “IV,” and insert “VI.”—Expunge “every Sheriff of any,” and insert “the Sheriff of every.”

“ “ 2.—After “Province,” expunge the remainder of the clause, and insert “now appointed or hereafter to be appointed, shall at the expiration of every period of four years, from the date of the bond and covenant given by him and his Sureties, according to this Act, renew his bond and covenant in the same sums respectively, either with the same or with other Sureties, whose sufficiency shall be certified in the manner hereinbefore provided, and all the provisions of this Act, in respect to the bond and the covenant first required to be given, shall apply to such renewed bond and covenant.”

“ line 4.—Expunge “V,” and insert “VII.”

“ line 5.—After “Office of,” expunge “any.”

“ line 8.—Expunge “Bond,” and insert “Covenant,” after “Securities,” insert “and shall also have given a Bond with Sureties.”

“ line 11.—After “Sheriff,” insert “VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no Sheriff shall hereafter be appointed in this Province, who shall not be possessed of real Estate in this Province, of the value of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds above incumbrances, and who shall not before he receives his Commission, file an Affidavit to that effect in the Office of Secretary of this Province.”

“ line 12.—Expunge “VI,” and insert “IX.”

“ line 13.—After “bond,” insert “on surety in any such covenant,” after “on,” insert “shall become resident out of,” and expunge “depart from this Province, and have his usual place of residence out of the Jurisdiction of His Majesty’s Court of King’s Bench in this Province.”

“ line 18.—After “death,” insert “or,” after “or,” expunge “ensolvency,” and insert “after such insolvency shall be certified in the manner herein provided.”

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Press. 3. line 21.—After “the,” expunge the remainder of the clause, and insert “parties to such former bond or covenant from their liability on account of any matter or thing which shall have been done or omitted before the renewal of the security as herein directed.”

Press. 4. and 5.—“Expunge the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth clauses, and insert “X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if during the period for which any such covenant as aforesaid shall be given, the Sureties executing the same, or any of them shall apprehend that the Sheriff, for whom such surety was given is insolvent, or has not property to the amount of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, over and above all incumbrances and debts, and shall transmit to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province, an Affidavit made by him or them to that effect, and sworn to before a Commissioner for taking Affidavits in the Court of King’s Bench, the Sheriff for whom the security was given, shall be thereupon Officially notified by the Secretary to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, or the Person Administering the Government of this Province, that he must forthwith furnish new security in the manner pointed out by this Act, or must on affidavit deny that he is insolvent, or that he is worth less than the sum of Seven hundred and Fifty Pounds, over and above all incumbrances and debts, and that if such requisition is not complied with, within one month after the same has been delivered to such Sheriff, he shall for that cause be removed from Office.”

“XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when a new surety or sureties shall be given, either at the expiration of any stated period, or by way of substitution for any other surety within the period, the former surety shall only be discharged as to defaults or misfeasances suffered or committed after the perfecting of such new security, and not as to any previous defaults or misfeasances.”

“XII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That after the covenant required to be entered into by this Act, shall have been sued upon by any person having or alleging a claim upon the parties to the same, by reason of the defaults or misfeasance of the Sheriff, it shall, notwithstanding be in the power of any other person or of the same person, to bring an action upon the same covenant for any other default or misfeasance, and such subsequent action shall not be barred by reason of any prior recovery, or of any Judgment for the Defendant, rendered in a former action, or of any other action, being depending upon the same covenant for any distinct cause of action.”

Press. 5. line 18.—Expunge “security,” and insert “covenant,” after “shall,” insert “as to such person or persons,” after “deemed,” insert “to be.”

“ line 20.—Expunge “bond shall,” and insert “person or persons shall have.”

“ line 21.—Expunge “the like security as is,” and insert “such securities as are,” after “Act,” expunge the remainder of the clause.

Press. 6. line 10.—Expunge “bond,” and insert “covenant.”

“ line 11.—After “mentioned,” insert “or any or either of them.”

“ line 13.—Expunge “security,” and insert “covenant.”

“ line 15.—After “notice,” expunge the remainder of the clause.

Press. 6. and 7.—“Expunge “the sixteenth clause,” and insert “XVI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that upon the issuing of any writ of Execution upon any Judgment recovered on such covenant, the Plaintiff in such suit, or his Attorney, shall by an endorsement on such writ, direct the Coroner to levy the amount thereof upon the Goods and Chattels of the Sheriff in the first place, and in default of Goods and Chattels of such Sheriff, to satisfy the amount, then that the same, or the residue thereof, shall be made of the Goods and Chattels of the

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Press. 6 and 7.—other Defendants, in such suit and so in like manner with any writ which shall issue against the Lands and Tenements in any Judgment upon such covenant as is required by this Act.”

Press. 7. line 3.—After “thereon” insert “unless the Court shall otherwise order.”

Press. 7 and 8.—Expunge the eighteenth clause, and insert “XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any Sheriff now appointed, or hereafter to be appointed, shall neglect or omit to give and perfect such security as this Act requires within the period limited by this Act in any case, then upon such neglect or omission being officially notified in writing to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province, either by the Inspector General, the Secretary of the Province, or the Chairman of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the District in which such Sheriff shall be serving, the Sheriff shall for that cause be removed from his Office, and a new Commission shall issue with as little delay as possible for supplying the vacancy: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province, from re-appointing any person to the said Office, upon his duly fulfilling the provisions of this Act.”

Press 8. and 9.—Expunge the nineteenth and twentieth clauses, and insert “XIX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the covenant to be entered into by the Sheriffs of the several Districts respectively, shall specify the following sums as the extent to which the several parties thereto shall be considered as covenanting, to afford indemnity, that is to say, the Sheriff of the Home District, One thousand Pounds, two Sureties Five hundred Pounds each, or four Sureties, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds each.—The Sheriff of the District of Niagara, One thousand Pounds, two Sureties, Five hundred Pounds each, or four Sureties, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds each.—The Sheriff of the District of Gore, One thousand Pounds, two Sureties, Five hundred Pounds each, or four Sureties, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds each.—The Sheriff of the District of London, One thousand Pounds, two Sureties, Five hundred Pounds each, or four Sureties, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds each.—The Sheriff of the Western District, Five hundred Pounds, two Sureties, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds each, or four Sureties, One hundred and Twenty-five Pounds each.—The Sheriff of the District of Newcastle, One thousand Pounds, two Sureties, Five hundred Pounds each, or four Sureties, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds each.—The Sheriff of the Midland District, One thousand Pounds, two Sureties, Five hundred Pounds each, or four Sureties, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds each.—The Sheriff of the District of Johnstown, One thousand Pounds, two Sureties, Five hundred Pounds each, or four Sureties, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds each.—The Sheriff of the District of Bathurst, Five hundred Pounds, two Sureties, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds each, or four Sureties, One hundred and twenty-five Pounds each.—The Sheriff of the District of Ottawa, Five hundred Pounds, two Sureties, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds each, or four Sureties, One hundred and Twenty-five Pounds each.—The Sheriff of the Eastern District, One thousand Pounds, two Sureties, Five hundred Pounds each, or four Sureties, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds each. And that the Sheriff of any new District hereafter to be formed, shall give such security himself in One thousand Pounds, two Sureties, Five hundred Pounds each, or four Sureties, Two hundred and Fifty Pounds each.”

“XX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the persons entering into any such covenant as Sureties, shall be held

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Press. 8 and 9.—liable to indemnify against any omission or default of the Sheriff, in not paying over monies received by him, and against damages sustained by the parties to any legal proceeding in consequence of his wilful misconduct in his Office, and that the Sheriff shall be joined in any action to be brought on the Covenant against all, or any of the Sureties, and that the Court of King's Bench shall have power to grant equitable relief, by staying proceedings upon motion on behalf of the Sureties in any action, (not being for default in paying over monies collected,) in which it shall appear to the Court, from the circumstances of the case, that the misconduct or omission of the Sheriff has not been such as ought, in reason and justice, to render his security liable."

"XXI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the second clause of an Act passed in the forty-sixth year of King George the Third, entitled "An Act to make provision for certain Sheriffs in this Province," shall be, and the same is hereby repealed: Provided always, that such repeal shall not affect any bond which has been given under the said Act, or the remedy which may be had thereon: and provided also, that nothing in this Act contained, or in any covenant or bond to be given under the provisions thereof, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to debar any person or persons from having his, her, or their remedy against such Sheriff or Sheriffs for any breach of duty, in such manner as is or may be provided by any Law or Usage now in force.

SCHEDULE A.

Know all Men by these Presents, that we, A. B. Sheriff of the District of——C. D. of——in the District of——Esquire, and E. F. of——in the District of——are held and firmly bound to our Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors, in the several and respective sums following, that is to say:—the said A. B. in the sum of One Thousand Pounds; the said C. D. in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds; and the said E. F. in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds; to be paid to our said Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors: for which payments to be well and truly made we bind ourselves severally and respectively, and each of us his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by these Presents.—Sealed with our Seals, and dated this——day of——in the year of our Lord——.

The condition of this obligation is such, that if the above bounden A. B., his Executors or Administrators, shall well and faithfully account for, and pay over to His Majesty's Receiver General of this Province, or to such person as shall be authorised to receive the same, all such sum and sums of money as he shall receive as such Sheriff as aforesaid, for our said Lord the King, His Heirs or Successors, from the date of this Obligation until the——day of——in the year of our Lord——(four years)—then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

[L. S.]

[L. S.]

[L. S.]

Sealed and Delivered, in presence of

SCHEDULE B.

Know all Men by these presents that we, A. B. Sheriff of the District of——C. D. of——in the District of——and E. F. of——in the District of——, (when four Sureties are given, the names of the other two to be inserted in like manner) do hereby jointly and severally for ourselves, and for each of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, covenant and promise that A. B. as Sheriff of the said District, shall well and duly pay over to the person or persons entitled to the same all such monies as he shall receive by virtue of his said Office of Sheriff, from the date of this Covenant to the expiration of four years thence next ensuing, and that neither he nor his Deputy shall within that period wilfully misconduct himself in his said Office to the damage of any person being a party in any legal

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proceeding.—Nevertheless it is hereby declared that no greater sum shall be recovered under this Covenant against the several parties thereto than as follows, (that is to say)—

Against the said A. B. in the whole——

Against the said C. D.——

Against the said E. F.——

(If other Sureties, add them in like manner.)

In Witness whereof we have to these presents set our hands and seals, this——day of——
in the year of our Lord——

[L. S.]

[L. S.]

[L. S.]

Signed, Sealed and Delivered, in presence of

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House, and it was—

Ordered, that they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended read a third time on Monday next.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill 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 a Bill entitled "An Act to afford further aid to the Welland Canal Company, and to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force relating to the said Company."—Also a Bill entitled "An Act to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act to provide for the erection of a Gaol and Court House in the Eastern District.'"—Also a Bill entitled "An Act to grant a sum of Money, and to provide for the improvement of the Navigation of the River aux Raisin, in the County of Glengary."—And also a Bill entitled "An Act to provide for partition of Real Estates," to which they requested the concurrence of this House.

The same Deputation returned the Bill entitled, "An Act to extend the time for taking the Oaths prescribed by a certain Act passed in the sixth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to secure and confer upon certain Inhabitants of this Province the Civil and Political Rights of Natural-born British Subjects,'" and acquainted this House that the Commons House of Assembly had adopted the Amendments made in and to the same by the Legislative Council: the Deputation then withdrew.

The Bill 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," was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

The Bill entitled "An Act to afford further aid to the Welland Canal Company, and to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force relating to the said Company," was read.

The Bill entitled "An Act to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to provide for the erection of a Gaol and Court House in the Eastern District,'" was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

The Bill entitled "An Act to grant a sum of money, and to provide for the improvement of the Navigation of the River Aux Raisin, in the County of Glengary," was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. Boswell enters.

The Bill entitled "An Act to provide for partition of Real Estates," was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, that the forty-seventh Rule of this House be dispensed with as it regards the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company," and—

Ordered, that the House be again put into a Committee of the whole on the same, and that the Bill do stand upon the Order of the day for Monday next.

Ordered, that the Forty-seventh Rule of this House, made on the seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, be dispensed with as regards the Bill entitled "An Act to afford further aid to the Welland Canal Company, and to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force relating to the said Company," and—

Amendments read second time, and adopted.

Road and Bridge grant Bill brought up from Assembly.

Welland Canal aid Bill brought up from Assembly.

Eastern District Gaol and Court House Bill brought up from Assembly.

River Aux Raisin Navigation grant Bill brought up from Assembly.

Real Estates partition Bill brought up from Assembly.

Naturalization Oaths' extension Bill [as amended] adopted by Assembly.

Road and Bridge grant Bill read first time.

Welland Canal aid Bill read first time.

Eastern District Gaol and Court House Bill read first time.

River Aux Raisin Navigation grant Bill read first time.

A Member enters the House.

Real Estates partition Bill read first time.

47th Rule dispensed with as regards Niagara Harbour and Dock Company's Incorporation Bill. Same restored to the order of the day.

47th Rule dispensed with as regards Welland Canal aid Bill.

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Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time, and that the same do stand upon the order of the day for Monday next. Same restored to the order of the day.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday next at eleven of the clock A. M. House adjourns.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets:

PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER.	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,	
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM DICKSON,	“ “ AGUSTUS BALDWIN,	Members present.
“ “ JOSEPH WELLS,	“ “ WALTER BOSWELL,	
“ “ WILLIAM ALLAN,	“ “ PETER ADAMSON,	
“ “ JAMES GORDON,	“ “ JAMES KIRBY,	
“ “ ALEXANDER M'DONELL,	“ “ JOHN KIRBY.	
“ “ JOHN ELMSLEY,		

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act to make certain regulations relating to the Office of Sheriff, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give Security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their Office,” was as amended read a third time, and the question being put, whether this Bill as amended should pass, it was carried in the affirmative, whereupon the Speaker signed the amendments, and it was— Sheriff's security Bill, [as amended] read third time and passed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly. Amendments signed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act to indemnify the Magistrates of the Newcastle District, and to authorise them to raise a loan on the credit of the funds of the said District to complete a building erected at the Village of Amherst as the Gaol and Court House of the said District, was read a second time. Bill, as amended, sent to Assembly for concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank enters. Newcastle District Gaol and Court House Bill read second time.

Ordered, that the Forty-fourth Rule of this House be discharged for the remainder of the Session, and— A Member enters the House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole this day on the Bill entitled “An Act to indemnify the Magistrates of the Newcastle District, and to authorise them to raise a loan on the credit of the funds of the said District to complete a building erected at the Village of Amherst as the Gaol and Court House of the said District.” 44th Rule discharged for remainder of the Session.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Bill entitled “An Act for incorporating the President and Board of Police of Brockville, and for establishing a Market in the said Town,” and also the Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force establishing a Police in the Town of Kingston, and to provide for the election of a Council to regulate the Police of the said Town,” presented their Report. Report of Select Committee on Brockville Police, and Kingston Police Bills.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and the same was then read as follows:—

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled “An Act for incorporating the President and Board of Police of Brockville, and for establishing a Market in the said Town,” and also the Bill entitled “An Act to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force establishing a Police in the Town of Kingston, and to provide for the election of a Council to regulate the Police of the said Town,” have examined the said Bills, and beg leave to Report: Same read.

That the Bill entitled “An Act for incorporating the President and Board of Police of Brockville, and for establishing a Market in the said Town,” establishes a President and Board of Police for the Town of Brockville, with the usual corporate powers of suing and being sued, purchasing and conveying real and personal estate, and having a common seal.

That after making provision for the election of the said President and Board, which provision is in many respects objectionable; the Bill proceeds to vest in the said Board powers not heretofore contained in any of the Police regulations of any Town in this Province (viz.) a

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higher power of assessing the inhabitants of the said Town, and the power of taking possession of property by arbitration for the purpose of laying out and widening Streets, without the consent of the proprietors.

That the notice of application to the Legislature in the Gazette, is also considered insufficient by your Committee, as it professes to be for the purpose of establishing Police regulations, whereas the Bill is entitled "An Act for incorporating the President and Board of Police of Brockville, and for establishing a Market in the said Town."

Your Committee therefore considering the wide departure from provisions usually contained in the Police Acts of this Province, and the summary powers vested in the corporate body created by the said Bill, the effect of which would be to establish a new system requiring much consideration, cannot recommend the adoption of the present measure, but suggest the expediency of ordering the Bill to be Printed, that an opportunity may be afforded to the inhabitants of the Town of Brockville to express their opinion upon the details.

With respect to the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force establishing a Police in the Town of Kingston, and to provide for the election of a Council to regulate the Police of the said Town," your Committee do not find that there has been any compliance with the Forty-seventh Rule of this House, requiring a notice to be publicly given in the Gazette for Six Months preceding the Session.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled "An Act for incorporating the President and Board of Police of Brockville, and for establishing a Market in the said Town," be Printed.

The Honorable Messrs. Markland and Robinson enter.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to prevent a failure of Justice by reason of immaterial variances in certain Law proceedings, and to require all Courts to take judicial notice of Private Acts of Parliament."

The Honorable Mr. Robinson 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 to-morrow.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and leave granted accordingly.

The Honorable Messrs. Baby and Powell, the Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York, and the Honorable Mr. Cameron enter.

Pursuant to notice, the Honorable Mr. Gordon moved that the House be now again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," which being seconded, the question of concurrence was put and the motion was carried in the affirmative, and then it was—

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to authorise the laying out several sums of Money granted by an Act of the last Session of the Legislature entitled, 'An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of Money for the improvement of the Roads and Bridges in this Province,' and which sums remain unexpended," and also a Bill entitled "An Act to provide a Salary for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and to remunerate him for past services," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," be read a third time this day.

The Bill entitled "An Act to authorise the laying out several sums of Money granted by an Act of the last Session of the Legislature entitled, 'An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of Money for the improvement of the Roads and Bridges in this Province,' and which sums remain unexpended," was read, and it was—

Brockville Police Bill ordered to be printed.

Members enter the House.

Failure of Justice prevention Bill committed.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

Leave granted.

Members enter the House.

Motion for re-committing Receiver General's Salary Bill.

Question put and carried.

The Bill re-committed.

Reported.

Adopted.

Unappropriated Road Money expenditure Bill brought up from Assembly.

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery's Salary Bill brought up from Assembly.

Unappropriated Road Money expenditure Bill read last time.

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Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.	
The Bill entitled "An Act to provide a Salary for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and to remunerate him for past services," was read, and it was—	Clerk of the Crown in Chancery's Salary Bill read first time.
Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.	
Pursuant to the order of the House, the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof," was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—	Receiver General's Salary Bill read third time, passed and signed.
Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.	Assembly acquainted of same.
Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for settling and determining by Arbitration certain difficulties that have arisen, or may arise, between persons owning Land in the Eighth Concession of Saltfleet and persons owning, or claiming to own Land in the First Concession of Binbrook, who through mistake may have made improvements on the rear part of the said Eighth Concession of Saltfleet," was read a second time, and it was—	Saltfleet and Binbrook Arbitration Bill read second time.
Ordered, that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee of two Members with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon, and—	And referred to a Select Committee.
Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Dickson and James Kirby do compose such Committee.	Members composing same.
Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into Committee of the whole on 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."	Commercial Bank of Upper Canada Incorporation Bill re-committed.
The Honorable Mr. Elmsley took the Chair.	
After some time the House resumed.	
The Chairman reported that the Committee had risen.	Reported Committee had risen.
Ordered, that the Report be received.	
Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill 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," was read a second time, and it was—	Road and Bridge grant Bill read second time.
Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same presently.	
The House was then put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill accordingly.	Committed.
The Honorable Mr. Adamson took the Chair.	
After some time the House resumed.	
The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.	Reported.
Ordered, that the Report be received, and—	Adopted.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time this day.	
Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act to provide for the erection of a Gaol and Court House in the Eastern District,'" was read a second time, and it was—	Eastern District Gaol and Court House Bill read second time.
Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the same.	Committed.
The Honorable Mr. James Kirby took the Chair.	
After some time the House resumed.	
The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.	Reported.
Ordered, that the Report be received, and—	Adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.	
Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to grant a sum of Money, and to provide for the improvement of the Navigation of the River aux Raisin, in the County of Glengary," was read a second time, and it was—	River Aux Raisin Navigation Bill read second time.
Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the same.	Committed.
The Honorable Mr. Boswell took the Chair.	
After some time the House resumed.	
The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.	Reported.

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- Adopted. Ordered, that the Report be received, and—
Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
- Real Estates partition Bill read second time. Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for partition of Real Estates," was read a second time, and it was—
Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same this day.
- Niagara Harbour and Dock Company's Incorporation Bill re-committed. Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company."
The Honorable Mr. Wells took the Chair.
After some time the House resumed.
- Amendment to same reported. The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an Amendment thereto, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.
Ordered, that the Report be received.
- Read first time. The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :
The Amendment. Press. 10. line 4.—After the word "in" expunge "twelve hundred" and insert "two thousand."
- Read second time, and adopted. The said Amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on the same, it was agreed to by the House, and it was—
Ordered, that it be engrossed and the said Bill as amended read a third time to-morrow.
- Welland Canal aid Bill read second time. Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to afford further aid to the Welland Canal Company, and to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force relating to the said Company," was read a second time, and it was—
- Committed. Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole to take the same into consideration.
The Honorable Mr. Elmsley took the Chair.
After some time the House resumed.
- Reported. The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.
- Adopted. Ordered, that the Report be received, and—
Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time this day.
- Newcastle District Gaol and Court-house Bill committed. Pursuant to order, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to indemnify the Magistrates of the Newcastle District, and to authorise them to raise a loan on the credit of the funds of the said District to complete a building erected at the Village of Amherst as the Gaol and Court House of the said District."
The Honorable Mr. Gordon took the Chair.
After some time the House resumed.
- Reported. The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.
- Adopted. Ordered, that the Report be received, and—
Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
- Road and Bridge grant Bill read third time, passed and signed. Pursuant to order, the Bill 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," was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—
- Assembly acquainted of same. Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.
- Welland Canal aid Bill read third time, passed and signed. Pursuant to order, the Bill entitled "An Act to afford further aid to the Welland Canal Company, and to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force relating to the said Company," was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—
Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.
- Assembly acquainted of same. The Honorable Mr. Gordon prayed that he might have leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, and it was—
Same granted. Ordered, that he take leave accordingly.
- House adjourns. On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow at eleven of the clock A. M.

Tuesday, 8th March, 1831.

FIRST SESSION, 11th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 1st WILLIAM IV.

Tuesday, 8th March, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,
The Hon. Mr. WILLIAM DICKSON, “ “ PETER ADAMSON,
The Hon. & Vcn. the ARCHDEACON OF YORK, “ “ AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM ALLAN, “ “ JAMES KIRBY,
“ “ JOHN ELMSLEY, “ “ JOHN KIRBY.

The House meets:

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty’s Reign, entitled ‘An Act to provide for the erection of a Gaol and Court House in the Eastern District,’” was read a third time and passed; whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Eastern District Gaol and Court House Bill read third time, passed and signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Assembly acquainted of same.

The Honorable Mr. McDonell enters.

A Member enters the House.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act to grant a sum of Money, and to provide for the improvement of the Navigation of the River aux Raisin, in the County of Glengary,” was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

River Aux Raisin grant Navigation Bill read third time, passed and signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Assembly acquainted of same.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act to incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company,” was, as amended, read a third time, and the question being put, whether this Bill as amended should pass, it was carried in the affirmative, whereupon the Speaker signed the amendment, and it was—

Niagara Harbour and Dock Company’s Incorporation Bill, [as amended] read third time and passed. Amendment signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Bill, as amended, sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act to indemnify the Magistrates of the Newcastle District, and to authorise them to raise a loan on the credit of the funds of the said District to complete a building erected at the Village of Amherst as the Gaol and Court House of the said District,” was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Newcastle District Gaol and Court House Bill read third time, passed and signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Assembly acquainted of same.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled “An Act to provide for partition of Real Estates.”

Real Estates partition Bill committed.

The Honorable Mr. John Kirby took the Chair.

A Message being announced, the Chairman left the Chair, and the House formed.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, “An Act to indemnify Roswell Mount Esquire for monies advanced by him to complete a Bridge across the River Thames from Delaware to Carradoc,”—and also a Bill entitled “An Act to remunerate James Gordon Strobridge for labour and materials provided and applied by him in constructing the Burlington Bay Canal,” to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Mount’s indemnification Bill brought up from Assembly.
 Strobridge’s remuneration Bill brought up from Assembly.

The Honorable Messrs. Wells, Crookshank and Robinson, enter.

Members enter the House.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled “An Act to provide for partition of Real Estates.”

Real Estates partition Bill re-committed.

The Honorable Mr. John Kirby took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, had made an amendment thereto, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

Amendment reported.

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

Ordered, that the Report be received.

Read first time.
The Amendment.

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

Press. 6. line 14.—After “taxed” insert “Provided always nevertheless, that it shall be in the power of the Court in which any such proceeding for partition is depending to award a new partition by another Jury when it shall appear necessary for the ends of Justice, in the same manner and for the same causes as new trials are now grantable by law; but that no new partition shall be granted when all the parties interested are resident within the Province, unless the same is applied for before the end of the term next after that in which the former verdict has been rendered.”

Read second time,
and adopted.

The said Amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put, it was agreed to by the House, and it was—

Ordered, that it be engrossed, and the Bill as amended read a third time to-morrow.

Mount's indemnifica-
tion Bill read first
time.

The Bill entitled “An Act to indemnify Roswell Mount Esquire for monies advanced by him to complete a Bridge across the River Thames from Delaware to Carradoc,” was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time this day.

Strobridge's remun-
eration Bill read
first time.

The Bill entitled “An Act to remunerate James Gordon Strobridge for labour and materials provided and applied by him in constructing the Burlington Bay Canal,” was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Failure of Justice
prevention Bill
re-committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled “An Act to prevent a failure of Justice by reason of immaterial variances in certain Law proceedings, and to require all Courts to take judicial notice of Private Acts of Parliament.”

The Honorable Mr. Robinson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Amendment to same
reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, had made an amendment thereto, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Read first time.

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows:

The Amendment.

Press. 2, line 1 from the bottom.—After “Pleaded” expunge the remainder of the clause and insert “and that a copy of any such Act, printed by proper authority in this Province, shall be taken as sufficient evidence thereof, any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.”

Read second time,
and adopted.

The said Amendment being read a second time and the question of concurrence put, it was agreed to by the House, and it was.

Ordered, that it be engrossed, and the said Bill as amended read a third time to-morrow.

Unappropriated Road
Money expenditure
Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act to authorise the laying out several sums of Money granted by an Act of the last Session of the Legislature entitled, ‘An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of Money for the improvement of the Roads and Bridges in this Province,’ and which sums remain unexpended,” was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the same.

Committed.

The Honorable Mr. Adamson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Clerk of the Crown
in Chancery's Salary
Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act to provide a Salary for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and to remunerate him for past services,” was read a second time, and it was—

Committed.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the same.

The Honorable Mr. M'Donell took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to indemnify Roswell Mount Esquire for monies advanced by him to complete a Bridge across the River Thames from Delaware to Carradoc," was read a second time, and it was—

Mount's indemnification Bill read second time.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the same.

Committed.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address to Lieut. Governor, praying him to cause the Address to the King on the Timber Trade to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, that a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the Address to the King, on the subject matter of the Timber Trade, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Dickson and Wells be appointed that Committee.

Members composing same. Contingent Accounts to be laid on the Table.

Ordered, that the Contingent accounts for the present Session be laid on the Table on Thursday next.

The Honorable Mr. Elmsley gave notice that he would to-morrow move that a Select Committee be appointed to superintend the fitting up of the Legislative Council Hall in the new Parliament House.

Notice of motion for a Select Committee, to superintend the fitting up of the Legislative Council-hall in the new Parliament-house. House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

Wednesday, 9th March, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
The Hon. Mr. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " ZACCHEUS BURNHAM,
The Hon. & Ven. the ARCHDEACON OF YORK, " " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
The Hon. Messrs. JOSEPH WELLS, " " PETER ADAMSON,
 " " WILLIAM ALLAN, " " JAMES KIRBY.
 " " PETER ROBINSON,

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for partition of Real Estates." was, as amended, read a third time, and the question being put, whether this Bill as amended should pass, it was carried in the affirmative, whereupon the Speaker signed the amendment, and it was—

Real Estates partition Bill (as amended) read third time and passed. Amendment signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Bill [as amended] sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to prevent a failure of Justice by reason of immaterial variances in certain Law proceedings, and to require all Courts to take judicial notice of Private Acts of Parliament," was, as amended, read a third time, and the question being put, whether this Bill as amended should pass, it was carried in the affirmative whereupon the Speaker signed the amendment, and it was—

Failure of Justice prevention Bill [as amended] read third time and passed.

Amendment signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with an amendment to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Bill [as amended] sent to Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to authorise the laying out several sums of Money granted by an Act of the last Session of the Legislature entitled, 'An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of Money for the improvement of the Roads and Bridges in this Province,' and which sums remain unexpended," was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Unappropriated Road Money expenditure Bill read third time, passed and signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Assembly acquainted of same.

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Clerk of the Crown in Chancery's Salary Bill read third time, passed and signed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to provide a Salary for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and to remunerate him for past services," was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Assembly acquainted of same.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Mounts indemnification Bill read third time, passed and signed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to indemnify Roswell Mount Esquire for monies advanced by him to complete a Bridge across the River Thames from Delaware to Carradoc," was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Assembly acquainted of same.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Report of Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address to Lieut. Governor, praying him to cause the Joint Address to the King on the subject of the Timber Trade to be laid at the foot of the Throne. Address read 1st time. Read second time, and adopted.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the Joint Address to the King on the subject matter of the Timber Trade to be laid at the foot of the Throne, presented a draft thereof, which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The draft was then read a second time by the Clerk, and adopted, and it was—

Ordered, that the Address be engrossed, and read a third time this day.

Report of Select Committee on Saltfleet and Binbrook Arbitration Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson from the Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Bill sent up from the Commons House of Assembly entitled, "An Act to provide for settling and determining by Arbitration, certain difficulties that have arisen, or may arise, between persons owning Land in the Eighth Concession of Saltfleet and persons owning or claiming to own Land in the first Concession of Binbrook, who through mistake may have made improvements on the rear part of the said Eighth Concession of Saltfleet," presented their Report,

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows :

Same read.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for settling and determining by Arbitration certain difficulties that have arisen, or may arise, between persons owning Land in the Eighth Concession of Saltfleet and persons owning, or claiming to own Land in the First Concession of Binbrook, who through mistake may have made improvements on the rear part of the said Eighth Concession of Saltfleet," beg leave to Report to this House :

That having taken the subject matter of the said Bill into their consideration, as also the evidence on which the said Bill is founded, they find that notice of the intention of the parties to apply to the Legislature for relief in the premises has been given in the Upper Canada Gazette in the usual and prescribed form.

They have had before them a Petition of thirty-nine inhabitants who own land in the said Eighth Concession praying for such relief as may prevent ruin or damage to either party ; and they have examined the diagram of a Survey made in October last by Mr. Hugh Black, Deputy Surveyor, from all which they have obtained such information as enables them to recommend the said Bill for the adoption of your Honorable House.

All which is humbly submitted.

[Signed,]

WILLIAM DICKSON,
CHAIRMAN.

9th March, 1831.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole this day on the said Bill, together with the Report of the Select Committee thereupon.

Strobridge's remuneration Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to remunerate James Gordon Strobridge for labour and materials provided and applied by him in constructing the Burlington Bay Canal," was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole, to-morrow, to take the same into consideration.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved and seconded, that it is expedient to—

Motion for a Select Committee to superintend the fitting up of the Legislative Council-hall in the new Parliament House.

Resolve, That a Committee of——Members of this House be appointed to superintend (during the recess) the fitting up of the Hall of the Legislative Council in the new building, and to procure proper furniture for the same.

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

Ordered, that the above be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for settling and determining by arbitration certain difficulties that have arisen, or may arise, between persons owning land in the Eighth Concession of Saltfleet and persons owning, or claiming to own land in the First Concession of Binbrook, who through mistake may have made improvements on the rear part of the said Eighth Concession of Saltfleet," as also the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

Saltfleet and Binbrook Arbitration Bill committed, and Report of Select Committee on same.

The Honorable Mr. James Kirby took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Bill adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the joint Address to the King on the subject matter of the Timber Trade, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, was read a third time and passed as follows :

Address to Lieut. Governor, praying him to cause the Joint Address to the King on the subject of the Timber Trade to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

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, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

The Address.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, have passed an humble Address to His Majesty, on the subject of the Trade in Timber of 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.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause the joint Address to the King on the subject matter of the Timber Trade to be laid at the foot of the Throne, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Sent to Assembly for concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson gave notice that an Honorable Member, not now in his place, would on to-morrow move an Address of condolence on the death of His late Majesty, and of congratulation upon the accession of our present Sovereign to the Throne of His ancestors.

Notice of motion for an Address of condolence on the death of the late King.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

House adjourns.

Thursday, 10th March, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
The Hon. Messrs. JAMES BABY, " " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
 " " WILLIAM DICKSON, " " PETER ADAMSON,
 " " WILLIAM ALLAN, " " JAMES KIRBY,

Members present.

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to make further provision for completing the Kettle Creek Harbour in the District of London,"—and also a Bill entitled "An Act to make good certain monies paid under the Warrants of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in advance to defray the Contingencies of the last Session of the Legislature," to which they requested the concurrence of this House.—The same Deputation returned the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company," and acquainted this House that the Commons House of Assembly had adopted the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in and to the same ; the Deputation then withdrew.

Kettle Creek Harbour provision Bill brought up from Assembly.

Contingency covering Bill brought up from Assembly.

Niagara Harbour and Dock Company's Incorporation Bill [as amended] adopted by the Assembly.

The Bill entitled "An Act to make further provision for completing the Kettle Creek Harbour in the District of London," was read, and it was—

Kettle Creek Harbour provision Bill read first time.

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Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-day.

Contingency covering
Bill read first time.

The Bill entitled "An Act to make good certain monies paid under the Warrants of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in advance to defray the Contingencies of the last Session of the Legislature," was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-day.

Saltfleet and Binbrook
Arbitration Bill
read third time,
passed and signed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for settling and determining by arbitration certain difficulties that have arisen, or may arise, between persons owning land in the Eighth Concession of Saltfleet and persons owning, or claiming to own land in the First Concession of Binbrook, who through mistake may have made improvements on the rear part of the said Eighth Concession of Saltfleet," was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Assembly acquainted
of same.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Strobridge's remuneration Bill committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled, "An Act to remunerate James Gordon Strobridge for labour and materials provided and applied by him in constructing the Burlington Bay Canal."

The Honorable Mr. Adamson took the Chair.

A Message being announced, the Chairman left the Chair, and the House formed.

Femme Couverte
Estate Bill [as amended]
adopted by
Assembly.
Real Estates partition
Bill [as amended]
adopted by
Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly returned the Bill entitled, "An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to alien and convey their Real Estate,"—and also the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for partition of Real Estates." and acquainted this House that the Commons House of Assembly had adopted the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and to the same; the Deputation then withdrew.

Members enter the
House.

The Honorable Messrs. Wells and Robinson, enter.

Strobridge's remuneration Bill re-committed.

The House was then again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to remunerate James Gordon Strobridge for labour and materials provided and applied by him in constructing the Burlington Bay Canal."

The Honorable Mr. James Kirby took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Draft of Address of
condolence on the
death of the late King
presented.
Read first time.

Pursuant to notice, the Honorable Mr. Baby presented the draft of an Address of condolence on the death of His late Majesty, and of congratulation upon the accession of our present Sovereign to the Throne of His ancestors, which he read in his place, and it was—

Read second time,
and adopted.

Ordered, that the said draft be read a second time presently.

The said draft was then read a second time accordingly, and it was—

Ordered, that the said Address be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

Kettle Creek Harbour
provision Bill read
second time.

Pursuant to order, the Bill entitled "An Act to make further provision for completing the Kettle Creek Harbour in the District of London," was read a second time, and it was—

Committed.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole to take the same into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. James Kirby took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Contingency covering
Bill read second time.

Pursuant to order, the Bill entitled "An Act to make good certain monies paid under Warrants of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in advance to defray the Contingencies of the last Session of the Legislature," was read a second time, and it was—

Committed.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole to take the same into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

10th & 11th *March*, 1831.

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

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the House, the Address of Condolence on the death of His late Majesty, and of Congratulation upon the accession of our present Sovereign to the Throne of His Ancestors, was read a third time, and passed as follows:—

Address of condolence on the death of the late King read third time and passed.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, Your Majesty's Most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council— of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to express to Your Majesty our unfeigned sorrow for the afflicting loss which the British Empire has sustained in the death of a Sovereign in whose just and glorious reign she had attained to a height of power and renown unequalled in the proudest periods of her History.

The Address.

The virtues which have so eminently distinguished the Princes of Your Majesty's illustrious House have been ever signally displayed in favour of this Province; and we can with great sincerity assure Your Majesty, that this faithful and loyal Colony yields to no portion of Your Majesty's Dominions in the love and veneration with which its Inhabitants regard the memory of your late Royal Father, and of that Illustrious Monarch whose recent demise occasioned the most profound grief throughout the British Empire.

We feel, in common with our fellow Subjects of the United Kingdoms, the most cheering consolation, in hailing in the person of Your Majesty the succession of another Prince inheriting that regard for freedom, that love of Justice, and that benevolence which so distinguished the reign of the august Sovereign from whom we derived our Constitution.

And on this first occasion which has presented itself since Your Majesty's accession, we desire to convey to the Throne the assurances of our most faithful and affectionate attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

Deeply impressed with the conviction that Your Majesty regards with paternal anxiety every portion of your extensive Empire, we rejoice to be able to express to Your Majesty our conviction, that in all the Dominions of Your Crown there is not a Colony or Country in which the people are enjoying a greater degree of prosperity and happiness than in this peaceful and flourishing Province.

Exempt from those causes of distress which afflict so many portions of the world, Your Majesty's Subjects in Upper Canada are pursuing with industry and success the labours of Agriculture and the enterprises of Commerce, under circumstances of peculiar encouragement from the great natural advantages of this Province, and from the favorable terms on which its productions are admitted into the Ports of the United Kingdom.

Enjoying these blessings in peace, and secured in the possession of Liberty and Property by a free Constitution and by just Laws, the people of Upper Canada fully appreciate their happiness in forming part of that great Empire over which they earnestly pray that Your Majesty may long enjoy a glorious and happy Reign.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed an Address of Condolence on the death of His late Majesty, and of Congratulation upon the accession of our present Sovereign to the Throne of His Ancestors, to which they request the concurrence of the Commons House of Assembly.

Sent to Assembly for concurrence.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

House adjourns.

Friday, 11th *March*, 1831.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House meets.

PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER.	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> ALEXANDER M'DONELL,	
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM DICKSON,	“ “ JOHN ELMSLEY,	
“ “ GEORGE CROOKSHANK,	“ “ AGUSTUS BALDWIN,	Members present.
<i>The Hon. & Ven. the</i> ARCHDEACON OF YORK,	“ “ PETER ADAMSON,	
<i>The Hon.</i> Mr. JOSEPH WELLS.	“ “ JAMES KIRBY.	

Prayers were read.

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The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Strobridge's relief Bill read third time, passed and signed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to remunerate James Gordon Strobridge for labour and materials provided and applied by him in constructing the Burlington Bay Canal," was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Assembly acquainted of same.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Kettle Creek Harbour provision Bill read third time and passed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled "An Act to make further provision for completing the Kettle Creek Harbour in the District of London," was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Bill signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Assembly acquainted of same.

Contingency covering Bill read third time, and passed.

Pursuant to the order of day, the Bill entitled "An Act to make good certain monies paid under Warrants of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in advance to defray the Contingencies of the last Session of the Legislature," was read a third time and passed whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Bill signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Assembly acquainted of same.

Motion for a Select Committee to superintend the fitting up of the Legislative Council-hall in the new Parliament House, committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into Committee of the whole on Mr. Elmsley's Motion of Wednesday last.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Two Resolutions reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had passed two Resolutions, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

And adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The question of concurrence being put the said Resolutions were carried in the affirmative, and it was—

A Select Committee appointed.

Ordered, that a Committee of three Members of this House be appointed to superintend (during the recess) the fitting up the Hall and other Rooms intended for the accommodation of the Legislative Council in the new building, and to procure proper furniture for the same.

Members composing same.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Crookshank, Peter Robinson and Elmsley, be appointed that Committee.

Select Committee appointed on the Contingent Accounts.

Ordered, that a Select Committee be appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent accounts for the present Session, and—

Members composing same.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Allan, Elmsley and Baldwin, do compose such Committee.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

Saturday, 12th March, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER, *The Hon. Messrs.* ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
The Hon. Messrs. WILLIAM DICKSON, " " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
 " " GEORGE CROOKSHANK, " " JAMES KIRBY,
 " " WILLIAM ALLAN,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Darby and Wife's relief Bill read second time.

On motion made and seconded, the Bill entitled "An Act for the relief of George Adam Darby, and Mary his Wife," was read a second time, and it was—

And referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee of two Members with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon, and—

Members composing same.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Dickson and James Kirby do compose that Committee.

Civil List Bill brought up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill 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

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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," to which they requested the concurrence of this House.—The same Deputation returned the Bill entitled "An Act to prevent a failure of Justice by reason of immaterial variances in certain Law proceedings, and to require all Courts to take judicial notice of Private Acts of Parliament," and acquainted this House that the Commons House of Assembly had adopted the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and to the same.—The same Deputation brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House two Messages in the following words, and then withdrew :

Failure of Justice prevention Bill [as amended] adopted by Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Commons House of Assembly have concurred in the joint Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor requesting His Excellency to transmit to His Majesty the joint Address of the two Houses on the subject of the Timber Trade of this Province.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly,
12th day of March, 1831.*

Message from Assembly, concurring in the Joint Address to His Excellency, requesting him to cause the Joint Address to the King on the Timber Trade to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Commons House of Assembly have passed certain Resolutions on the subject of the improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence, which they communicate to the Honorable the Legislative Council for the concurrence of that Honorable House therein.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly,
12th of March, 1831.*

Message from Assembly, communicating certain Resolutions for concurrence on the subject of the improvement of the Navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

Resolved, That the Improvement of the Navigation of the Saint Lawrence is an object of the first importance to the Commercial and Agricultural interests of this Province.

The Resolutions.

Resolved, That according to the survey and estimate made in the year 1826, by Samuel Clowes, Engineer, and George Rykert, Assistant Engineer and Surveyor, under the direction of the late Lieutenant Governor Sir Peregrine Maitland, of the expense of improving the Navigation and constructing a Canal at the several Rapids in the River Saint Lawrence from Johnstown to Cornwall, it appears that for Sloop and Steam Boat Navigation the sum of one hundred and seventy-six thousand three hundred and seventy-eight pounds, eight shillings and five pence, will be required, and for Boat Navigation the sum of ninety-two thousand eight hundred and thirty-four pounds, one shilling and eleven pence half penny.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the Improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence should be undertaken on such a scale as to admit of Sloop and Steam Boat Navigation, provided the Legislature of Lower Canada will concur with the Legislature of this Province in the accomplishment of this important undertaking, the advantages whereof must be common to both Provinces.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be requested to communicate with His Excellency the Governor General of Lower Canada upon the subject of Surveying the River Saint Lawrence, from the Harbour of Montreal to the Village of Prescott, with a view to obtain from the Legislature of Lower Canada authority for Surveying, and reporting to the Legislature of each Province when they next meet estimates of the expense of Canals for Boat, Sloop and Steam Boat Navigation, from one place to the other.

Truly extracted.

(Signed)

JAMES FITZGIBBON,
CLERK OF ASSEMBLY.

The Honorable Mr. Elmsley enters.

A Member enters the House.

The Bill 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

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expenses of the Administration of Justice and the support of the Civil Government of this Province," was read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-day.

Resolutions of Assembly on the improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence read first time.

The Resolutions of Assembly on the subject matter of the Improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence, transmitted by message this day, were then read, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same on Monday next.

Civil List Bill read second time.

Pursuant to the order of the House, the Bill 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," was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole, on Monday next, to take the same into consideration.

Report of Select Committee on the Contingent Accounts.

The Honorable Mr. Elmsley, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session, presented their Report.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

Same read.

The same was then read as follows :

The Report.

The Select Committee to which was referred the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session Report—

That from the extensive nature of the reductions deemed advisable the Committee recommend, that the Accounts be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and that the Members in Town be summoned to attend in their places on Monday next, at two o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be adopted, and—

Ordered, that on Monday next the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the Contingent Accounts of the present Session, and—

Members in Town Summoned.

Ordered, that the Members in Town be Summoned to attend in their places at two of the clock P. M. on that day.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded the House adjourned.

Monday, 14th March, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> PETER ROBINSON,
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> JAMES BABY,	" " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
" " WILLIAM DICKSON,	" " JOHN ELMSLEY,
" " JOSEPH WELLS,	" " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
" " GEORGE H. MARKLAND.	" " PETER ADAMSON,
" " WILLIAM ALLAN,	

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Resolutions of Assembly on the improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence committed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Resolutions of Assembly transmitted to this House by Message on Saturday last, on the subject of the Improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence.

The Honorable Mr. Markland took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

Read second time, and adopted.

The said Resolutions being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House, and it was—

Assembly acquainted of same.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have concurred in the Resolutions of the Commons House of Assembly, transmitted to this House by message on Saturday last, on the subject matter of the Improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence.

Monday, 14th March, 1831.

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

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Messages in the following words, and then withdrew : Message from Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Commons House of Assembly have passed an Address to His Majesty on the subject of the Independency of the Judges in this Province, which they communicate to the Honorable the Legislative Council for the concurrence of that Honorable House therein.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly,
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Communicating an Address to the King on the subject of the independency of the Judges, for the concurrence of this House.

The Address was then read as follows :—

Same read.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the——and House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament Assembled, most humbly approach Your Majesty to thank Your Majesty for the Gracious attention which Your Majesty has been pleased to bestow on matters of important interest to Your Majesty's faithful Subjects of this Province. And we take this occasion to inform Your Majesty, that in making permanent provision for the support of certain Officers of the Government, especially that for the respectable maintenance of the Judges, we have been guided by a cordial desire to meet the wishes of Your Majesty's Government, by placing the Administration of Justice beyond the reach of popular influence. And we respectfully acquaint Your Majesty, that in passing a Bill to secure the independency of the Judges, we have been actuated by a confident hope that Your Majesty will not hesitate to place these Officers in a situation which will also render them independent of the Crown ; and to that end, we implore Your Majesty to allow the Judges of this Province to hold their Offices during good behaviour, subject, nevertheless, to be removed upon the Address of both Houses of the Provincial Legislature.

The Address.

[Signed]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly,
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Ordered, that the said Address be read a second time this day.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank, the Honorable and Venerable the Archdeacon of York, and the Honorable Mr. Cameron enter.

Members enter the House.

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 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."

Civil List Bill committed.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time this day.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole on the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

Contingent Accounts committed.

The Honorable Mr. M'Donell took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Accounts into consideration, and had agreed to a Resolution, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

A Resolution reported for referring the Accounts back to the Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

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Same Read.

The said Resolution was then read as follows :

The Resolution.

Resolved, That some of the charges in the Accounts of the Contingent expenses of the Legislative Council appearing to require explanation, it be referred to the same Select Committee to examine particularly into the necessity and amount of the disbursements made with a view to their expressing an opinion upon the same in detail in order that the Legislative Council may determine satisfactorily whether any unnecessary expense has been actually incurred.

Read second time, and adopted.

The said Resolution being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put, it was agreed to by the House.

The Hon. Messrs. Crookshank and Markland added to the Committee.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Crookshank, and Markland be added to the said Select Committee.

Address to the King, (received from Assembly) on the subject of the Independence of the Judges, read second time

Pursuant to the order of the House, the Address to the King on the subject of the Independence of the Judges in this Province, communicated by message this day from the Commons House of Assembly for concurrence, was read a second time, and it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole, presently, to take the same into consideration.

Committed.

The House was then put into a Committee of the whole on the same accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. Wells took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Address into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Civil List Bill read third time and passed.

Pursuant to the order of the House, the Bill 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," was read a third time and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Bill signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Assembly acquainted of same.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned.

Tuesday, 15th *March*, 1831.

The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM ALLAN,
<i>The Hon.</i> Mr. WILLIAM DICKSON,	" " CHARLES JONES,
<i>The Hon. & Ven. the</i> ARCHDEACON OF YORK,	" " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> JOSEPH WELLS,	" " JOHN ELMSLEY,
" " DUNCAN CAMERON,	" " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
" " GEORGE H. MARKLAND,	" " PETER ADAMSON,

Prayers were read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Speaker informs the House of the time fixed by Lieutenant Governor for closing the Session.

His Honor the Speaker communicated to the House that he had been informed of the intention of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to prorogue the present Session of Parliament to-morrow at four of the clock P. M.

Grantham Academy grant Bill brought up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act granting a sum of money for the encouragement of the Grantham Academy."—And also a Bill entitled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to remunerate Valentine Gill and certain other Officers and Servants of the Legislature for services rendered by them," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Gill and others remuneration Bill brought up from Assembly.

The Bill entitled "An Act granting a sum of money for the encouragement of the Grantham Academy," was read, and it was—

Grantham Academy grant Bill read first time.

Ordered, that the same be read a second time this day.

A Member enters the House.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson enters.

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The Bill entitled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to remunerate Valentine Gill and certain other Officers and Servants of the Legislature for services rendered by them," was read, and it was—

Gill and others remuneration Bill read first time.

Ordered, that the same be read a second time this day.

The Honorable Mr. Baby enters.

A Member enters the House.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House was put into Committee of the whole on the subject matter of the Address to the King respecting the Independency of the Judges, transmitted by message from the Commons House of Assembly yesterday.

Address to the King [received from Assembly] on the subject of the Independency of the Judges, committed.

The Honorable Mr. Wells took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Address into consideration, and had agreed to certain Resolutions, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

Resolutions reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received

The said Resolutions were then read by the Clerk as follows:—

Read.

Resolved. That it appears to the Legislative Council that in consequence of representations which have proceeded from this Province and from Lower Canada, the attention of His Majesty's Government and of the Imperial Parliament has already been particularly applied to the proposition of making such a change in the terms of the Commissions to the Judges that it shall not be in the power of His Majesty to remove them, unless upon an Address of both Houses of the Provincial Legislature.

The Resolutions.

Resolved. That a consideration of the proposed change seems to have resulted in the conviction that it is not expedient at present, which opinion the Legislative Council, from a recollection of past occurrences, are disabled from contraverting.

Resolved. That if the Legislative Council did consider a change expedient, they would deem it just and prudent to provide, that a Judge should not be finally removed from Office by any authority in this Province, without allowing him the power of appealing to the tribunal of the King and Privy Council.

Resolved. That as His Majesty cannot entertain this question with any other view than to render the Administration of Justice pure and satisfactory, the Legislative Council relies with confidence upon the wisdom of His Majesty and upon His Gracious disposition to consult the peace and welfare of this Province, by allowing the appointment of the Judges to rest upon such a footing as may be found by experience to be most conducive to that end.

Resolved. That entertaining this reliance, the Legislative Council are of opinion they ought to forbear to urge upon His Majesty any particular change in the Commission of the Judges, being persuaded so long as His Majesty's Judges preserve a proper regard to the duties of their high Office they are in fact perfectly *independent*; and that if it is thought necessary to afford any additional security in that respect, the very liberal conduct of the Legislature in providing for them respectable and permanent Salaries in the manner now proposed cannot fail to induce His Majesty to adopt any proper measure for that purpose.

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The said Resolutions being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Read second time, and adopted.

Ordered, that a Conference be desired with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of the above Address to the King, and—

A conference desired on the subject of the Address.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messrs. Dickson and Wells be appointed the Conferees on the part of this House for that purpose, and that they be instructed to communicate thereat the foregoing Resolutions.

Conferees appointed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council desire a Conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of the Address to the King respecting the Independency of the Judges, transmitted by message yesterday for concurrence, and have appointed the Honorable Messrs. Dickson and Wells to be the Committee on the part of this House, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose presently, in the joint Committee Room.

Assembly acquainted of same.

Pursuant to order, the Bill entitled "An Act granting a sum of money for the encouragement of the Grantham Academy," was read a second time, and it was—

Grantham Academy grant Bill read second time.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the same.

Committed.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson took the Chair.

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After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Gill and others remuneration Bill read second time.

Pursuant to order, the Bill entitled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to remunerate Valentine Gill and certain other Officers and Servants of the Legislature for services rendered by them," was read a second time and it was—

Committed.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the same.

The Honorable Mr. Adamson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again in three months

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.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

Speaker's notice of moving an Address to the King on the subject of the provision made for the support of Religion in this Province.

His Honor the Speaker gave notice that he would on to-morrow, move an Address to His Majesty on the subject of the provision made by Law for the support of Religion in this Province.

Motion for re-committing the Brockville Police Bill.

It was moved and seconded, that the House be again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act for incorporating the President and Board of Police of Brockville, and for establishing a Market in the said Town," and that the same be restored to the order of the day.

Question put and negatived.

The question of concurrence being put, the said Motion was carried in the negative.

Message from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Message in the following words, and then withdrew:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Acceding to a Conference on the subject of the Address to His Majesty respecting the Independency of the Judges.

The Commons House of Assembly have acceded to the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council for a conference on the subject of the Address to His Majesty respecting the Independency of the Judges, and have appointed a Committee of four Members who will be ready to meet the Conferrees on the part of the Legislative Council presently at the place appointed.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

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York Hospital aid Bill brought up from Assembly.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act to grant a sum of money to His Majesty in aid of the York Hospital," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Grantham Academy grant Bill re-committed.

Pursuant to order, the House was again put into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill entitled "An Act granting a sum of money for the encouragement of the Grantham Academy."

The Honorable Mr. Robinson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again in three months.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again in three months.

Leave granted.

Ordered, that the Report be received and leave granted accordingly.

York Hospital aid Bill read first time.

The Bill entitled "An Act to grant a sum of money to His Majesty in aid of the York Hospital," was then read, and it was—

Ordered, that the same be read a second time presently.

Read second time.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and it was—

Committed.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole to take the same into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read a third time.

Read third time and passed.
Bill signed.

The same was then read a third time accordingly and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the Bill, and it was—

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

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment. Assembly acquainted of same.

The Honorable Mr. Crookshank, from the Select Committee to whom was again referred the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session, presented their Report. Second Report of Select Committee on the Contingent Accounts.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The Report was then read as follows: Report read.

The Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the Contingencies of this Honorable House, beg leave to Report— The Report.

That they have carefully examined the Accounts of the Clerk and of the Usher of the Black Rod—the former amounting to £823 0 11½, and the latter to £215 1 6½—making together the sum of One Thousand and Thirty-eight Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence, which they recommend to be paid.

Your Committee, in going through the examination, found that in the above amount is included the sum of Seventy-five Pounds for Stationary to be imported, and Two Hundred Pounds for writing and printing during the recess: they also found that many of the expences incurred have arisen from the circumstance of the Legislative Council Chamber and the Offices of this House belonging to a Public Building not appropriated for their use, which obliged the Furniture to be removed immediately after the last Session, and restored at the commencement of the present Session, and required accommodation for the Clerks during the recess.

These, together with other incidental expences created by the same cause, will not be incurred at any future Session when a Building is provided for the uses of the Legislature.

Your Committee, while they felt that this Honorable House was pledged to remunerate the services already performed, and to pay debts which have been incurred for articles supposed to be necessary for its use, considered it nevertheless their duty to turn their attention as much as possible to the reduction of any expenditure which may without inconvenience be dispensed with in future.

They therefore beg leave to call the attention of this Honorable House to the following charges, which, though consistent with the ordinary usage, need not be continued unless deemed expedient:—

For Printing second hundred copies of Journals,.....	£30 16 8
“ Binding and Lettering 37 copies,	11 2 0
“ Discontinuance of Gazette to Members,	12 5 0
“ Services of third Clerk,	48 15 0
“ Expense of Postage,	76 15 10
	£ 179 14 6

Making in all the sum of one hundred and seventy-nine pounds, fourteen shillings and six pence.

In suggesting to Your Honorable House the propriety of not continuing a third Clerk, upon its establishment, Your Committee are not by any means desirous of throwing an unnecessary burthen upon the others, but deem it a more satisfactory mode to leave it to the proper Officer to employ such assistance as may be required during the Session, the business of which is generally such, for some time after its commencement, as to be easily performed by two persons.

All which is humbly submitted.

[Signed]

GEORGE CROOKSHANK,
CHAIRMAN.

15th *March*, 1831.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole to take the said Report into consideration. Committed.

The Honorable Mr. Dickson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Report of the Select Committee into consideration, and had agreed to a Resolution, which they recommended to the adoption of the House. A resolution reported.

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Ordered, that the Report be received.

Same read.

The said Resolution was then read as follows:—

The Resolution.

Resolved. That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council during the present Session, having been minutely investigated by the Select Committee, shall be paid, as recommended by the Committee; and that it is expedient that the other suggestions of the Select Committee be taken into consideration early in the next Session, when the Legislative Council will be no longer subject to the inconveniences and charges attendant upon the removal of their furniture.

Read second time, and adopted.

The said Resolution was read a second time, and the question of concurrence being put, it was carried in the affirmative.

Journals ordered to be printed, and a copy to be sent to each Member of the Assembly.
£100 allowed to the Clerk for superintending the printing of same.
£40 voted to the Door-keeper.

Ordered, that the Journals of the present Session be printed, and that One Hundred Pounds be allowed to the Clerk of this House for his trouble in superintending the same, and that he be directed to send to the Clerk of the Assembly a copy for each Member of that House.

Ordered, that the Doorkeeper be allowed Twenty Pounds for extra services during the present Session, and also Twenty Pounds voted him in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-seven, but not paid.

House adjourns.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the clock, A. M.

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The House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present.

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON <i>SPEAKER,</i>	<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> WILLIAM ALLAN,
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> JAMES BABY,	" " PETER ROBINSON,
" " WILLIAM DICKSON,	" " CHARLES JONES,
" " GEORGE CROOKSHANK,	" " ALEXANDER M'DONELL,
<i>The Hon. & Ven. the</i> ARCHDEACON OF YORK,	" " JOHN ELMSLEY,
<i>The Hon. Messrs.</i> JOSEPH WELLS,	" " AGUSTUS BALDWIN,
" " GEORGE H. MARKLAND,	" " PETER ADAMSON,

Prayers were read.

Motion for an Address to the King on the subject of the provision made by Law for the support of Religion.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Address read first time.

Pursuant to notice, His Honor the Speaker moved an Address to the King on the subject of the provision made by Law for the support of Religion in this Province, which being seconded, the Address was then read, and it was—

Read second time

Ordered, that the same be now read a second time, then it was—

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take the said Address into consideration.

Committed.

The House was then put into a Committee of the whole on the same accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. Markland took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had taken the said Address into consideration, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Ordered, that the said Address be now read a third time.

Read third time, passed and signed.

The same was then read a third time accordingly and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the Address, which is in the following words:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.**MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :**

The Address.

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to address ourselves to Your Majesty, on a subject of the utmost consequence to the future welfare of this Colony.

We observe with great concern the efforts which are making in this Colony to inculcate the opinion, that it is an infringement of liberty to make provision for the support of the Christian Religion, by maintaining some form of Public Worship, even although such a

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provision should be made (as in this Province it has been made) without imposing a burthen upon any class of the people, and without subjecting to any civil disability those persons who profess a different faith.

As one of the branches of the Legislature of this Colony, we feel it to be our duty to declare our dissent from such a position, as being directly repugnant to principles which have been long and firmly established in every part of the British Empire, and expressly at variance with the original Constitution of this Province, and with the sacred pledge given by Your Majesty's late Royal Father when Canada became a British Province.

In the first arrangements made by His late Majesty, and by Parliament, for the Government of Canada, it was their principal care to continue and assure to the Inhabitants that provision which the French Government had made for the support of Religion, and accordingly the Clergy of the Roman Catholic Church were secured in the enjoyment of all their legal and accustomed rights; and many years afterwards, when the accession of a large English Population, particularly in this portion of Canada, rendered it proper to divide the Province and to make provision for two separate Governments, His Majesty, in a Message to Parliament, expressly recommended to them to consider of such provisions as should be necessary for enabling His Majesty to make a *permanent* appropriation of Lands in the said Provinces for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy within the same.

Concurring in this recommendation of His Majesty, the Parliament of Great Britain, by the Statute 31st Geo. 3rd, Chap. 31st, made a provision for the support of a Protestant Clergy in this Province, in the terms of the Royal Message; and they secured it by enactments so direct and positive, and so particular in their details, that there can be no part of the British Empire in which a public provision for the maintenance of Religion stands on plainer ground than in the Provinces of Canada.

It was not until after this provision had existed without complaint or remonstrance for more than thirty years that any attempt was made to excite a feeling of dissatisfaction in respect to it. Among the objections which have been urged against it since that period, it has been stated, that the Reserves, by remaining waste, obstruct the settlement of the Province, and that the quantity of land reserved is excessive in proportion to the object.—With respect to the first objection it has always been exaggerated, and the reasoning in support of it was daily becoming weaker in consequence of the occupation of the Reserves by lessees, even before the measures which have lately been taken for their Sale, under the authority of a recent Act of the Imperial Parliament.

Since they have been thus placed in a course of gradual alienation there not only remains no fair objection of that kind, but it is in reality a great benefit to the Country, that respectable Emigrants coming at this late period from Europe are enabled, by the opportunity of purchasing these Clergy Reserves, to obtain lands in eligible situations, upon convenient and moderate terms.

With regard to the argument that the allotment for Religious purposes is excessive and disproportioned to the object—it is easy to set at rest any question on that point, and to afford the most conclusive assurance that nothing more than an adequate provision is desired. This Province is divided into Townships, each of which contains about one hundred square miles, and in many of which there are already populous Villages, besides the agricultural population generally dispersed over the whole surface.

It can easily be determined whether the support of two Clergymen of the Church of England, or of any given number beyond that, would form a reasonable provision for the religious wants of such a subdivision of the Country, having in view what must be the future condition of this Colony.

There can be as little difficulty in determining what stipend would assure a barely adequate maintenance to such Clergymen, and if Parliament were to place at the disposal of His Majesty the surplus of the endowment in any Township that may remain after this adequate maintenance shall have been secured, such a measure must necessarily remove the apprehension of those persons who conceive the provision to be improvident and lavish.

It is not our intention on this occasion to express any opinion respecting the claims which the Church of Scotland has preferred to a participation, being content that it rests with your Majesty and with Parliament to decide upon it.

We regret that it was ever thought advisable to agitate that question in this Colony, where it could not be determined, and we earnestly hope for the sake of Religion itself, that it may

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be speedily set at rest by a final decision. In the mean time we cannot forbear to express our conviction that, the Rulers of the Church of Scotland are more sincerely attached to the principles of Christianity than to desire that the only permanent provision for Religious instruction which exists in this Country should be entirely abolished, because it has appeared doubtful whether that particular Church has a right to share in it.

They must be aware that it is not with those feelings that the support of their venerable establishment is regarded in Scotland by their fellow subjects of other denominations, and we do them the justice to believe that they would be forward to disavow any such sentiments in regard to this Province.

We find that the necessity of providing by public aid for the education of the various classes in society is felt and acted upon in this Province as well as in other Countries, and we can by no means admit that their Religious instruction can be treated as a matter of less important concern, and one that may with greater safety be left to the precarious liberality of individuals.

On the contrary, when we consider that the security of life and property, and all that is protected by the due administration of public Justice, depends upon the Religious obligation which the mind attaches to an oath, we feel that the best interests of society are involved in the maintenance of that provision which we earnestly desire to preserve.

We beg leave further to represent to Your Majesty, that within the forty years which have elapsed since this endowment was allotted, the population of Upper Canada has increased from ten thousand, to two hundred and twenty thousand souls; the Province comprises within its present organized Districts a Country not less in extent than the Kingdom of England and Wales; the fertility of the soil and the excellence of the climate are favorable to the most rapid advancement in population; and we persuade ourselves that Your Majesty will not consider it expedient or right, that the millions of people who are to inhabit this Country at no very remote period, shall be left dependant upon chance for the Religious instruction they are to receive.

On the contrary, we fully trust that Your Majesty and the Imperial Parliament, maintaining one of the first principles of the British Constitution, will preserve to the inhabitants of Upper Canada the advantage of an adequate and permanent provision for the support of public Worship, convinced that by such means the best security will be provided for the moral conduct of the people, and for the peace and happiness of society.

[Signed,]

JOHN B. ROBINSON,
SPEAKER.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
16th March, 1831.*

Protest of the Honorable John Elmsley to the Address to His Majesty.

Dissentiet—

First, Because at this very advanced period of the Session (but four or five hours now remaining before His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor according to notice will prorogue the Legislature,) I deem it highly indecorous and improper in several respects to entertain the consideration of a measure fraught with such important considerations.

Secondly, Because from the extremely small attendance of Members (but ten of thirty being in their places, and the majority of those members of the Episcopal Church in communion with the Church of England,) I conceive that it is treating a measure involving so many, such various, and such weighty matters as are contained in the Address, in a manner which bears the appearance of an intention to take the House by surprise.

Thirdly, Because the numerous allegations contained in the Address are in my opinion not borne out by facts, and are opposed to the good sense, loyal feelings, and religious sentiments of the far greater portion of the inhabitants of this Province.

(Signed,)

J. ELMSLEY.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
eleven of the clock, March 16th, 1831.*

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up and delivered at the Bar of this House a Message in the following words, and then withdrew :—

Protest of the Hon.
Mr. Elmsley against
the foregoing Address.

Message from
Assembly.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Commons House of Assembly have concurred in the Address of Condolence to His Majesty, sent up to this House by the Honorable the Legislative Council.

[Signed,]

ARCHIBALD M'LEAN,
SPEAKER.

*Commons House of Assembly,
16th March, 1831.*

The Honorable Mr. Dickson from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled "An Act for the relief of George Adam Darby and Mary his Wife," presented their Report.

Concurring in the Address of Condolence to His Majesty.

Report of Select Committee on Darby and Wife's relief Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

The same was then read as follows :—

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of a Bill entitled "An Act for the relief of George Adam Darby and Mary his Wife," respectfully Report :

Read.

The Report.

That no Petition has been presented to this Honorable House, and your Committee are without any knowledge of the facts stated in the Bill.

That a notice appears to be inserted in the Upper Canada Gazette of the second of December last, but of too general a nature, the Rule as to time has therefore not been complied with.

That in a case of this kind, and of a private nature, special notice ought to have been served upon the tenant in possession, the purchaser or purchasers, assignee or assignees, who are not even named in the Bill.

That it does not appear at the death of William Herkingson who was Heir or Devisee, or how Mary Darby gained a life estate.

That George Adam Darby is not stated to be the Husband of Mary Darby, nor is there evidence of any marriage.

That it does not appear who was seized in fee at the time of the inquisition.

That the passing of the Bill might ensnare innocent purchasers under a vested and legal right derived from the Commissioners of forfeited estates ; after such a lapse of time all titles from such Commissioners would hereafter become insecure and doubtful.

The claim of interest since the sale on the monies received by the Commissioners would be unreasonable and unjust, as some person must have been in the reception of the rents and profits ; nor is it just to submit to a Jury the award of a sum to be paid to a person who has a legal title derived from others, and to quit and surrender that estate in favour of the claimants, who at this late day choose, from caprice or some unworthy motive, now to disturb them.

Wherefore your Committee cannot recommend the adoption of the Bill, but that it be read this day three months.

[Signed]

WILLIAM DICKSON,
CHAIRMAN.

Ordered, that the above Report be adopted.

Ordered, that a Committee be appointed on the part of this House, (jointly with a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly,) to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when His Excellency would be pleased to receive the joint Addresses of the two Houses to the King on the subject of the Timber Trade of this Province, and of Condolence on the death of His late Majesty, and to present the same.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Markland be appointed the Committee on the part of this House for that purpose.

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to transmit the joint Address of both Houses to His Majesty of Condolence and Congratulation, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Markland on the part of this House do present the same, and also the Address to His Excellency praying him to transmit the joint Address of both Houses to the King on the subject of the Timber Trade of this Province, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

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Adopted.

Select Committee appointed to know when Lieut. Governor would receive the Joint Address to the King on the Timber Trade, and of Condolence on the death of His late Majesty, and to present same. Member composing the Committee on the part of this House. Address ordered to be presented to Lieut. Governor, praying him to cause the Joint Address to the King, of Condolence, to be laid at the foot of the Throne. Committee appointed to present the same, and also the Address to Lieut. Governor, praying him to cause the Joint Address to the King on the Timber Trade to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

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Assembly acquainted of same.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have appointed the Honorable Mr. Markland on their part to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presently, with a Committee on the part of the Commons House of Assembly, with the humble Address praying him to transmit the joint Addresses of both Houses to the King on the subject of the Timber Trade of this Province, and the joint Address of both Houses to His Majesty of Condolence and Congratulation, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that they may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Address ordered to be presented to Lieut. Governor, praying him to cause the Address of this House to His Majesty on the subject of the provision made by Law for the support of Religion, to be laid at the foot of the Throne. Committee appointed for that purpose.

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to transmit the Address of this House to His Majesty, on the subject of the provision made by Law for the support of Religion in this Province, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Markland do present the same.

Speaker acquaints the House of a Member waiting to be introduced.

His Honor the Speaker acquainted the House that there was a Member without ready to be introduced—

Introduction of the Hon. Mr. Crooks.

When the Honorable James Crooks was introduced between the Honorable William Dickson, and the Honorable William Allan.

Presents his Writ of Summons.

Then the Honorable Mr. Crooks, presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and is as follows :

Same Read.

J. COLBORNE.

UPPER CANADA.

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 trusty and well beloved James Crooks, Esquire, and to all whom these Presents shall come :

GREETING :

KNOW YE, that as well for the special trust and confidence that We have manifested for you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our said Province of Upper Canada, and the Church thereof, concern ; We have thought fit to Summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province : and We do therefore command you, the said James Crooks, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, at the Legislative Council of our said Province at all times whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be therein hereafter convoked and holden, and this you are in no wise to omit.

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 Sixteenth day of March, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty one, and in the First Year of our Reign.

J. COLBORNE.

By His Excellency's Command.

HENRY J. BOULTON,
Attorney General.

D. CAMERON,
Secretary.

Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st Geo. 3d, Chap. 31st, administered to him. He takes his seat. Report of Committee appointed to present Address to Lieut. Governor, requesting him to cause the Joint Address to the King, on the Timber Trade, and of condolence, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Then the Honorable Mr. Crooks came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st Geo. 3rd. Cap. 31st. which was administered by Grant Powell Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. Markland from the joint Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address requesting His Excellency to be pleased to cause the joint Addresses to the King on the subject of the Timber Trade of this Province, and of Condolence on the death of His late Majesty, to be transmitted that they may be laid

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at the foot of the Throne, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following replies :

Gentlemen :

I will forward this Address to His Majesty's Government.

Lieut. Governor's
reply to the first
Address.

Gentlemen :

I will take the earliest opportunity of forwarding to His Majesty's Government this loyal and dutiful Address to our most Gracious Sovereign.

Lieut. Governor's
reply to the second
Address.

The Honorable Mr. Markland appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of the Legislative Council, respectfully requesting that he will be pleased to cause their Address to His Majesty on the subject of the provision made by Law for the support of Religion in this Province to be transmitted, that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne, reported that he had done so, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following reply :

Report of Select
Committee appointed
to present Address
to Lieut. Governor,
praying him to cause
the Address of this
House on the subject
of the provision made
by Law for the sup-
port of Religion to be
laid at the foot of the
Throne.

Gentlemen :

I will forward this Address to His Majesty's Government.

Lieut. Governor's
reply thereto.

A Deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Bill entitled, "An Act for affording aid to William Chisholm, Esquire, towards the completion of the Harbour at Oakville, in the Township of Trafalgar," to which they requested the concurrence of this House and withdrew.

Chisholm's aid Bill
brought up from
Assembly.

The said Bill was then read, and it was—

Read first time.

Ordered, that the same be read a second time to-day.

The Bill was then read a second time accordingly, and it was—

Read second time.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee of the whole to take the same into consideration.

Committed.

The Honorable Mr. Jones took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and—

Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time this day.

The Bill was then read a third time accordingly and passed, whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it was—

Read third time,
passed and signed.

Ordered, that the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without amendment.

Assembly acquainted
of same.

At four of the clock P. M. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Legislative Council Chamber and seated on the Throne, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was ordered to direct the immediate attendance of the House of Assembly at the Bar of this House; and they being come thereto His Excellency was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to assent to the following Bills:—

Lieutenant Governor
comes to the House
and commands the
attendance of
Assembly.

I.—An Act for vesting the Estates which were of the late Laurent Quetton Saint George, deceased, in this Province, in William Warren Baldwin, and for declaring the trusts upon which certain other Estates are held by the said William Warren Baldwin, for the purpose of enabling the said William Warren Baldwin the better to carry into effect the Will of the said Laurent Quetton Saint George, and for other purposes relating to the Real and Personal Estates which were of the said Laurent Quetton Saint George in this Province.

Bills assented to.

II.—An Act to Incorporate certain persons therein mentioned under the style and title of the Tay Navigation Company.

III.—An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the Marmora Foundry Company.

IV.—An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to alien and convey their Real Estate, and to repeal an Act passed in the Forty-third year of the Reign of King George the Third, entitled An Act to enable Married Women having Real Estate more conveniently to alien and convey the same.

V.—An Act to Incorporate the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company.

VI.—An Act to extend the time for taking the Oaths prescribed by a certain Act passed in the ninth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled An Act to secure to and confer upon

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certain Inhabitants of this Province the Civil and Political Rights of Natural-born British Subjects.

VII.—An Act for vesting in Trustees the Market Square in the Town of York, for the benefit of the Inhabitants of the said Town.

VIII.—An Act to provide for settling and determining by arbitration certain difficulties that have arisen, or may arise, between persons owning land in the Eighth Concession of Saltfleet and persons owning, or claiming to own land in the First Concession of Binbrook, who through mistake may have made improvements on the rear part of the said Eighth Concession of Saltfleet.

IX.—An Act to prevent a failure of Justice by reason of immaterial variances in certain Law proceedings, and to require all Courts to take judicial notice of Private Acts of Parliament.

X.—An Act to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the Eighth Year of His late Majesty's Reign entitled "An Act to provide for the erection of a Gaol and Court House in the Eastern District."

The Speaker of the House of Assembly then addressed His Excellency in the following words :—

Address of the
Speaker of Assembly
to His Excellency, on
presenting the Money
Bills.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The House of Assembly, in their ardent desire to advance the prosperity of the Province, have during the present Session made several grants of money for improving the communication upon its Lakes and Rivers, and for amending the condition of its Highways.

These grants are not equal to the wishes of the Assembly or the wants of the Province, but have necessarily been circumscribed by the state of the finances.

In future the means of advancing the improvement of the Colony will be materially increased by the gracious act of His Majesty, in placing at the disposal of the Legislature the duties which under the British Act of Parliament have hitherto been subject to the appropriation of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

This measure of His Majesty's Government, so perfectly in accordance with the spirit of our excellent Constitution, has been received with much satisfaction by the House of Assembly, especially as it removes an occasion of discontent which might otherwise have increased as the amount of these duties became more considerable.

If the Assembly, in return for this gracious act of His Majesty, have not secured by a more permanent provision than an annual vote, all those charges for the administration of the Civil Government to which their attention was directed by your Excellency, they have nevertheless they trust manifested equal confidence in His Majesty, and have effectually consulted the advantage of the Public Service, and ensured that cordiality and good understanding which they are most anxious should always prevail among the different branches of the Legislature, by making provision of a permanent nature for the Principal Officers of the Government, though called upon by your Excellency only for such a measure as should relieve these Officers from a state of dependence on an annual vote.

After which His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased also to Assent to the following Bills in His Majesty's name :—

Bills assented to.

XI.—An Act to repeal the Laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a Salary for that Officer in lieu thereof.

XII.—An Act to establish a Market and to establish Wharfage Fees in the Town of Amherstburgh, in the Western District.

XIII.—An Act to erect the County of Prince Edward into a Separate District.

XIV.—An Act to indemnify the Magistrates of the Newcastle District, and to authorise them to raise a loan on the credit of the funds of the said District to complete a building erected at the Village of Amherst, as the Gaol and Court House of the said District.

XV.—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.

XVI.—An Act to afford further aid to the Welland Canal Company, and to repeal part of and amend the Laws now in force relating to the said Company.

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XVII.—An Act to grant a sum of money, and to provide for the improvement of the Navigation of the River aux Raisin, in the County of Glengary.

XVIII.—An Act to authorise the laying out several sums of money granted by an Act of the last Session of the Legislature entitled “An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the Improvement of the Roads and Bridges in this Province,” and which sums remain unexpended.

XIX.—An Act to provide a Salary for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and to remunerate him for past services.

XX.—An Act to indemnify Roswell Mount, Esquire, for monies advanced by him to complete a Bridge across the River Thames, from Delaware to Caradoc.

XXI.—An Act to remunerate James Gordon Strobridge for labour and materials provided and applied by him in constructing the Burlington Bay Canal.

XXII.—An Act to make further provision for completing the Kettle Creek Harbour in the District of London.

XXIII.—An Act to make good certain monies paid under Warrants of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in advance to defray the Contingencies of the last Session of the Legislature.

XXIV.—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.

XXV.—An Act to grant a sum of money to His Majesty in aid of the York Hospital.

XXVI.—An Act for affording aid to William Chisholm, Esquire, towards the completion of the Harbour at Oakville, in the Township of Trafalgar.

And His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to reserve the following Bill for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure.

I.—An Act to provide for partition of Real Estates.

Bill reserved.

After which His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to address the two Houses of the Legislature in the following words :

*Honorable Gentlemen, and
Gentlemen :*

The Instructions which I received from His Majesty's Government to make the important Communication which I transmitted to you on the twenty-eighth of last month, prevented my relieving you from your attendance in Parliament at the time I first intended to close this Session.

His Excellency's
Speech at the close
of the Session.

The beneficial effects which will result from the Bills which you have passed for the Improvement of the Roads and Bridges, and of Internal Navigation, will extend to most Townships.

I have no doubt that the conditional grant which has been sanctioned to complete the direct line of the Welland Canal, from its junction with the Chippawa to Lake Erie, will be sufficient for that purpose, if the means you have provided are skilfully applied ; and that notwithstanding the local prejudices which have frequently impeded the progress of improvements embracing the general interest of the Country, this measure will be commended ultimately by every District.

In facilitating the conveyance of the Produce of that portion of Upper Canada, which it is probable will become the most populous of the Province, the prosperity of the whole Colony is promoted.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

I thank you in His Majesty's name for the Supplies which you have voted for the Public Service.

You will have perceived from the Accounts of the Revenue arising from the Duties levied under the Act of the 14th Geo. 3d. which have been forwarded to the House of Assembly every Session, and from the statement laid before you of the Salaries of Officers of each

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Department, and of the Funds on which they are borne ; and from the Accounts of the Casual and Territorial Revenue, that the public expenditure of the Offices of the Government has been reduced, except in those charges which depend on the increased population.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen :

The expenses of the Civil Government which were supported till the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven by the liberal grants of the Parent State, can now be defrayed entirely from duties raised under the Statute of the 14th Geo. 3d.—The assignment, therefore, of this Revenue to the disposal of the Legislatature has not only enabled you to make a permanent provision for the Salaries of the Principal Officers of the Government and Judges, which ensures their constitutional independence, but it has also considerably increased the funds from which the annual Supplies may be drawn.

Parliament pro-
rogued.

His Honor the Speaker of the Legislative Council then said, it is His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued to Friday, the twenty-second day of April next, to be then here holden ; and this Provincial Parliament is prorogued accordingly.

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