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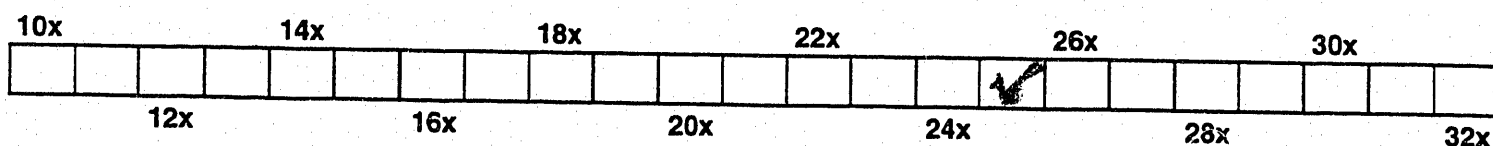
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This is a letter from the
 British Consul at London to the
 Honble Secy of State
 London 30th Jan 1810.

I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter of the
 25th inst. in relation to the
 petition of the East India
 Company for a continuance of
 their charter.



J O U R N A L S
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF THE
PROVINCE OF
LOWER-CANADA.



BEING THE FIRST SESSION
OF THE
Ninth Provincial Parliament.

1817.

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1817.



(Signed,) **GORDON DRUMMOND.**



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our well beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our beloved and faithful the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Assembly of our said Province; called and chosen to our present Provincial Parliament of our said Province, and to all our loving subjects whom these presents may concern, **GREETING**:—Whereas we have thought fit by and with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Province of Lower Canada, to dissolve this present Provincial Parliament of our said Province, which now stands prorogued to Thursday, the second day of May next; we do for that end publish this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said Provincial Parliament accordingly; and the Legislative Councillors, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Assembly are discharged from their meeting and attendance on Thursday, the second day of May next; and we being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet our people of our said Province and to have their advice in Provincial Parliament, do hereby make known our Royal will and pleasure to call a new Provincial Parliament, and do hereby further declare, that, with the advice of our said Executive Council, we have this day given orders for issuing our Writs in due form for calling a New Provincial Parliament in our said Province; which Writs are to bear test on Friday, the eighth day of March next; and to be returnable on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of April next, for every place except the County of Gaspé, and for the County of Gaspé on Friday, the fourteenth day of June next: In Testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed; Witness our right trusty and well beloved Sir **GORDON DRUMMOND**, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief in and over our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at our Castle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, in our said Province, the twenty-ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and the fifty-sixth year of our Reign.

(Signed,) *G. D.*
 (Signed,) **THOMAS DOUGLASS**, Clk. Cn. in Ch.

(Signed,) GORDON DRUMMOND.



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of our said Province, to an Assembly at our City of Quebec, on the twenty-fifth day of April instant, to have been commenced and held, called and elected, and to every of you, GREETING:—Whereas for divers urgent and arduous affairs, Us, the State and defence of our said Province concerning, our Assembly at the day and place aforesaid, to be present, we did command to treat, to consent and conclude upon those things which in our Assembly should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon, and for certain causes and considerations us to this especially moving, we have thought fit to prorogue our said Assembly, so that you nor any of you on the said twenty-fifth day of April instant, at our City to appear are to be held or constrained, for we do will therefore 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 the fourth day of July next, at our said City of Quebec, personally you be and appear, to do, act and conclude upon those things which in our said Assembly by the common Council of our said Province, by the favor of God may be ordained. In Testimony whereof, these our Letters we have caused to be made patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed; Witness our trusty and well beloved His Excellency Sir GORDON DRUMMOND, Knight, Commander of the most honourable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief in and over our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, in the said Province, the tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and in the fifty-sixth year of our Reign.

(Signed,) G. D.

(Signed,) THOMAS DOUGLASS, Clk. Cn. in Ch.

(Signed,) JOHN WILSON.



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower-Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of our said Province, to an Assembly at our City of Québec, on the fourth day of July next, to have been commenced and held, called and elected, and to every of you, GREETING:—Whereas for divers urgent and arduous affairs, Us, the State and defence of our said Province concerning, our Assembly at the day and place aforesaid, to be present, we did command to treat, to consent and conclude upon those things which in our Assembly should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon, and for certain causes and considerations us to this especially moving, we have thought fit to Prorogue our said Assembly, so that you nor any of you on the said Fourth day of July next, at our said City to appear are to be held or constrained, for we do will therefore 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 the Thirtieth day of August next, at our said City of Québec, personally you 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, these our Letters We have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed: Witness our Trusty and well beloved His Excellency Major General JOHN WILSON, Administrator of the Government of the said Province of Lower-Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Québec, in the said Province, the Eighteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and in the Fifty-sixth year of our Reign.

(Signed,) J. W.

(Signed,) THOMAS DOUGLASS, Clk. Gn. in Ch.

(Signed,) J. C. SHERBROOKE.



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith; To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower-Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of our said Province, to an Assembly at our City of Quebec, on the thirtieth day of August instant, to have been commenced and held, called and elected, and to every of you, GREETING:—Whereas for divers urgent and arduous affairs, us, the State and defence of our said Province concerning, our Assembly at the day and place aforesaid, to be present, we did command, to treat, consent and conclude upon those things which in our Assembly should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon: and for certain causes and considerations, us to this especially moving, we have thought fit to Prorogue our said Assembly, so that you, nor any of you, on the said thirtieth day of August instant, at our said City to appear, are to be held or constrained, for we do will, therefore, 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 the Twenty-fifth day of October next, at our said City of Quebec, personally you 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, these our Letters We have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed:—Witness our Trusty and well beloved Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of Lower-Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, in the said Province, the thirteenth day of August, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and in the fifty-sixth year of our Reign.

(Signed,) J. C. S.

(Signed,) THOMAS DOUGLASS, Clk. Cn. in Ch.

(Signed,) J. C. SHERBROOKE.



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of our said Province, to an Assembly at our City of Quebec, on the twenty-fifth day of October instant, to have been commenced and held, called and elected, and to every of you, **GREETING**: Whereas for divers urgent and arduous affairs, us, the State and defence of our said Province concerning, our Assembly at the day and place aforesaid, to be present, we did command, to treat, consent and conclude upon those things which in our Assembly should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon; and for certain causes and considerations, us to this especially moving, we have thought fit to prorogue our said Assembly, so that you, nor any of you, on the said twenty-fifth day of October, at our said City to appear, are to be held or constrained, for we do will, therefore, 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 the twentieth day of December next, at our said City of Quebec, personally you 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 favor of God, may be ordained: In Testimony whereof, these our Letters we have caused to be made patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well beloved Sir **JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE**, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, in the said Province, the fourteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and in the fifty-sixth year of our Reign.

(Signed,) *J. C. S.*

(Signed,) **THOMAS DOUGLASS**, Clk. Cn. in Ch.

(Signed,) J. C. SHERBROOKE.



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of our said Province, Greeting:—Whereas the meeting of our Provincial Parliament stands prorogued to the twentieth day of December instant, nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations we have thought fit further to prorogue the same to the fifteenth day of January next; so that you nor any of you on the aforesaid twentieth day of December, at our City of Quebec, to appear are to be held or 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 the said *Fifteenth day of January*, at our City of Quebec, personally you be and appear for the DISPATCH OF BUSINESS; to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which in our said Provincial Parliament, by the Common Council of the said Province, by the favor of God may be ordained: In Testimony whereof, these our Letters we have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well beloved Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governior in Chief of our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, in the said Province, the fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and in the fifty-seventh year of our Reign,

(Signed) J. C. S.

(Signed) THOMAS DOUGLASS, Clk. Cn. in Ch.

JOURNALS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Anno 57 Georgii Tertii Regis.

Wednesday, the Fifteenth day of January, in the Fifty-seventh year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, being the First Session of the Ninth Provincial Parliament of Lower Canada, as prorogued by several adjournments and prorogations to this day.

THE Members of the House convened in the Bishop's Palace, in the City of Quebec, were :

The Honorable

*Jonathan Sewell, Speaker,
Francis Baby,
James Monk,
John Hale,
A. J. Duchesnay,
John Richardson,
Aubert De Gaspé,
H. W. Ryland,
James Cuthbert,
Charles W. Grant.*

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The House is informed that Commissioners are appointed and attending to administer the oath prescribed by the Statute of the thirty-first year of His present Majesty's Reign, who being introduced were, Messrs. *Louis Duniere*, *John William Woolsey*, and *Joseph Planté*.

Then the following Members of the House took the oath prescribed by the Statute of the thirty-first of His present Majesty, viz.

The Honorable

Jonathan Sewell,
Francis Baby,
James Monk,
John Hale,
A. J. Duchesnay,
John Richardson,
Aubert De Gaspe,
H. W. Ryland,
James Cuthbert,
Charles W. Grant.

Then the Commissioners withdrew.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, the Governor in Chief, being seated in the chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know—"It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come,

The Speaker of this House said :

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

"I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor in Chief to inform you that His Excellency does not think fit to declare the
" causes

“ 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 the place in which
“ the sittings of the House of Assembly are usually held, and there
“ chuse a fit person to be your Speaker, and that you present the
“ person that shall be so chosen, to His Excellency in this House,
“ to-morrow at two o'clock in the afternoon, for his approbation.”

Then His Excellency was pleased to retire and the House of Assembly withdrew.

PRAYERS.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Honorable *Chartier De Lotbiniere*, stating that private business would prevent his attendance at the first meeting of the House, but he expected to be in his place at an early day.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Honorable Sir *John Johnson*, stating that his ill state of health, will prevent him from attending in his place during the Session.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Honorable *Jenkin Williams*, stating that his ill state of health, will prevent him from attending in his place during the Session.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Honorable Mr. *De St. Ours*, stating that a heavy domestic calamity, will prevent him from attending in his place during the Session.

ORDERED, That the said several Letters do lie on the Table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at half-past one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY, 16th JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker.
The Honorable

Messrs. Monk,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time, the House was resumed.

HIS Excellency the Governor-in-Chief coming down to the House, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.

Who being come,

Mr. Papineau said,

May it please your Excellency,

The honour which the House of Assembly have conferred on me, in choosing me their Speaker, is as great as the important duties of the office are above my abilities.

My zeal, however ardent, not sufficiently compensating for my incapacity, I most respectfully implore the excuse and command of your Excellency.

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Then the Speaker of this House said,

Mr. Papineau,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief to acquaint you, that, relying upon your sufficiency for the office to which you have been elected, and upon your diligence and discretion in the exercise of its duties, he approves the choice which the Assembly have made, and doth allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.

Then the Speaker of the Assembly said,

Sir,

The manner in which Your Excellency has been pleased to signify your assent to the choice of the Assembly, of which I have the honor to be the object, demands from me the deepest and sincerest gratitude; if, in the executing the duties of my station, I should at any time hereafter involuntarily fall into error, I entreat that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to them, whose servant I have the honor to be. And that they, sir, may be the better enabled to do 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 the House said,

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency has the greatest confidence in the loyalty, duty, and affection of this Assembly to His Majesty and his Government; and trusting, that their Proceedings will be equally distinguished by wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their Constitutional privileges.

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His Excellency has commanded me also to assure you, that the Assembly will find a ready access to him at all times; and that their Proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will always receive from him the most favorable construction.

Then His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief was pleased to deliver the following speech :

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

His Royal Highness the *Prince Regent* having been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, most graciously to appoint me Governor in-Chief of the British Provinces in North America, and to commit to my charge the administration of the Government of Lower Canada, I have been induced to assemble the Legislature at an earlier period of the year than usual, not only from the desire I feel to assure you personally that my best endeavours shall be used to promote the welfare of this extensive and valuable Colony, for the prosperity of which I feel the most anxious solicitude; but also to call the immediate attention of the Provincial Parliament to a most grievous calamity, which can only be properly remedied by legislative interference. I allude to the failure of the Crops in different parts of the Province; but more particularly in the Parishes below Quebec, where, it has been represented to me, that the inhabitants have been reduced to a state of absolute want.

Having ascertained that this evil really did exist to an alarming extent, I lost no time in making such temporary arrangements as would secure the lower orders from the dreadful effects of famine, until the Legislature could be convened. The information on which I acted, together with a statement of the steps I have taken in consequence, shall be laid before both Houses, with as little delay as possible; when I shall leave it to the Provincial Parliament to take such further measures as the nature of the case may appear to require.

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

I rely upon your liberality to make the necessary provision for defraying the expences already incurred, for the purpose of supplying the immediate and more pressing wants of the distressed parts of the community ; and I feel assured, that you will likewise grant such further aid as their necessities may require.

I shall order a statement of the Provincial Revenue of the Crown, and the expenditure for the last year, to be laid before you as usual.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

The failure of the last year's Harvest is, I find, generally attributed to an unpropitious season. It may, however, be a subject worthy of investigation, whether other circumstances may not have had a share in producing the present scarcity ; and, if any such causes exist, to consider how far it may be in the power of the Legislature to prevent their future influence.

I feel it my duty to call your attention to the early renewal of the Militia Act, and of the several other Acts, which are of the utmost importance to the Province, and which have already expired, or will do so very shortly. You are too well acquainted with advantages which must result from every improvement to the internal communications of the Province, and from the encouragement of its Agriculture and Commerce, to make it necessary for me to do more than recommend these most important subjects to your attention.

The duties you are now entering upon are arduous and laborious—but I venture to anticipate your assiduity in the performance of them ; and, with the earnest hope that your deliberations will have for their object the promotion of the best interests of the Province, I offer you my most cordial assistance and support in carrying into effect such beneficial measures as may be suggested in the course of the present Session.

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Any further communications I may find it necessary to make, shall be signified to you by message.

Then His Excellency the Governor in Chief was pleased to retire, and the House of Assembly withdrew.

Hodie, 1a. vice lecta est Bill, intituled, "An Act for the improvement of the Navigation of the River St. Lawrence,"—*pro forma*.

The Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne.

ORDERED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return the thanks of this House for his Speech from the Throne.

The following Members were appointed a Committee to draw up and report Address pursuant to the said Order.

The Honorable

*Messrs. Hale,
Duchefnay,
Ryan,
De Gaspé,
Cuthbert,*

To meet and adjourn as they please.

Members appointed a Committee to consider the privileges of this House, and to take order for the due course of the Proceedings thereof :

The Honorable Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

*Messrs. Monk,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryan,
Cuthbert,
Grant,*

To meet and adjourn as they please.

Members

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Members appointed a Sub-committee to peruse and perfect the Journals of this House :

The Honorable

*Messrs. Duchesnav,
Fyland, and
Cuthbert.*

To meet and adjourn as they please.

ORDERED, That the several writs of Prorogation that have been issued since the last Session, be entered at large on the Journals of this House, in the order of their respective dates, immediately before the Entries of this Day.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* laid before the House a Petition of *Pierre Casgrain*, Esq. praying the legislative aid to build a Toll Draw-bridge on the River Ouelle ; and another one from the principal inhabitants of the River Ouelle, praying for relief in Grain, and other provisions.

ORDERED, That the same do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House an Index to the several Ordinances passed by the Governor and the Legislative Council, and also of the Statute Laws enacted since the establishment of the present Constitution, prepared by the Law Clerk, pursuant to the order of this House.

ORDERED, That the same do lie on the table for the consideration of the Members of this House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Honorable Mr. *De Rouville*, stating that his ill state of health will prevent him from attending in his place.

It was moved—

That the names of the Members of this House be called over on this day se'ennight.

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ORDERED,

ORDERED, accordingly.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 17th JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable

Messrs. Monk;
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
Cuthbert,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, from the Committee charged to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return the thanks of this House for his Speech from the Throne, reported that they had prepared the same—Which being read by the Clerk,

It was moved,

That the Address prepared by the Committee appointed to draw up the same, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole on the said Address.

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After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Hale reported from the said Committee that they had made several amendments, which he delivered in at the table.

The said Address being then read, with the amendments, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE,

Knight Grand Cross of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower-Canada, Upper-Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and their several Dependences, Vice-Admiral of the same, Lieutenant-General and Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Lower-Canada, and Upper-Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and their several Dependences, and in the Islands of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, Cape Breton and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Lower-Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to return our humble thanks for your speech from the Throne.

We congratulate your Excellency upon your appointment to be Governor-in-Chief of the British Provinces in North America; and we consider it as a mark of the *Prince Regent's* paternal attention to the welfare of this Province in particular, that His Royal Highness has named an Officer of your Excellency's rank, and distinguished reputation, to the administration of the Government.

We have learnt with great concern, the distressed condition of the People in different parts of the Province, occasioned by a scarcity of Provisions; and we are very grateful for the prompt and humane exertions

exertions of your Excellency; by which the inhabitants of the Parishes whose wants were most urgent, received the relief which their situation had rendered indispensable.

We shall cheerfully concur in such measures as may be adopted for making good the expenditure already incurred, as well as to provide for such further relief as may be judged necessary; and we shall give our utmost attention to the consideration of the causes that may have produced the present scarcity of Grain, so as, if possible, to prevent their future influence.

We shall not fail to give our early attention to the renewal of the Militia Act, and of such other temporary Acts as the welfare of the Province may require.

We are sensible that the improvement of internal communications, and the encouragement of Agriculture and Commerce are matters of the highest importance. In our deliberations upon these, and all other subjects, your Excellency may be assured that our object will invariably be the promotion of the best interests of the Province, and we receive with gratitude, the offer of your Excellency's most cordial assistance and support in carrying into effect such beneficial measures as may be suggested during the Session.

ORDERED, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief, by the whole House.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Hale* and *Duchefnay* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, humbly to know what time His Excellency will be pleased to appoint to be attended by the whole House, with the said Address.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Quebec, praying to be incorporated under the title of *Friendly Society*.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, 18th JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. Monk,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* and himself had, (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief, humbly to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to be attended with the Address of this House; and that His Excellency had appointed this day at a quarter before one o'clock.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time, the House was resumed.

The Speaker reported, that the House did this day present their Address to His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief; to which His Excellency was pleased to return the following answer:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

My best thanks are due to you for the assurances given me in this your Address, of your cordial support in all measures conducing to the good of the Province; nor are they less due to you for the expressions it contains of personal compliment to myself.

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Feeling the fullest confidence that your conduct will correspond with your professions, I look forward to the most beneficial results from your deliberations.

ORDERED, That the said Address, and the answer thereto, be printed and published.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Tuesday next at one o'clock in the afternoon the House, so decreeing.

TUESDAY, 21st JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs. Hale,

Richardson,

De Gaspé,

Cuthbert,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

It was moved,

That the report of the Committee appointed in the last Session to revise the Rules and standing orders of this House, be taken into consideration in a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Speaker signified to the House, that he had received a letter from the Honorable Mr. *M'Gillivray*, stating that particular circumstances and business would prevent him from attending in his place in this House for some time.

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The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY, 22d. JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were:

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,.

The Honorable

*Messrs. Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented a Bill intituled, "An Act concerning future Notarial Acts or Deeds to carry Mortgages and to establish Offices for the Enregistration of all such Acts or Deeds within this Province."

ORDERED, That the same to be read.

Hodie 1a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act concerning future Notarial Acts or Deeds to carry Mortgages and to establish Offices for the Enregistration of all such Acts or Deeds within this Province."

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

A Message was presented from His Excellency the Governor in Chief by the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay*.

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The Members rose and the Message was read in the words following :

(Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE,
Governor in Chief.

The Governor in Chief signifies to the Legislative Council that the Bill intituled, " An Act to grant a salary to the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, to enable him to support the dignity of his office during the present Provincial Parliament," which on the twenty-fifth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen was referred for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, has been laid before His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, in Council ; and that His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, was most graciously pleased to assent to the same, as appears by the notification thereof contained in a dispatch to the Governor in Chief from the Earl Bathurst, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, bearing date the 11th day of July, 1816.

(Signed) J. C. S.

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return the thanks of this House for his Message of this day, signifying His Majesty's assent to the Bill intituled, "An Act to grant a salary to the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Lower-Canada, to enable him to support the dignity of his office during the present Provincial Parliament," and to acquaint His Excellency that an entry of the said Message hath been made in the Journals of this House, as required by the Statute of the 31st Geo. III, Cap. 31, in such case made and provided.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *DeGaspé* and *Ryland* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the said Address.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Kamouraska, praying for relief in grain and other provisions. And

And another Petition from certain inhabitants of the city of Quebec, praying for such amendments to the Act regulating the Current Rates and Weight of Money in this Province, as may put an end to the abuses existing in the circulation of copper pieces.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at one o'clock in the afternoon; the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY, 23^d JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs. Monk,

Hale,

Duchefnay,

Richardson,

De Gaspé,

Ryland,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

The order of the day being read, that the names of the Members of this House should be called over, their names were called over as follows :

Jonathan Sewell, present.

Lord Bishop of Quebec, absent in England.

Thomas Dunn, absent, excused.

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Francis Baby, absent, excused.
Sir George Pownall, Kt. absent in England.
William Ofgoode, absent in England.
James Monk, present.
Sir John Johnson, absent, excused.
Chartier de Lotbiniere, absent, excused.
Charles de St. Ours, absent, excused.
John Hale, present.
A. L. J. Duchesnay, present.
John Richardson, present.
J. B. M. H. De Rouville, absent, excused.
John Caldwell, absent in England.
P. A. De Gaspé, present.
H. W. Ryland, present.
James Cuthbert, absent, excused.
Charles W. Grant, present.
John Blackwood, absent in England.
Pierre D. Debartzch, absent, excused.
W. M. Gillivray, absent, excused.

A Message from the Assembly by *Mr. Taschereau*.

The said Message being read, was in the words following:

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Thursday, January 16th, 1817.

RESOLVED, That a Committee of five members be appointed to keep up a good understanding between the two Houses, and to report their Proceedings from time to time, with power to send for persons, papers and records, for their information.

ORDERED, That *Mr. Taschereau*, *Mr. Bellet*, *Mr. Vanfelson*, *Mr. Gogy*, and *Mr. Viger*, do compose the said Committee.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, January 21st, 1817.

RESOLVED, That the resolution of this House, of the 16th instant, for appointing a Committee to keep up a good understanding between the two Houses, be communicated to the Legislative Council by Message.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Taschereau* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

(Signed)

WM. LINDSAY,
Clk. Aff.

It was moved,

That the said Message from the Assembly be taken into consideration to-morrow.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *de Gaspé* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Ryland* and himself had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House of yesterday, and that His Excellency was pleased to receive the same, graciously.

The order of the day being read, for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Rules and Orders of the House—

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Rules and Orders.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* reported from the said Committee, that they had

made some progress in the said Rules and Orders, and prayed leave to sit again.

Agreed and ordered,

That the House be again put into a Committee of the whole House on the said Rules and Orders on the next sitting day.

A Message was presented from His Excellency the Governor in Chief by the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay*.

The Members rose, and the Message was read in the words following:

(Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE,

Governor in Chief.

The Governor in Chief has directed to be laid before the Legislative Council, copies of divers Petitions and other Representations, containing the information respecting the distresses prevailing in the Province, which induced him to take measures for affording relief to those Parishes of which the necessities were most urgent; and that he has caused to be added thereto a copy of the recommendation of the Executive Council on this subject.

The Governor in Chief having availed himself of the assistance of three gentlemen of that Body, whose exertions were readily given, and have chiefly conducted to the accomplishment of the measures which he had in view, he has obtained from them, and now causes to be laid before the Legislative Council, accounts, shewing the quantities of Provisions distributed among the Parishes, and the sums of money advanced from the public chest, with the particulars of its expenditure by the Committee, and of the outstanding demands against them. And to these documents he has caused to be added a statement and valuation of provisions furnished from the King's magazines, for which payment is yet due to the Commissary-General.

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Whatever further information relating to this subject, the Legislative Council may require, the Governor-in-Chief will, on a signification of their wishes, cause to be laid before them.

The Governor in Chief thinks it proper further to apprise the Legislative Council, that, of the Parishes in distress, those only to which there are no means of conveying provisions during the winter, namely, the parishes of Malbaie, Les Eboulemens, Baie St. Paul, Petite Rivière, Rimouski, Matane, and Cape Chat, have been supplied with provisions to the first day of May next; and that the quantity sent to the other Parishes has been only what was considered sufficient for their relief, up to the first of March next.

(Signed)

J. C. S.

Castle of Saint Lewis, }
January 23d, 1817. }

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief, to return the thanks of this House for his Message of this day, laying before them copies of divers Petitions and other representations, containing information respecting the distress prevailing in the Province, which induced him to take measures to afford relief to the Parishes whose necessities were most urgent, with other documents and papers; and to assure His Excellency that the House will most readily concur in making such provisions as the subject to which his Message refers, may be found to require.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay* and *Grant*, do wait on His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief with the laid Address.

The honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the city and district of Montreal, praying, that they may be incorporated into a Company for insuring against accidents by fire.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at two o'clock in the afternoon; the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 24th JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs. Monk,

Hale,

Duchefnay,

Richardson,

Ryland,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

The order of the Day being read for taking into consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of yesterday, to keep up a good understanding between the two Houses,

The House (according to order) proceeded to take the same into consideration. Whereupon it was moved to resolve,

That this House has received with satisfaction the Message of the Assembly, and the resolve of that House, appointing a Committee to keep up a good understanding between the two Houses.

The question of concurrence being put, it was resolved in the affirmative. It was then moved to resolve,

That a Committee of three Members be appointed to keep up a good understanding between the two Houses, and to report their proceedings from time to time, with power to send for persons, papers and records, for their information.

And the question of concurrence being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Mr. *De Lotbiniere*, the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay*, and the Honorable Mr. *Richardson*, do compose the said Committee.

It was then moved to resolve,

That the above resolutions of this House, be communicated to the Assembly by Message, and the question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do carry the said Message to the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented a Bill, intituled, "An Act for improving the Winter Roads in this Province, and tending to introduce a different principle of construction in the Winter Carriages, so as to avoid the formation of *cahots* and *slopes*."

ORDERED, That the same be read.

Hodie 1^a vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for improving the Winter Roads in this Province and tending to introduce a different principle of construction in the winter carriages, so as to avoid the formation of *cahots* and *slopes*."

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

The House, (according to order) was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Rules and Orders of the House.

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Chief Justice Monk* reported from the said Committee, that they had made

made some progress in the said Rules and Orders, and prayed leave to sit again.

Agreed and ordered,

That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported, that the honorable Mr. *Grant* and himself had, (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in-Chief, with the Address of this House of yesterday, and that His Excellency was pleased to receive the same graciously.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at twelve o'clock at noon; the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY, 25th JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs. Monk,

Hale,

Duchefnay,

Richardson,

De Gaspé,

Ryland,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

The House being informed, that Lieut. Col. *Vassal de Monviel*, one of the Commissioners appointed to carry into execution an Act of

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of the fifty-fifth year of the reign of his present Majesty, as relates to the indemnifying the families of such Militia men as were killed in the late War with the United States of America, attended.

He was called in, and delivered at the Bar copies of their proceedings, pursuant to the directions of the said Act.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

ORDERED, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

Hodie 1^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for improving the Winter Roads in this Province, and tending to introduce a different principle of construction in the Winter Carriages, so as to avoid the formation of *cahots* and *pentes*."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

The House, (according to order,) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Rules and Orders of this House.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, reported from the said Committee that they had made some further progress in the said Rules and Orders, and prayed leave to sit again.

Agreed and ordered,

That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Rules and Orders of this House on the next fitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Grant* presented a Petition from the inhabitants of the city of Montreal, praying for such amendments to the Act regulating the current Rates and Weight of Money in this Province, as may put an end to the abuses existing in the circulation of the Copper Pieces.

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And

And another Petition from *Jean Marie Germain*, praying for the exclusive right of building a Toll-Bridge over the River Yamaska.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefray* presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, praying relief by an advance of Grain and other Provisions.

And another Petition from Mr. *Philippe Panet*, praying that the time he served in the Militia, during the late War with the United States of America, may be counted in the time of his apprenticeship, as Clerk in a Lawyer's office.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Monday next at twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY, 27th JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were :

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. Monk,
Hale,
Richardson,
Ryland,
De Gaspé,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

The House, (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Rules and Orders of this House.

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After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Mouk* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said standing Rules, and made several new Rules and Orders, which he was directed to report, when the House will be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be received to morrow.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act for improving the Winter Roads in this Province, and tending to introduce a different principle of construction in the Winter Carriages, so as to avoid the formation of *cahots* and *pentes*."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Ryland* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and made some amendments thereunto, which he was directed to report, when the House will be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be received to morrow.

A Message was presented from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by the Honorable Mr. *Ryland*.

The Membres rose, and the Message was read in the words following :

(Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE,

Governor in Chief.

The Governor in Chief has directed to be laid before the Legislative Council, herewith, a general Report made by the persons appointed by the late Governor in Chief, for carrying into effect the Act granting a sum of Money for the encouragement and diffusion of Vaccine Inoculation, under the denomination of the Vaccine Institution: And he recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Council, should the subject come before them by Bill, that part of the said Report in which is suggested the expediency of

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a further grant of a larger sum of Money for the purposes of the Institution.

(Signed) J. C. S.

Castle of Saint Lewis, }
Quebec, 27th January, 1817. }

RESOLVED, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return him the thanks of this House for his Message of this day, respecting the Proceedings of the Vaccine Institution; and to assure His Excellency that any Bill which this House may receive, appropriating a larger sum of money for the purposes of this Institution, shall receive their immediate consideration.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Hale* and *Ryland* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the said Address.

Another Message was presented from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by the Honorable Mr. *Ryland*.

The Members rose, and the Message was read in the words following:

(Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE,

Governor in Chief,

The Governor in Chief informs the Legislative Council, that on a representation made to him during the last Summer, of the absolute and immediate necessity of repairs being made to the roof of the Bishop's Palace, over the apartments occupied by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, he authorized an expenditure to be made for that purpose, under the direction of the Clerk of the Legislative Council, and the Clerk of the House of Assembly to the amount of five hundred and seven pounds; a statement of which he has caused to be laid before the Legislative Council herewith; and trusts that they will concur in making provision for covering the amount of the same.

(Signed) J. C. S.

Castle of Saint Lewis, }
January 27th, 1817. }

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return him the thanks of this House for his Message of this day respecting the repairs made to the roof of the Bishop's Palace over the apartments occupied by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and for his great attention to the comfort and convenience of this House, assuring His Excellency that this House will readily concur in making provision for covering the amount of the same.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Hale* and *Ryland* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the said Address.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY, 28th JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were :

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable

Messrs. Monk,
Hale,
Richardson,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, (according to order) reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Rules and Orders of this House had been committed, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Rules and Orders.

Which were read twice by the Clerk and agreed to by the House, and are as follows :

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The Members of the Legislative Council are to sit in the order prescribed by His Majesty.

The Speaker, when he speaks to the House is always to be uncovered; and is not to adjourn the House, or do any thing else as mouth of the House, without the consent of the Members first had, excepting the ordinary things about Bills; which are of course, where-in the Members may likewise over-rule, as for preferring one Bill before another and such like. And in case of difference among the Members, it is to be put to the Question; and if the Speaker will speak to any thing particularly, he is to go to his own place, as a Member.

At the beginning of a Parliament, after Prayers shall have been said and the Speaker shall have taken the Oath prescribed by Law, then all the Members of the Legislative Council present, shall in like manner take, make and subscribe the said Oath, after which some Bill (*pro forma*) shall be read, which being done, the Speaker is to report the Speech from the Throne; and then the Committee of Privileges is to be appointed; and at the beginning of every other Session, during the same Parliament, after Prayers said, some Bill (*pro forma*) is to be read, the Speech from the Throne reported, and the Committee of Privileges appointed.

It is to be observed that the first or second day after the commencement of each Session, the House be called, and notice taken of such Members as are absent, not excused by the King or by His Majesty's Representative, for some time.

For absence, every Member is to make his excuse by a Member of the House, and if it be allowed to be just, he is to be excused; if not, he is to be blamed by the House as the fault requires.

When the House is sitting, every Member that shall enter, is to give and receive salutation from the rest, and not to sit down in his place unless he has made an obeysance to the Cloth of State.

The Members in the Upper House are to keep their dignity and order in sitting, as much as may be, and not remove out of their places

places without just cause, to the hindrance of others that sit near them, and disorder of the House; but when they must need go across the House, they are to make obeysance to the Cloth of State.

When any Members speak, they address their speech to the rest of the Members in general.

No Member is to speak twice to any Bill at one time of reading it, or to any other proposition, unless it be to explain himself in some material point of his speech, but no new matter; and that not without leave of the House first obtained. Every Member speaks standing and uncovered, and names not the Members of the House commonly by their names, but "the Member that spoke last, last but one, last but two, &c." or some other note of distinction.

To prevent misunderstanding, and for avoiding offensive speeches when matters are debating, either in the House or at Committees, it is for honour's sake thought fit and so ordered, that all personal, sharp, or taxing speeches be forborne; and that whosoever answereth another man's speech, shall apply his answer to the matter, without wrong to the person: and as nothing offensive is to be spoken, so nothing is to be ill taken, if the party that speaks it shall presently make a fair exposition or clear denial of the words that might bear any ill construction. And if any offence be given in that kind, as the House itself will be very sensible thereof, so it will censure the offender, and give the Party offended a fit reparation and a full satisfaction.

Ordered, for avoiding all mistakes, unkindnesses or other differences, which may grow to quarrels tending to the breach of the peace, that if any Member shall conceive himself to have received any affront or injury from any other Member of the House, either in the Parliament House, or at any Committee, or in any of the Rooms belonging to the Legislative Council, he shall appeal to the House for his reparation; which if he shall not do, but occasion or entertain quarrels, declining the justice of the House, then the Member that shall be found therein delinquent, shall undergo the severe censure of the House.

Ordered,

Ordered, that if any Member have occasion to speak with another Member of this House, while the House is sitting, they shall go together below the Bar, or else the Speaker is to stop the business in agitation.

Bills are seldom opposed at the first reading, and are commonly committed upon Motion, at the second reading, at which time the principle is usually debated.

Ordered and declared, that no Bill shall be read twice on the same day. That no Committee of the whole House shall proceed on any Bill on the same day in which the Bill is committed. That no Report shall be received from any Committee of the whole House on the same day in which such Committee goes through the Bill, when any amendments are made to such Bill; and that no Bill shall be read the third time on the same day in which it is reported from the Committee, unless the House, upon motion, shall see special cause for the common utility to change the same course in any particular instances.

Ordered and declared, that when the question hath been entirely put by the Speaker, no Member is to speak upon the question before voting.

Ordered, that after a question is put, and the House hath voted, no Member shall depart out of his place, until the House hath entered upon some other business.

Ordered, that at votes, the contents do rise in their places, and the non-contents continue to sit.

Ordered, that such Members as shall make protestation, or enter their dissent to any vote of this House, as they have a right to do, without asking leave of the House, either with or without their reasons, shall cause their Protestation or dissent to be entered in the Clerk's book on the next sitting day of this House, before the rising of the House, otherwise the same shall not be entered, and shall also sign the same before the rising of the House on the same day.

Resolved, that when a Bill, originating in this House, has once passed

ed its final stage in this House, no new Bill for the same object can afterwards be originated in this House during the same Session.

Ordered, that immediately after Prayers, the Journals of the preceding day be always read.

Resolved that the annexing of any clause or clauses to a bill of aid or supply, the matter of which is foreign to, and different from the matter of the said Bill of Aid or Supply, is unparliamentary, and tends to the destruction of the Constitution of this Government.

The Clerk is to enter no Order until the Speaker shall first demand the assent of the House: and the Clerk is to read every Order first in the House before it be entered.

Ordered, that the Clerks of this House give attendance in the Clerk's office during the Session, between the hours of ten and twelve in the forenoon, and between the hours of two and four in the afternoon, Sundays excepted.

To have more freedom of speech, and that arguments may be used, (*pro* and *contra*;) Committees are appointed, sometimes for Bills; some times to facilitate and agree of great business, either of the whole House, or of particulars; Committees of the whole House sit in the House; but then, the Speaker sits not in the Chair as Speaker.

Ordered, that when the House shall be put into a Committee of the whole House, the House be not resumed without the unanimous consent of the Committee, unless upon a question put by the Member who shall be in the Chair of such Committee.

If they be a select Committee, they usually meet in one of the Committee-Rooms as the Members like; any of the Members of the Committee speak to the rest uncovered, but may sit still if he please.

When any thing that hath been committed is reported, the Members of the Committee stand up.

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Every Member is to fit in his due place when the House is put into a Committee.

At any Committee of our own, any Member of our House, though not of the Committee, is not excluded from coming in and speaking, but he must not vote. He shall also give place to all that are of the Committee, and shall sit behind them. The same order is also observed at a conference with the Assembly:

If it be desired by any Member that the House be put into a Committee, it ought not to be refused.

No man is to enter at any Committee or conference, unless it be such as are commanded to attend; but such as are Members of the House, upon pain of being punished severely with example to others.

Resolved, that it is the right of every Member of this House, to bring in a Bill, and pray that it may be read.

For our meeting with any of the Lower House, it is either upon occasion of Messages which they send up unto us, or upon conference. When they come up unto us, the manner is thus:—After we have notice given us by our Usher that they have sent unto us, they attend until we have put that business to some end wherein we are; and then we (sitting) send for them in, who stand all at the lowest end of the room, and then the Speaker, with such as please, riseth, and goeth down to the middle of the Bar. Then, the chief of the Committee in the middle, and the rest about him, come up to the Bar with three obeysances, and deliver the Message to him: who, after he hath received it, retires himself to his former place. And the House being cleared and settled, he reports it to the Members, who do help his memory, if any thing be mistaken. And after the Members have taken resolution, (if the business require any answer) they are either called for in, and approaching to the Bar with three obeysances, (as before) and the House sitting in order as before, the Speaker in his seat covered, doth give them their answer in the name of the House; or else, if the resolution be not so speedy, we send for them in, and the Speaker informs them that they shall not need to stay for the answer, but we will send it by some express Messenger of our own.

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None are to speak at a conference with the Lower House, but those that be of the Committee; and when any thing from such conference is reported, all the Members of that Committee are to stand up.

The privilege of the House is, that no Member of the Legislative Council sitting in any Session, or within the usual time of privilege of Parliament, is to be imprisoned, or restrained, without sentence or order of the House, unless it be for Treason or Felony, Breach of the Peace, or refusing to give security for the Peace.

As it might deeply intrench on the privileges of this House, for any Member of this House to answer an accusation in the House of Assembly either in person, or by sending his answer in writing, or by his Counsel there, upon serious consideration had thereof, and perusal of the precedents in the Upper House of the Imperial Parliament; it is ordered, that no Member of this House shall either go down to the House of Assembly, or send his answer in writing, or appear by Counsel to answer any accusation there, upon penalty of being committed to the Black Rod, or to prison during the pleasure of this House.

Ordered, that no Member, or officer of this House, without the leave of this House first had, shall by order of the Assembly go into that House whilst the House, or any Committee of the whole House is sitting there, or appear before any Committee of that House sitting there or elsewhere.

Resolved, that the Members of the Assembly be admitted as auditors of the Debates of this House.

Ordered, that any member may at any time desire the House to be cleared of strangers; and the Speaker shall immediately give directions to execute the order without debate.

Ordered, that for the future no motion shall be granted for making any order of this House a standing order, or for dispensing with a standing order the same day it is made; nor before the Members of this House, in town, shall be summoned to consider of the said Motion.

Resolved, that in all unprovided cases, resort shall be had to the Rules, usages, and forms of Parliament, which shall be followed, until this House shall think fit to make a Rule applicable to such unprovided cases.

That the Royal Instructions made to Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and persons administering the Government of this Province, respecting the passing of Bills by the Provincial Parliament, which have been or shall be communicated to this House, be printed with the standing Rules and Orders of this House, and thereunto prefixed.

It is proposed,

That a select Committee be appointed for the purpose of considering and reporting such further Rules and Orders as may be expedient as well for regulating the bringing in, and proceedings on private Bills in this House, and on Bills respecting Navigable Canals, Turnpike Roads, or Bridges, and the lighting and paving of Towns and Cities, as the proceedings on all such Bills sent up to this House by the Assembly; with leave to report such further Rules on other subjects as they may see fit, in addition to the Rules and standing Orders of the House which have been passed this day, and any which may relate to the subject of any Rule or Order, which has been suspended, or laid aside in the previous Committee.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay, Richardson, Ryland, Cuthbert, and Grant*, do compose the said Committee;

To meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Hale* and himself had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with two Addresses of this House of yesterday; and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the two several Addresses graciously.

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The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, intituled, "An Act for improving the Winter Roads in this Province, and tending to introduce a different principle of construction in the Winter Carriages, so as to avoid the formation of *cahots* and *peretes*" was committed the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill,

Which were read twice by the Clerk, and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the said Bill and the amendments thereto be engrossed.

It was moved,

That the Bill intituled, "An Act concerning future Notarial Acts or Deeds to carry Mortgages, and to establish offices for the registration of all such Acts or Deeds within this Province," be read "for a second time on the next sitting day."

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY, 29th JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs. Monk,

Hale,

Duchefnay,

Richardson,

Ryland,

Cuthbert,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

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The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented a Petition from *John Mure*, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the building of the Quebec Gaol, praying Legislative aid to make good the deficiency in the sum of Money formerly provided by the Legislature, for the completing of the said Gaol.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act concerning future Notarial Acts or Deeds to carry Mortgages, and to establish offices for the Enregistration of all such Acts or Deeds within this Province."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed to Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Grant* presented a Petition from certain Proprietors and Occupiers of Houses and Lots in the village of St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet, of the County of Buckinghamshire, praying, that Legislative aid may be given for constituting a Market Place in the said village.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* rises in his place, and states, that his duty as Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench of Montreal, at the ensuing term requiring his attendance there, applies for leave of absence.

ORDERED, That Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* do take the leave he desires.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a Petition from Mr. *Thomas Lee* and others, praying Legislative aid to enable him to erect a Turnpike Road from Quebec to Lorette, and from Quebec to Beauport and Cap Rouge.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Bedard*, Surveyor of Quebec, praying, that a remuneration may be granted to him for certain services performed by him in surveying the Banks of the River St. Maurice.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY, 30th JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs. Hale,

Duchefnay,

Richardson,

De Gaspé,

Ryland,

Cuthbert,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Stuart*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of *Philip Panet*, Esquire," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the first time to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Petition of *Philip Panet*, Esquire, presented to this House on the twenty-fifth instant, be now read.

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The same was accordingly read.

ORDERED, That the Act, intituled " An Act, for the Relief of such
" Students in Law preparing themselves for the professions of
" Advocates and Attorneys, or Notaries as have served in the
" Embodied Militia during the late War with the United States
" of America, " be read.

The same was accordingly read.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, " An Act concerning future Notarial Acts or Deeds to carry
" Mortgages, and to establish Offices for the enregistrement of all such
" Acts or Deeds within this Province."

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé* reported from the said Committee, that they had made some progress in the said Bill, and prayed leave to sit again.

Agreed and ordered,

That the House be again put into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill, on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the parish of *St. Anne la Pocatiere*, praying Legislative aid in advance of Grain, to sow their Lands.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the parish of *St. André*, praying Legislative aid in advance of Grain, to sow their Lands.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Bill., intituled, " An Act for improving
" the Winter Roads in this Province, and tending to introduce a dif-
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“ferent principle of construction in the Winter Carriages, so as to
“avoid the formation of hollows and slopes, commonly called *cahots*
“and *pentes*.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 31st JANUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

*Messrs. Hale,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Cuthbert,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

The House being informed, that Mr. Green, Director of the Army Bill Office, attended,

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He was called in; and delivered at the Bar an Abstract of the amount of Army Bills issued from the Army Bill Office, since the last year's Report.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

ORDERED, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert*. presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the village of Berthier, County of Warwick, praying Legislative aid for establishing Rules and Regulations of Police.

And also another Petition from *Vincent Mailloux*, of the village of Berthier, County of Warwick, praying for the exclusive right of navigating a new invented machine for facilitating the ferrying of Rivers.

ORDERED, That the said two Petitions do lie on the Table.

Hodie 1^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of "*Philip Panet*, Elquire."

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time this day se'en-
night.

The House, (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was again put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act concerning future Notarial Acts or Deeds to "carry Mortgages, and to establish Offices for the enregistrement of "all such Acts or Deeds within this Province."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De Gasse* reported from the said Committee, that they had made some further progress in the said Bill.

ORDERED, That this Bill be referred to a special Committee, and that the Honorable Messrs. *Hue*, *Richardson*, *D. Gasse*, *Cuthbert*, and *Grant*, do compose the said Committee, with power to lend for persons and papers;

To meet and adjourn as they please.

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The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Monday next at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY, 3^d FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

*Messrs. Duchesnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

A Message was presented from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert*.

The Members rose, and the Message was read in the words following :

(Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE,

Governor in Chief.

The Governor in Chief lays before the Legislative Council, copy of a Petition of the inhabitants of several townships in the Province, stating the evils that arise to them from a want of a proper Road of communication with the city of Quebec; and also, copy of a Presentment of the Grand Jury of the district of Three-Rivers, setting forth the inconveniencies to which the townships on the River St. Francis are subject, from the same cause, and from the difficulty of having recourse to the Courts of Law for procuring both public and private justice; and he recommends to the consideration of the Legis-

lative Council the expediency of taking measures for removing the disadvantages under which the inhabitants of that part of the Province labour, from the circumstances in which they are placed.

(Signed)

J. C. S.

Castle of Saint Lewis,
January 31st, 1817.

RESOLVED, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return him the thanks of this House for His Message of this day, laying before this House the Petition of the Inhabitants of several Townships, relative to the evils arising from a want of a proper Road of communication with the city of Quebec; and also, a copy of a Presentment of the Grand Jury of the district of Three-Rivers, setting forth the inconveniences arising to the Townships on the River St. Francis, from the difficulty of having recourse to the Courts of Justice: And to assure His Excellency, that this House will most readily concur in making such provisions, as the subjects to which His Message refers, may be found to require.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *De Gaspé* and *Cuthbert* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the said Address.

Another Message was presented from His Excellency the Governor in Chief by the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert*.

The Members rose, and the Message was read in the words following:

(Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE,

Governor in Chief.

The Governor in Chief lays before the Legislative Council, copy of a Presentment of the Grand Jury of the district of Three-Rivers, representing the insufficiency and insecurity of the Building now occupied as a Court-House for that district; and he recommends to
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the Legislative Council to concur in making provision for the better accommodation of the Courts of Justice, and of the Public Offices connected with them in that district.

(Signed)

J. C. S.

Castle of Saint Louis,
January 31st, 1817.

RESOLVED, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return the thanks of this House for his Message of this day, laying before this House a Presentment of the Grand Jury of the district of Three-Rivers, representing the insufficiency and insecurity of the Building now occupied as a Court-House for that district: and to assure His Excellency, that this House will most readily concur in making such provisions as may be deemed most proper for the better accommodation of the Courts of Justice, and of the Public Offices connected with them in that district.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *De Gaspé* and *Cuthbert* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the said Address.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* laid before the House the Report of the Commissioners appointed under the Act of the 55th Geo. III. chap. 8, for the Improvement of the Internal Communications of this Province.

ORDERED, That the said Report do lie on the Table for the consideration of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay*, presented a Petition from *François Page*, of Quebec, praying, that an exclusive privilege may be granted to him for navigating Boats on a new principle. X

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Wednesday next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

*The Honorable
Messrs. Hale,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryan,
Cuthbert,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* and himself had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with two Addresses of this House of the 3d instant, and that His Excellency was pleased to receive the same graciously.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty to supply the wants of the Province;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

Another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the loan of Seed Wheat, and other necessary Grain;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

Another Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Languedoc*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the maintenance of good order on Sundays and Holidays;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

*Messrs. Hale,
Richardson,
D. Gaspé,
Cuthbert,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson*, from the select Committee appointed for the purpose of considering and reporting such further Rules and Orders as may be expedient as well for regulating and bringing in and proceeding on private Bills in this House, and as the proceedings on all such Bills sent up to this House by the Assembly,

sembly, reported that they had agreed upon the Report of certain Rules and Orders, which he was ready to make when this House will be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be now received.

Accordingly, the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* reported from the said Committee the following Rules and Orders, which being read by the Clerk, were severally agreed to by the House, and are as follows :

That no Bill do pass this House, unless the number of Members then present, be five at least.

That when there shall not be three Members present, at the hour to which this House shall at any time stand adjourned, the Speaker may take the Chair fifteen minutes afterwards, and adjourn to two of the clock in the afternoon of the day following, not being a Sunday, and in that case to Monday.

That if at any time there be less than four Members in the House, the Members (if any there be) who may be in the adjoining Rooms and Lobbies, shall be summoned, and if no more come into the House, the Speaker shall in like manner adjourn the House until the next day at two o'clock in the afternoon.

That all orders of the Day, which by reason of any adjournment shall not have been proceeded upon, shall be considered only as postponed to the next day on which the House shall sit.

That in a Committee of the whole House, the Rules shall be observed, in so far as they may be applicable, excepting the Rule limiting the time of speaking ; and that no motion for the previous question, or for adjournment, can be received ; but a Member may at any time move, that the Chairman do leave the Chair, or to report some progress made, and ask leave to sit again.

That in a Committee of the whole House, a Member may at any time previous to a Bill being passed entirely, that is to say, all the clauses

clauses, preamble and title of the same, move to have any particular clause thereof that may have been passed, re-considered.

That no arguments against the principle of a Bill shall be had or admitted in any Committee of the whole House upon such Bill.

That when a question is under debate, no motion shall be received in the House unless to amend it, commit it, postpone it to a certain day, or for the Order of the Day, or to adjourn.

That no Motion prefaced by a written Preamble, shall be received by this House.

That any Motion (with leave of the House) may be withdrawn at any time before amendment or decision,

That the allegations in every Petition for a private Bill meant to originate in this House, shall be first referred to a select Committee, and the matter thereof reported upon, before the introduction of any such Bill.

That when a private Bill shall be brought from the other House, the principle of which is admitted, this House, by Message, may either request a communication of the evidence received in proof of the allegations, or matter whereon the Bill is founded: or the Committee of this House, to whom it may be referred, shall examine the said allegations, and on reporting the Bill, state, whether the same, or matter thereof, be founded; and whether the parties concerned in interest or property therein, have given their consents to the satisfaction of the Committee.

That the foregoing be considered a standing instruction to all Committees who shall meet upon private Bills: and further, that they require all persons whose interest or property they shall consider to be affected thereby, to appear in person before them, to give their consent thereto. And if they cannot personally attend, they may send their consent in writing, which shall be proved before the Committee by one or more witnesses; and that, when any Committee shall be appointed on a private Bill, notice thereof shall be

set up in the Lobby of this House seven days before the meeting of the said Committee.

When the KING's Representative is present in this House, all the Members thereof (the Speaker excepted, who shall be habited as at present) are to appear in a suit of black clothes, with silk stockings, shoe and knee buckles, with a white stock, or a cravat, tied in such a manner that no knot or bow shall appear in front. The Coat is to be made with a standing collar, single breasted, and with three buttons on the cuffs and pockets; the Waistcoat to be single breasted.

It was then moved, that the consideration of the following Rules be postponed to the next sitting day, viz. :

That no Message be received from the Assembly in this House, with a Bill, or otherwise, unless the object of it be expressed in both languages.

The question being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was moved,

That the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty to supply the wants of the Province," be postponed until to-morrow.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the loan of Seed Wheat, and other necessary Grain."

ORDERED, That the said Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

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Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to provide for
" the maintenance of good order on Sundays and Holidays."

ORDERED, That the said Bill be committed, and to a Committee of
the whole House on the next sitting day,

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at
two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs. Hale,

Duchefnay,

Richardson,

De Gaspé,

Ryland,

Cuthbert,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read for the House taking into con-
sideration the Rule of yesterday, which had been postponed to this
day,

It was then moved,

That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the
whole House on the said Rule.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure
and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the said Rule,

After some time the House was resumed; and the Honorable Mr. *Grant* reported from the said Committee, that they had agreed to the said Rule, and had made two amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Table.

The said Rule, as amended, being twice read by the Clerk, as agreed to by the House, and is as follows :

That no Message be received from the Assembly in this House, with a Bill or otherwise, unless the object of it be expressed verbally in both languages, as hath hitherto been practised.

ORDERED, That the Rules and Orders that have passed this House, be fairly transcribed on separate sheets of paper.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act for the Relief of *Philip Panet*, Esquire,"

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day be postponed until the first day of May next.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty to supply the wants of the Province,*"

It was moved,

That the said Order be discharged, and that this Bill be postponed until Monday next.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, " An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the loan of Seed Wheat, " and other necessary Grain."

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, " An Act to provide for the maintenance of good order on " Sundays and Holidays."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a Petition from *Joseph Bouchette*, Esquire, Surveyor-General, praying, that an additional sum of Money, granted by any Bill, may be concurred in by this House, for assisting him in the Publication of the Maps of the Province.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a Petition from certain Merchants and others of the city of Quebec, praying, that they may be incorporated, by the title of the Fire Society.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Monday next at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were
The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* appeared, and took the oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of his present Majesty's Reign, which was administered by Mr. *Pianté*, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the oath to the Members of the Legislature.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *McGord*, with a Bill, intitled, "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the city of Montreal," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Vanfelson*, with a Bill, intitled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named, and others, and authorising them to associate themselves by the name of the "Quebec Friendly Society," under "certain Restrictions, Rules, and Regulations therein-mentioned."

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This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

A Message was presented from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by the Honorable Mr. *Grant*.

The Members rose, and the Message was read in the words following:

(Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE,

Governor in Chief.

The Governor in Chief has given directions for laying before the Legislative Council, the Statements specified in the accompanying Schedule, of the Provincial Revenue of the Crown, and of the expenditure between the 6th January, 1816, and the 5th January, 1817, inclusive.

(Signed)

J. C. S.

*Castle of Saint Lewis, }
Quebec, 7th February, 1817.*

- No. 1. ACCOUNT of Cash received by *John Caldwell*, Esquire, Receiver General, for casual and territorial Revenue.
2. Ditto of Cash received by do. for Duties and Licenses under the Statute of the 14th Geo. III.
3. Ditto of Cash received by do. for Duties on Wines, under the Provincial Act of the 33d. Geo. III.
4. Ditto of Cash received by do. for Duties on sundry Goods, Wares and Merchandise, and Licenses under do. of 35th Geo. III. cap. 8 and 9.
5. Ditto of Cash received by do. for Duties on Licenses for Billiard Tables, and on Manufactured Tobacco and Snuff, under do. 41 do. Geo. III. caps. 13 and 14. 6.

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- No. 6. STATEMENT of Monies, collected under the Acts of the Provincial Parliament of 45th Geo. III. cap. 12, and 51st Geo. III. cap. 12, and of the expences incurred in supporting and improving the Navigation of the River St. Lawrence.
7. ACCOUNT of Duties collected under the Provincial Act of the 48th Geo. III. cap. 19, for the improvement of the inland navigation of the River St. Lawrence, between Montreal and Lake St. Francis.
8. Ditto of cash received by *John Caldwell*, Esq. Receiver General, for Duties under the Provincial Act of 43d Geo. III. cap. 11, amended by do. 55th do. cap. 2.
9. Ditto of cash received by do. for Duties under do. of 55th do. cap. 3.
10. Ditto of cash received by do. for Duties under the order of His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, in Council, of 29th May, 1815.
11. Ditto of cash received by do. for fines, forfeitures, &c.
12. Ditto of Provincial revenue, collected and received between 6th January, 1816, and 5th January, 1817.
13. STATEMENT, shewing the Duties collected under sundry Acts of the Provincial Parliament of Lower-Canada, and the several appropriations thereof.
14. Ditto of articles liable to Duty under the Provincial Acts of 33d and 35th Geo. III. which have passed Coteau-du-Lac, on the way to Upper-Canada, from 1st January to May, 1816.
15. Ditto of articles liable to do. under do. of the 41st Geo. III. which have passed do. in the way to do. from do. to do.

- No. 16. STATEMENT of the value of merchandize liable to Duty under do. 53^d do. cap. 11, amended by 55th do. cap. 2, which passed do. on the way to do. from do. to do.
17. Ditto of articles liable to do. under do. 55th do. cap. 3, which passed do. on the way to do. from do. to do.
18. ABSTRACT of Warrants granted by His Excellency Sir *Gordon Drummond*, K. C. B. Administrator in Chief, by His Excellency *John Wilson*, Administrator of the Government, and by His Excellency Sir *John Coape Sherbrooke*, G. C. B. Captain-General and Governor in Chief, on *John Caldwell*, Esq. Receiver-General in, payment of the Civil Expenditure of Lower-Canada, for the year 1816.
19. Ditto of do. granted by do. do. on do. in payment of the salaries of the Officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and the contingent expences thereof, for do.
20. STATEMENT of the expences of the collection of the revenue of Lower-Canada, for the year ending 5th January, 1817.

Quebec, 7th February, 1817.

(Signed) J. HALE,

Insp'r. Gen'l. Pub. Prov. Accounts.

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return him the thanks of this House for his Message of this day, communicating a statement of the Provincial Revenue and expenditure for the last twelve months.

ORDERED, That the Honorables Messrs. *Duchefnay* and *Grant* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the said Address.

The Speaker acquainted the House, that a Commission had been issued under the Great Seal, appointing the Honorable *John Hale*, one of the Members of this House, to sit as Speaker of this House during the absence of the Speaker of this House, which Commission was in the words following:

PROVINCE OF }
LOWER-CANADA. } (Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE.

GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our trusty and well beloved Councillor JOHN HALE, Esquire.—Greeting: Whereas by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our said Province of Lower-Canada, bearing date at our Castle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, in our said Province, the fifth day of January, in the forty-ninth year of our Reign, We did constitute and appoint our trusty and well beloved JONATHAN SEWELL, our Chief Justice of our said Province and one of the Members of our Legislative Council in our said Province, Speaker of our said Legislative Council in our said Province, during our pleasure. Now know ye, that we, trusting in the approved fidelity, wisdom and discretion of you the said *John Hale*, have constituted, named and appointed, and by these presents do name, constitute and appoint you the said *John Hale*, from time to time during our pleasure, to use, occupy and supply the room and place of the said *Jonathan Sewell*, in our said Legislative Council, among our Legislative Councillors there assembled, during the absence of our said trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell*, from his accustomed place in our said Legislative Council; and then and there to do and execute all such things as our said trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell*, should or might do in that behalf, if he was there personally present, using and supplying the same room and place. Wherefore we will and command you the said *John Hale*, to attend and execute the premises with effect; and these our Letters Patent shall be your sufficient warrant and discharge for the same in every behalf. 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 COAPE
SHERBROOKE,

SHERROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Lower-Canada, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. at our Castle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, in our said Province, the seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and in the fifty-seventh year of our Reign.

(Signed) J. C. S.

(Signed) JNO. TAYLOR, Dep'y Sec'y.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty, to supply the wants of the Province,"

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day be discharged.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie gâ. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for the relief of the Poor in the loan of Seed Wheat, and other necessary Grain."

The question was put,

Whether the Bill shall pass.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

Hodie gâ. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to provide for the maintenance of good order on Sundays and Holidays."

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Wednesday next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Rylard,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* presented a Petition from *Jacques Viger*, Esqr. Inspector of Roads for the City of Montreal, praying for an additional salary.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* presented a Petition from the Nuns of the Hôtel-Dieu of the City of Quebec, praying for a sum of money to enable them to build some additional apartments for the reception of poor and sick persons.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Grant* reported that the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* and himself had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the Address of this House of Monday last, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same graciously.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement of certain persons therein-named and others, and authorising them to associate themselves by the name of the "Quebec Friendly Society" under certain Restrictions, Rules and Regulations therein-mentioned."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed and to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Grant* presented a Petition from certain persons therein-named, praying Legislative aid, for making a Canal, from St. John to the Bason of Chambly, and from the Bason of Chambly to Montreal.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to establish a "House of Industry in the City of Montreal."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed and to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

ORDERED, That the Rules that have been transcribed be referred to the same Committee, to whom the Rules had been submitted, for such report as to their classification and order and to leave out such as need not be printed, as the Committee may deem expedient.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to grant to *Pierre Casgrain*, Esquire, a right of toll over the Draw-Bridge erected on the River Ouelle, in the county

county of Cornwallis," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. Ogdon, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act for the relief of Insane persons and for the support of Foundlings and others therein-mentioned, and also to grant a further sum of money for the more effectual attainment of the purposes of the said Act,*" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were
The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Viger*, with a Bill intitled, "An Act to authorize *Jean Marie Langlois*, otherwise called *Jean Marie Germain*, to build a Bridge over the River Yamaska, at the foot of the Cascade, opposite the Village of Saint Hyacinthe, in the county of Richelieu; to fix the Rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide Regulations for the said Bridge"; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

The House, (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein-named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the "*Quebec Friendly Society*," under certain Restrictions, Rules and Regulations therein-mentioned."

After some time the House was resumed and the Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported from the said Committee that they had made some progress in the said Bill and prayed leave to sit again.

Agreed and ordered,

That the House be again put into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill on the next sitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intitled. "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of Montreal."

After some time the House was resumed and the Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported from the said Committee that they had made some progress in the said Bill, and prayed leave to sit again.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the House be again put into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to grant to " *Pierre Casgrain*, Esquire, a right of toll over the Draw Bridge " erected on the River Ouelle, in the county of Cornwallis."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to continue for a " limited time an Act passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's " Reign, intituled, " *An Act for the relief of Insane persons and for " the support of Foundlings and others therein mentioned, and also " to grant a further sum of money for the more effectual attainment " of the purposes of the said Act."*

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were
The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

PRAYERS.

Whereas this day was appointed for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Jean Marie Langlois*, other-
" wife called *Jean Marie Germain*, to build a Bridge over the River
" Yamaska, at the foot of the Cascade, opposite the Village of Saint
" Hyacinthe, in the county of Richelieu, to fix the rates of toll for
" passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the said Bridge;"

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for the second time to-morrow.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein-named and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the "*Quebec Friendly Society*," under certain Restrictions, Rules and Regulations therein-mentioned."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments, which he was directed to report whenever the House was pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said report be received to-morrow.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of Montreal."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments, which he was directed to report, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be received to-morrow.

It was moved,

That the Bill, intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time
" an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, inti-
" tuled, " *An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty to supply the*
" *wants of the Province,*" be read for the second time on the next
fitting day.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereas this day was appointed for the second reading of the
Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant to *Pierre Casgrain*, Esquire, a right
" of Toll over the Draw-Bridge erected on the River Ouelle, in the
" County of Cornwallis."

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time to-morrow.

Whereas this day was appointed for the second reading of the
Bill, intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time, an Act passed
" in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act*
" *for the relief of Insane Persons, and for the support of Foundlings*
" *and others therein-mentioned; and also to grant a further sum of*
" *money for the more effectual attainment of the purposes of the said*
" *Act,*"

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for the second time to-mor-
row.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at
twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The

*The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspe,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière*, (according to order) reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, intituled "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the "*Quebec Friendly Society*," under certain Restrictions, Rules and Regulations therein-mentioned," had been committed, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made two amendments, which he delivered in at the table.

The Amendments being then twice read by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House, and are as follows :

Prefs 2, line 18—After the words "for the," leave out the words "Relief of the" and insert "several."

Prefs 10, line 33—After "direct," insert the following clause:—

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful, at any time or times hereafter, to and for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the government of this Province for the time being, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Executive Council, by Proclamation in the Quebec Gazette, to dissolve or determine such Society, and to annul and make void all the powers and authorities given to the said Society by this Act, (except as herein-after-mentioned) as

to such Governor, or Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the government of this Province, shall seem meet: Provided nevertheless, that notwithstanding any such dissolution or determination so to be contained in any such Proclamation, it shall and may be lawful from and after any such Proclamation, to and for the said Society to avail themselves, and make use of the powers and authorities by this Act given, for enforcing payment and delivery of all monies, effects and property whatsoever, belonging to the said Society; and four-fifth parts of such Society, shall and may proceed to make such orders for the division or distribution of their stock, funds, effects and property, and every part thereof, to and amongst the several members of the said Society, in such manner as shall be consistent with justice and equity; and shall and may distribute and divide the same accordingly. And in case four-fifth parts of the said Society shall not concur and agree in any order or orders for such division or distribution, as aforesaid, that then it shall and may be lawful to and for any one or more of the party or parties so not concurring or agreeing on behalf of him or themselves; and all the other members of the said Society, who shall not so concur and agree to present a Petition to His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the said district of Quebec, praying, that such Court will make order for the division and distribution of the said stock, funds, effects and property to and amongst the members of the said Society; and the said Court, in such case, is hereby authorized and empowered to order, declare, and direct in what proportions and manner such stock, funds, effects and property shall be distributed and divided, to and amongst the members of the said Society, as to such Court shall seem just; and the said Court is hereby also empowered and authorized to enforce and compel obedience to any such last mentioned order, declaration, or direction, by attachment, or *Prise de corps*.

corps, as aforesaid. Provided also, that after such Proclamation as aforesaid, the said Society shall use all due and reasonable diligence in getting in and recovering their said stock, funds, effects and property; and in their proceedings respecting the division and distribution of the same; and such Society shall not, after such Proclamation as aforesaid, be competent, or held, or deemed to be competent under any powers or authorities by this Act given, to make any Rules, Orders or Regulations whatever, or to do any act, matter or thing; nor shall such Society be held or deemed to be an existing Society, save and except for the purposes of getting in, or recovering their said stock, funds, effects and property, and the division and distribution thereof among their said members as aforesaid.

ORDERED, That the amendments be engrossed, and that this Bill with the amendments, be read for a third time on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to authorize
" *Jean Marie Langlois*, otherwise called *Jean Marie Germain*, to
" build a Bridge over the River Yamaska, at the foot of the cascade,
" opposite the village Saint Hyacinthe, in the county of Richelieu,
" to fix the Rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide Regu-
" lations for the said Bridge."

ORDERED, That this Bill be referred to a special Committee to take the same into consideration, and that the Committee be the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbinière, Duchesnay, and Grant*;

To meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, (according to order) reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the city of Montreal," had been committed, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several amendments, which he delivered in at the table.

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The amendments being then twice read, were agreed to by the House, and are as follows :

Prefs 2, line 37—After “ called,” insert “ for the purpose.”

38—After “ President,” insert “ who is.”

Ibid. After “ directed,” leave out “ for the.”

39—Leave out “ purpose,” and insert “ And which meeting shall be held.”

Ibid. Leave out “ sooner,” and insert “ less.”

42—Leave out from “ at the,” inclusive, “ to them,” also inclusive, in the 45th line of same Prefs, and insert—“ They shall be replaced by four other persons to be nominated by the Grand Jury of the district of Montreal, which shall be returned at the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace next ensuing such meeting, and approved by the Justices of the Peace, before and by whom such Sessions shall be held, and which said four other persons.”

Prefs 3, line 1—Leave out “ Then present, not being less than five who.”

Prefs 6, line 33—Before “ eight” insert “ and delivered to the Prothonotary of such Court.”

Prefs 7, line 33—Leave out from “ in the manner” inclusive, to “ office,” also inclusive, in the 36th line of the same Prefs.

Prefs 8, line 19—Leave out “ by the said Wardens.”

Prefs 9, line 13—After “ Montreal,” insert the following two clauses :
Provided

Provided always, and it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that whenever the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the government of this Province, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Executive Council, shall judge the further continuance of the said Corporation to be hurtful to the public interests, then and from thenceforth it shall and may be lawful for the said Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the government, by Proclamation to be published in the Quebec Gazette, to revoke and make void the said Corporation, and all the powers granted thereto as aforesaid, from and after a day to be specified in the said Proclamation, and thereupon the same shall determine and become void accordingly; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding,

Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after such revocation as aforesaid, the property, moveable and immovable, of the said Corporation, shall rest and remain vested in the Justices of the Peace for the aforesaid district of Montreal, and their successors in office, until by some Act of the Legislature of this Province, it shall be otherwise provided. And such Justices of the Peace, from and after such revocation, shall have power and authority to administer such property according to the intents and purposes of this Act; and to make Regulations and Rules, according also to the intents and purposes of this Act, for the government and direction of the said House of Industry, and the officers, inhabitants, servants, and poor dependents therein; as also the concerns thereof, until in like manner by some Act of the Legislature of this Province, it shall be otherwise provided.

ORDERED, That the amendments be engrossed, and that this Bill with the amendments, be read for the third time on the next sitting day.

Hodie.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billæ, intituled, "An Act to continue for
" a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's
" Reign, intituled, " *An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty to*
" *supply the wants of the Province.*"

It was moved,

That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

The same being objected to,

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put on this motion.

It was resolved in the negative.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act to grant to *Pierre Casgrain*, Esquire, a right of Toll
" over the Draw-Bridge erected on the River Ouelle, in the county
" of Cornwallis."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* reported from the said Committee that they had made some progress in the said Bill, and prayed leave to sit again.

The question being put,

Whether this Bill shall be again committed to a Committee of the whole House?

It was resolved in the negative.

ORDERED, That this Bill be referred to a special Committee to take the same into consideration, and that the Committee be the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay*, *De Gaspé*, and *Cuthbert*;

To meet and adjourn as they please.

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The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act for the relief of Insane Persons, and for the support of Foundlings, and others therein-mentioned ; and also to grant a further sum of money for the more effectual attainment of the purposes of the said Act.*"

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for a third time on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* presented a Petition from *Jacques Viger*, Esquire, and others, praying Legislative aid to enable him to build a Toll-Bridge over the River Jesus.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Monday next at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs. De Lotbinière,

Hale,

Duchefnay,

Richardson,

De Gaspé,

Cuthbert,

Grant.

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Hodie gâ: vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein-named and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the " *Quebec Friendly Society* ;" under certain Restrictions, Rules and Regulations therein-mentioned."

The question was put,

Whether this Bill with the amendments shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, with the amendments, intituled, " An Act to establish a House of " Industry in the city of Montreal,"

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day be discharged, and that this Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported from the said Committee, that they had re-considered the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to report, whenever the House shall be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the said Report be received to-morrow.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for the relief of Insane Persons, and for the support of Foundlings and others therein-mentioned : and also to grant a further sum of Money for the more effectual attainment of the purposes of the said Act."

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* presented a Petition from the Trustees of the Common of the Town of Three-Rivers, praying Legislative aid to enable them to fix the boundaries of the said Common.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported from the Committee to whom the Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant to *Pierre Casgrain, Esquire*, a right of Toll over the Draw-Bridge erected on the River " *Ouelle*, in the County of Cornwallis," had been committed, that they had considered the said Bill, and had examined several persons in support of the same ; and that the Committee had directed him to report the same to the House.

ORDERED, That this Bill, and the Report of the special Committee, be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

*The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. Hale,
Richardson,
Cuthbert,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the city of Montreal," had been re-committed, that the Committee had re-considered the said Bill, and had made several additional amendments, which he delivered in at the Table.

The amendments were twice read by the Clerk, and were severally agreed to by the House, and are as follows :

Prefs 2, line 21—After " of," leave out " the."

Ibid.—After " eight," leave out " following."

Ibid.—Leave out from " that" inclusive, to " said trust," also inclusive, in the twenty-fifth line of the same Prefs; and insert, " to be nominated and appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the government of this Province."

29—Leave out from " said" inclusive, to " Esquires," also inclusive, in the thirty-second line of the same Prefs, and insert " Eight persons to be appointed as abovesaid."

ORDERED, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the Bill be read for the third time on the next sitting day, A

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A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Vanfelson*, with a Bill intituled, " An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act to regulate Persons engaged in the Business or Trade of Baking and selling Bread within the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the town of Three-Rivers, and to repeal an Ordinance therein-mentioned ;*" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented a Petition from the Wardens of the Trinity House of Quebec, praying Legislative aid to enable them to build a Trinity-House in the city of Quebec, with a Plan and Estimate for such purpose.

ORDERED, That the said Petition, Plans and Estimate do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented another Petition from certain citizens of Montreal, praying Legislative aid to enable them to ameliorate the Port of that city, by making new wharves.

And another Petition from certain citizens of Montreal, praying Legislative aid to continue St. Vincent street to the River side.

ORDERED; That the said two Petitions do lie on the table.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put in to a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, " An Act to grant to *Pierre Casgrain*, Esquire, a right of Toll over the Draw-Bridge erected on the River Ouelle, in the county of Cornwallis."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment. The

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for a third time on the next sitting day.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson*, from the Special Committee to whom had been referred the Rules and Orders of this House, to put them in proper order, as to their classification, made the following Report :

RESOLVED, That the standing Rules and Orders heretofore adopted by this House, between the 28th January, 1793, and 6th March, 1815, inclusive, and which are entered in a separate Book, and numbered from No. 1 to No. 57, be rescinded, with the exception of the Resolve numbered 44, and passed on the 7th January, 1795.

RESOLVED, That two hundred copies of the Rules now adopted and numbered from No. 1 to No. 53, inclusive, be printed in both

both languages, for the use of the Members of this House, together with the Royal Instructions.

RESOLVED, That the Royal Instructions, and all and every the Rules and Orders of this House, be fairly transcribed into a Book, and kept on the Table of this House, for reference; and that the page of the Journal in which each and every such Instruction, Rule and Order is entered, be specified in the margin of such Instruction, Rule or Order, respectively.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, accordingly.

Hodie 3â. vice lecta est Billa; intituled; "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the city of Montreal."

The question was put,

Whether this Bill with the amendments, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented a Petition from certain Citizens of Montreal, praying the repeal of that part of the Ordinance that prevents the covering of Houses with Shingles.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Viger*, with a Bill, intituled; "An Act to grant to the Religious Ladies, *Hospitalières* of the Hôtel-Dieu of Quebec, a sum of money for the purposes therein-mentioned."

This

This Bill was read for the first time.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act to regulate the persons engaged in the Business or Trade of Baking and selling Bread, within the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the Town of Three Rivers, and to repeal an Ordinance therein mentioned.*"

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant to *Pierre Casgrain*, Esquire, a right of Toll over the Draw-Bridge erected on the River Ouelle, in the " County of Cornwallis,"

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day be discharged, and that this Bill be now re-committed, and to a Committee of the whole House,

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

Hodie 3â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to grant to *Pierre Casgrain*, Esquire, a right of Toll over the Draw-Bridge erected " on the River Ouelle, in the County of Cornwallis."

The

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported from the Special Committee to whom the Bill, intituled, " An Act to authorize *Jean Marie Langlois*, otherwise called *Jean Marie Germain*, to build a Bridge over the River Yamaska at the foot of the Cascade, opposite the village of Saint Hyacinthe, in the county of Richelieu; to fix the Rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide Regulations for the said Bridge," had been committed, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House, on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *McCord*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to provide temporary Houses of Correction in the several districts of this Province;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

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The

The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Cuthbert,
Grant.
Ryland.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker, by virtue of his Commission.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Gugy*, with a Bill, intituled,
“ An Act to grant an annual Pension to Dame *Louise Philippe*
“ *Badelard*, widow and relict of the late Honorable *Jean Antoine*
“ *Panet*, in testimony of the sense entertained of the meritorious
“ services of her deceased husband, as Speaker of the House of As-
“ sembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, for a long series of
“ years ;” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next
fitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* informed the House, that His Excel-
lency the Governor in Chief having been apprized of the contents of
this Bill, had no objection that the House might proceed therein as
they might think fit.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure,
and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, inti-
tuled, “ An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His
“ Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ *An Act to regulate Persons engaged*
“ *in the Business or Trade of baking and selling Bread within the*
“ *cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the town of Three-Rivers,*
“ *and to repeal an Ordinance therein-mentioned.*”

After:

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Ryland* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and made several amendments thereunto, which he was ready to report whenever the House shall be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be received to-morrow.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intitled, " An Act to authorize *Jean Marie Langlois*, otherwise called "*Jean Marie Germain*, to build a Bridge over the River Yamaska, " at the foot of the Cascade, opposite the village of Saint Hyacinthe, " in the county of Richelieu ; to fix the Rates of Toll for passing " thereon, and to provide Regulations for the said Bridge."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and made several amendments thereunto, which he was ready to report, whenever the House shall be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be received to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 21st FEBRUARY,

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,

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Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson*, (according to order) from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Jean Marie Langlois*, otherwise called *Jean Marie Germain*, to build a Bridge over the River Yamaska, at the foot of the Cascade, opposite the village of Saint Hyacinthe, in the county of Richelieu; to fix the Rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide Regulations for the said Bridge," had been committed, reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the table.

The amendments being then twice read by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House, and are as follows :

Prefs 1, line 1—After "office," insert, "of the Prothonotary."

Prefs 6, lines 13 and 14—Leave out "any of the Fords in."

14—After "Yamaska," insert, "at any of the Fords,
" or in Canoes."

15—Leave out "in Canoes."

ORDERED, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that this Bill with the amendments, be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland*, (according to order) reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled,

“ tuled, “ *An Act to regulate Persons engaged in the Business or Trade of baking and selling Bread within the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the town of Three-Rivers, and to repeal an Ordinance therein-mentioned,*” had been committed, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the table.

The said amendments being then twice read, were agreed to by the House, and are as follows :

Refs 1, line 28—Leave out “ eighteen,” and insert “ nineteen.”

36—Leave out “ It being hereby provided, that,” and insert, “ And that from and after the passing
“ of this Act.”

ORDERED, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that this Bill with the amendments thereto, be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

Hodie zá: vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to grant to Dame Louise Philippe Badelard, widow and relict of the late Honorable Jean Antoine Panet, in testimony of the sense entertained of the meritorious services of her deceased husband, as Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, for a long series of years.”

It was moved,

That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

It was moved in amendment, that the further consideration of this motion be postponed to Monday next.

The question of concurrence being put on this motion in amendment,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It

It was moved that the Bill, intituled "An Act to grant to the Religious Ladies, *Hospitalières* of the Hôtel-Dieu of Quebec, a sum of money for the purposes therein-mentioned," be read for a second time on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* then signified to the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief having been apprized of the contents of the said Bill, had no objection that this House might proceed therein as they might think fit.

The question of concurrence being put on the motion, whether this Bill shall be read for the second time on the next sitting day?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was moved that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide temporary Houses of Correction in the several districts of this Province," be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* then signified to the House that His Excellency the Governor in Chief having been apprized of the contents of the said Bill, had no objection that this House might proceed therein as they might think fit.

The question of concurrence being put on the motion, whether this Bill shall be read for the second time on the next sitting day?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was moved that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide temporary Houses of Correction in the several districts of this Province," be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* then signified to the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief having been apprized of the contents of the said Bill, had no objection that this House might proceed therein as they might think fit.

The question of concurrence being put on this motion, whether this Bill shall be read for the second time on the next sitting day?

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It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the Eastern townships of the Lake Memphramagog; praying the Legislative aid to have Courts of Justice established in their district.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbiniere* presented a Petition from the inhabitants of l'Assomption, praying for Legislative aid to enable them to establish certain Rules and Regulations of Police.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY, 22d FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

Hodie zá. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to authorize Jean
" Marie Langlois, otherwise called Jean Marie Germain, to build a
" Bridge.

“ Bridge over the River Yamaska, at the foot of the Cascade, opposite the village of Saint Hyacinthe, in the county of Richelieu ;
“ to fix the Rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide Regulations for the said Bridge.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill with the amendments shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intitled, “ An Act to make good a certain sum of money therein-
“ mentioned, advanced for the relief of certain Country Parishes in
“ distress, owing to the failure of the late Harvest,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

It was moved to resolve,

That it appears by the information now given to the House by Members in their places, that there is just cause to suspend the operation of the 44th standing Order of this House, respecting the manner of passing Bills therein, as to the said Bill.

The question of concurrence being put on this motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was then moved,

That this Bill be now read for the second time,

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The question being put on this motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to make good
“ a certain sum of money therein-mentioned, advanced for the relief
“ of certain Country Parishes in distress, owing to the failure of the
“ late harvest.”

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House immediately.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Grant reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to make good a
“ certain sum of money therein-mentioned, advanced for the relief
“ of certain Country Parishes in distress, owing to the failure of the
“ late harvest.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to continue an
“ Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled,
“ An Act to regulate Persons engaged in the Business or Trade of
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“ *baking and selling Bread within the cities of Quebec and Montreal,*
“ *and in the town of Three-Rivers, and to repeal an Ordinance there-*
“ *in mentioned.*”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill with the amendments shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to grant to the Religious Ladies, *Hospita-*
“ *lières of the Hôtel-Dieu of Quebec, a sum of money for the pur-*
“ *poses therein-mentioned ;*”

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day be discharged, and that this Bill be read for a second time on Wednesday next.

The question of concurrence being put on this motion.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie &c. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to provide tem-
“ *porary Houses of Correction in the several districts of this Pro-*
“ *vince.*”

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented a Petition from the Merchants of Quebec, praying Legislative aid to enable them to erect a Custom-House in the Lower Town of the City of Quebec.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

And another Petition from Mr. *John Bell*, of Soulange, praying for an exclusive right of building Wharves along the Beach of the Saint Lawrence, commencing at the Split Rock at the Cedars, and to take Tolls for Boats making use of the said Wharves.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

A Message was presented from His Excellency the Governor in Chief by the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay*.

The Members rose, and the Message was read in the words following:

(Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE,
Governor in Chief.

The agreement heretofore existing between the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, respecting the proportion of Duties due to the latter Province, and the Act authorizing the appointment of Commissioners for the purpose of forming that agreement, having expired, the Governor in Chief recommends to the Legislative Council to pass an Act for the appointment of Commissioners, to treat with such as shall be appointed on the part of the Upper Province, for the formation of a new agreement.

(Signed) J. C. S.

Castle of Saint Lewis, }
Quebec, 21st February, 1817. }

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return him the thanks of this House, for his Message of this day; and to assure His Excellency, that this House will readily concur in all such measures as may tend to carry the object of that Message into effect.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay* and *Grant*, do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the said Address.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Vanfelson*, to return the Bill, intituled, " An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein-named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the "*Quebec Friendly Society*," under certain Restrictions, Rules and Regulations therein-mentioned," and to acquaint this House that the Assembly hath agreed to the amendments made by this House to that Bill.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Monday next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were:

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Messrs. De Lotbinière,

Hale,

Richardson,

De Gaspé,

Ryland,

Cuthbert,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant to Dame *Louise Philippe Badiard*, widow and relict of the late Honorable *Jean Antoine Panet*, in testimony of the sense entertained of the meritorious services of her deceased husband, as Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, for a long series of years ;"

It was moved,

That

That the Order of the Day be discharged, and that this Bill be read for the second time on the first day of May next.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the negative.

It was then moved,

That the Order of the Day on this Bill be discharged, and that this Bill be read for the second time on Thursday next.

The question of concurrence being put on this motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide temporary Houses of Correction in the several districts of this Province."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Ryland reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time on the next sitting day.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

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*The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
Cuthbert,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Grant* and himself had, (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House of Saturday last, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same graciously.

Hodie 3â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to provide temporary Houses of Correction in the several districts of this Province.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* presented a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to render more certain the lines and boundaries of Lands, and for the establishing and erecting of Meridian Stones in different parts of this Province.”

ORDERED, That the same be read.

Hodie 1â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to render more certain the lines and boundaries of Lands, and for the establishing
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“ ing and erecting of Meridian Stones in different parts of this Province.”

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on Friday next.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the Militia of the Province of Lower-Canada,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

Another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the relief of certain Parishes in distress,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

Another Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Gugy*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize a Census, and Statistical Returns of the Province of Lower-Canada,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on Thursday next.

RESOLVED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay*, *Cuthbert*, and *Grant*, be a Committee to view the Vaults appropriated to the safe keeping of the Papers in the charge of the Clerk of the Parliaments, with respect to what conveniences are therein, for the

the placing and safe keeping of the records, papers, and writings there deposited. And also, to view the Rooms appropriated to the Clerks and Officers of this House, with relation to the conveniences which they furnish for the execution of their duties, and to consider the further accommodation of this House, with such apartments as are necessary.

RESOLVED, That it be an instruction to the said Committee, that they do report to this House the means by which such further conveniences and accommodations as may be necessary, can best be attained.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* presented a Petition from *Joseph Roy*, Esquire, praying Legislative aid to enable him to build a Bridge over the River *Jelus*.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs. De Lotbinière,

Hale,

Duchefnay,

Richardson,

De Gaspé,

Cuthbert,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

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The Honorable Mr. *Grant* presented a Petition from certain Proprietors of the Rue des Pauvres of the city of Quebec, against the passing of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant to the Religious Ladies, *Hospitales* of the Hôtel-Dieu of Quebec, a sum of money for the purposes therein-mentioned."

The said Petition having been read,

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant to the Religious Ladies, *Hospitales* of the Hôtel-Dieu of Quebec, a sum of money for the purposes therein-mentioned,"

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day be discharged, and that this Bill be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* signified to the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief having been apprized of the contents of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to authorize a Census and Statistical Returns of the Province of Lower-Canada," had no objection that the House might proceed therein as they shall think fit.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to regulate the Militia of the Province of Lower-Canada."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act for the Relief of certain Parishes in Distress."

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ORDERED,

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day, for committing the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of certain Parishes in distress," to a Committee of the whole House, shall have the preference over the other Orders of the Day, and that the said Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House.

The question of concurrence having been put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill.

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After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Grant reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for a third time on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. Viger, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal, in part, a clause of an Act or Ordinance made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*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,*" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Another Message from the Assembly, by Mr. Ogden, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for the division of the Province of Lower-Canada; for amending the Judicature thereof; and for repealing certain Laws therein-mentioned; so far as respects the Judiciary and Superior Terms of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Three-Rivers;*" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Honorable Mr. Cuthbert signified to the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief having been apprized of the contents of this Bill, had no objection that the House might proceed therein as they shall think fit.

Another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of the Students in Law, for the profession of Advocate, Attorney, Solicitor, and Counsel, who served during the late War with the United States of America," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. Panet, with a Bill, intituled,

“ An Act to authorize *Timothé Dufour*, to build a Bridge over the
“ River of Malbaie, in the county of Northumberland,” to which
they desire the concurrence of this House.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to grant to Dame
“ *Louise Philippe Badelard*, widow and relict of the late Honorable
“ *Jean Antoine Panet*, in testimony of the sense entertained of the
“ meritorious services of her deceased husband, as Speaker of the
“ House of Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, for a long
“ series of years.”

It was moved,

That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole
House, on the twenty-fifth day of April next.

The question of concurrence having been put on this motion,

It was resolved in the negative.

It was then moved,

That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole
House on the next sitting day.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the
Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize a Census and Statistical Returns
“ of the Province of Lower-Canada,”

It was moved,

That this Bill, be now read for the second time.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to authorize a
“ Censur and Statistical Returns of the Province of Lower Canada.”

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the
Bill, intituled, “ An Act to grant to the Religious Ladies, *Hospita-*
“ *lières* of the Hôtel Dieu of Quebec, a sum of money for the pur-
“ poses therein-mentioned ;”

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day be discharged, and that this Bill be
read for the second time on Monday next.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure,
and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, in-
tituled, “ An Act to regulate the Militia of the Province of Lower-
“ Canada.”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr.
Cuthbert reported from the said Committee, that they had made some
progress in the said Bill, and prayed leave to sit again,

Agreed and ordered,

That the House be again put into a Committee of the whole
House on this Bill, on the next fitting day.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at
twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened, were

The

*The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable*

*Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Cuthbert,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day for committing the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Militia of the Province of Lower-Canada," to a Committee of the whole House, shall have the preference over the other Orders of the Day; and that the said Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* reported from the said Committee, that they had made some further progress in the said Bill, and prayed leave to sit again.

Agreed and ordered,

That this Bill be again committed, and to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *McCord*.

ORDERED, That the said Message, and papers accompanying the same, be read.

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The said Message and papers were read in the words following :

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Tuesday, 25th February, 1817.

RESOLVED, That a Copy of the Proceedings of this House on the Articles of Complaint against the Honorable *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, one of the Puisné Judges of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Montreal, together with the evidence had before the Special Committee, to whom the said Articles of Complaint were referred, be communicated by Message to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Gugy* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest, (Signed) WM. LINDSAY,
Clk. Affy.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Monday, 24th February, 1817.

RESOLVED, That in the year 1811, (*Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, being the Provincial Judge of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Three Rivers) an Information in the nature of a civil suit, was exhibited and filed, on the part and in behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King, and in support of the rights of the Crown, against one *Pierre Ignace Daillebout*. That the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, being in the habits of intimacy and friendship with the said defendant, *Pierre Ignace Daillebout*, drew up a plea for him in his (the said *Louis Charles Foucher*) handwriting, and delivered it to one of the Officers of the said Court, ordering him to copy it; which was done. And the said Copy, signed by the said *Pierre Ignace Daillebout*, was filed, and now stands of record in the cause; that the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, afterwards sat as Judge upon the Bench in the said Court upon the trial of the said cause, and assisted in giving judgment against
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His Majesty: That the said *Louis Charles Foucher* in this respect, has been guilty of gross malversation, corrupt practice, and injustice; and has violated his oath of office; swerved from his duty to his Sovereign; and has been guilty of conduct tending to disgrace the administration of Justice in Lower-Canada.

RESOLVED, That in the year 1814 (the said *Louis Charles Foucher* being then one of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Montreal) made the draft of a Declaration in a Cause, instituted in the said Court by one *Pierre Ignace Daillebout*, against one *Etienne Duchesnois*, and sent the said Draft of a Declaration by the said *Pierre Ignace Daillebout*, to one *Janvier Dombtail Lacroix*, an Attorney and Barrister at Law, of Montreal, and also an intimate friend and relation of the said *Louis Charles Foucher*: That the said *Lacroix* brought an action, in which he used the said Draft of a Declaration, and obtained an interlocutory judgment in favor of the said *Pierre Ignace Daillebout*; and also obtained final judgment in favor of the said *Pierre Ignace Daillebout*, for the sum of L. 85 6s. 5d. with costs of suit: That the said *Louis Charles Foucher* drew up the said interlocutory judgment, which now appears of record in the hand-writing of him the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, who also assisted in rendering the final judgment: That the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, in this respect, has been guilty of gross malversation, corrupt practice, and injustice; and has violated his oath of office; swerved from his duty to his Sovereign; and has been guilty of conduct tending to disgrace the administration of Justice in Lower-Canada.

RESOLVED, That in the year 1815, the said *Louis Charles Foucher* then being one of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench, for the district of Montreal, held alone a Court called the Inferior Term of the Court of King's Bench: That the said Court, the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, was guilty of denial of justice; of great oppression and injustice towards *Charles Porteous*, Esquire, Attorney and Barrister at Law, threatening illegally and unjustly to suspend him without any reasonable cause; and at the same time using low and insulting language, unworthy of a British

tish Judge upon the Bench ; such as “ Hold your tongue.”—
 “ Your question is stupid.”—“ You tell a falsehood.”—“ What
 you say is false.”—“ It is a falsehood, and I do not hesitate to say
 “ in open Court, and in the face of the Public, that I do not un-
 “ derstand that you should come here to tell a falsehood.”—“ I
 “ am only accountable to myself for my conduct : I am the Re-
 “ presentative of the King : I do not hesitate to say, that upon the
 “ Bench I am greater than His Majesty ; because His Majesty
 “ himself comes to my Tribunal to be judged.” The said *Louis
 Charles Foucher* then proceeded with anger to give judgment
 against the Client of the said *Charles Porteous*, refusing, at the
 same time, to hear his witnesses : That the said *Louis Charles
 Foucher* in this respect, has been guilty of gross malversation,
 corrupt practice, and injustice ; and has violated his oath of
 office ; swerved from his duty to his Sovereign ; and (as relates
 to him) has disgraced the administration of justice of Lower-
 Canada.

RESOLVED, That in the month of May 1814, the said *Louis Charles
 Foucher*, alone held a Court called the Inferior Term of the
 Court of King’s Bench for the district of Montreal, and the said
Louis Charles Foucher pronounced a final judgment in favour
 of a plaintiff, one *Susanne La Haie*, against a defendant, one
Louis Causineau ; and afterwards the said *Louis Charles Foucher*
 caused the said judgment to be erased and scratched out from
 the Register : And in the month of September following, the
 said *Louis Charles Foucher* rendered a second final judgment in
 the same cause, which judgment was in favor of the defendant,
Louis Causineau, and dismissed the action of the said plaintiff,
Susanne La Haie ; and on several other occasions, the said *Louis
 Charles Foucher* has caused Records to be altered, erased, and
 scratched out : That the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, in this re-
 spect, has been guilty of gross malversation, corrupt practice
 and injustice ; and has violated his oath of office ; swerved from
 his duty to his Sovereign ; and (as relates to him) has dis-
 graced the administration of justice in Lower-Canada.

Attest, (Signed) WM. LINDSAY,
 Clk. Assy.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

THE PRINCE REGENT.

We, His Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Commons of Lower-Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled; most respectfully beg leave to approach your Royal Highness; and to represent to your Royal Highness that, *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, one of the Judges of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the district of Montreal, has been accused before us, of high crimes and misdemeanors in his capacity of Judge as aforesaid; and that after a patient and diligent examination of witnesses, (the testimony of whom we now transmit) we have unanimously adopted several Resolutions as Articles of Complaint, against the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, which are hereunto annexed.

The impartial administration of justice, one of the most important, privileges of our fellow-subjects, in the United Kingdom, as declared by our revered and beloved Sovereign, hath been by the said *Louis Charles Foucher* swerved from, in various instances, referred to in the said Resolutions.

The Criminal Law of England, and the free trial by Jury in criminal cases, has been granted to His Majesty's loyal subjects of Lower-Canada, by the wisdom and justice of the British Parliament; and they would be deprived of the security for reputation, liberty and life, which the Criminal Law of England, and the free trial by Jury are calculated to afford, if a Judge, destitute of uprightness, should be allowed to act.

That, as by the Municipal Laws of this Province, the greater number of Civil Suits are tried by the Court, without the intervention of a Jury, the sole security for the property of His Majesty's loyal subjects in this Province, is to be found in the integrity of the persons to whom the administration of justice is confided.

Wherefore, we, His Majesty's faithful Commons of this Province, most respectfully beg leave to be permitted to lay at the feet of your
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Royal Highness, the grounds of our complaint against the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, and pray that, in consideration of the premises, he may be removed from his office, and that the authority of His Majesty's Government may be interposed in such way as in your Royal Highness's wisdom may appear necessary for bringing him to justice.

*Voted in the House of Assembly,
Tuesday, 25th February, 1817.*

(Signed) WM. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE,

Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Lower-Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to represent to Your Excellency, that we have found ourselves constrained, by a sense of duty, to direct our attention to the investigation of certain accusations brought against the Honorable *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Puisné Judges for the district of Montreal; upon which, after mature deliberation, we have adopted certain Resolutions as Articles of Complaint against the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, and have made an humble Address to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, which we have now the honor of presenting to your Excellency; and pray that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to transmit them to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, together with the documents accompanying the Address.

And we beg leave to represent to Your Excellency, that from the importance and magnitude of the Charges, which we have deemed it our bounden duty to exhibit against the said *Louis Charles Foucher*,
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Esquire, it would be inconsistent with the honor and dignity of His Majesty's Government, and the interest of his faithful subjects in this Province, that the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, should continue to exercise the high and important duties of his office, while the said Charges are depending against him. In representing to your Excellency, the necessity of suspending the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, from his office, we only act in conformity to the principles which our beloved Sovereign manifested, when he was graciously pleased to declare from the Throne, to both Houses of Parliament, that he looked upon the uprightnes of Judges, as one of the best securities to the rights and liberties of his loving subjects, and as most conducive to the honor of his Crown.

Therefore, we, His Majesty's faithful Commons of Lower-Canada, humbly pray, that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to suspend the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, from his said office, until His Majesty's pleasure shall be known.

*Voted in the House of Assembly,
Tuesday, 25th February, 1817.*

(Signed) Wm. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

ORDERED, That the evidence sent up with the Message of this day, by the Assembly, be put in the file of this House.

It was moved,

That this Message, and papers accompanying the same, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The question of concurrence being put on this motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Members of this House, in town and its vicinity, be summoned to appear to-morrow in their places in this House, at eleven o'clock in the morning.

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Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act for the relief of
" certain Parishes in distress."

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to render more certain the lines and boundaries of Lands, and for the establishing and erecting of Meridian Stones in different parts of this Province ;"

ORDERED, That the said Order be discharged, and that the said Bill be read for a second time on Monday next.

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day for committing the Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant to Dame *Louise Philippe Badelard*, widow and relict of the late Honorable *Jean Antoine Panet*, in testimony of the sense entertained of the meritorious services of her deceased husband, as Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, for a long series of years," be discharged, and that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill on Monday next.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie 1^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to authorize *Timothe Dufour* to build a Toll-Bridge over the River of Malbaie, in the county of Northumberland." The

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a Petition from *Timothé Dufour*, praying Legislative aid to build a Toll Bridge over the River of Malbaie.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on Monday next.

Hodie 1^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to repeal in part a clause of an Act, or Ordinance, made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "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."

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on Monday next.

Hodie 1^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the division of the Province of Lower-Canada, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain Laws therein-mentioned; so far as respects the Judiciary and Superior Terms of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Three-Rivers."

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on Monday next.

Hodie 1^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of the Students in Law, for the profession of Advocate, Attorney, Solicitor and Counsel, who served during the late War with the United States of America."

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on Monday next.

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The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a Petition from *George Chapman*, of the city of Quebec, praying, that he may have more correct weights, beams, scales and measures, than those he now has in his possession, as Inspector of Weights and Measures.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the morning, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY, 1st MARCH.

THE Members convened, were:

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. Babý,
De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS:

A Message from His Excellency the Governor in Chief was presented by the Honorable Mr. *Richardson*.

The Members rose, and the Message was read in the words following:

(Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE,
Governor in Chief.

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The Governor in Chief calls the attention of the Legislative Council to the inconveniences that may arise from the unrestricted admission of Aliens into the Province; and recommends to their consideration the expediency of taking measures for the prevention thereof, and for the regulation of the conduct of such persons while they shall be in the Province.

*Castle of Saint Lewis, }
28th February, 1817. }*

(Signed) J. C. S.

ORDERED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return him the thanks of this House for his Message of this day, respecting the inconveniences that may arise from the unrestricted admission of Aliens into the Province; and to assure His Excellency of the readiness with which this House will proceed to the consideration of the subject recommended in the said Message.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Richardson* and *De Gaspé*, do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the said Address.

The Order of the Day, for taking into consideration the Message and papers accompanying the same, received yesterday from the Assembly, being read,

The said Message was read accordingly.

It was then moved,

That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Message, and papers accompanying the same.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure,
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and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Message and papers.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé* reported from the said Committee, that they had considered the said Message, and had directed him to report certain Resolutions, which he delivered in at the table. The said Resolutions being read, were in the words following :

RESOLVED, That an Address be presented to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, humbly beseeching His Royal Highness not to inflict any punishment upon the Honorable *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, one of the Puisné Justices of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Montreal, in consequence of the Articles of Complaint exhibited against him by the Assembly of this Province, until such Articles of Complaint shall have been submitted to the consideration of this House, and this House shall have concurred therein, and such Articles of Complaint, after such submission and concurrence, shall have been heard and determined in such Tribunal as His Royal Highness shall be pleased to appoint for that purpose ; or until such Articles of Complaint, without such submission and concurrence, shall have been heard and determined in due course of justice in this House, under such Commission as His Royal Highness shall see fit to issue for that purpose, with such powers and limitations as to His Royal Highness shall seem meet.

The question of concurrence being put on this Resolution,

It was resolved in the affirmative,

It was moved to resolve,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, requesting him to lay the humble Address of this House to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, at the foot of the Throne, in such way as He may judge to be most proper.

The question of concurrence being put on this Resolution,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, and another Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, in conformity with the said Resolutions; and that the Committee be the Hon. Messrs. *De Lotbiniere, Richardson and Cuthbert*, who are to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Vanfelson*, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to regulate Persons engaged in the business or trade of baking and selling Bread within the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the town of Three-Rivers, and to repeal an Ordinance therein-mentioned*"—and to acquaint this House that the Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by this House to that Bill.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Viger*, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Jean Marie Langlois*, otherwise called "*Jean Marie Germain*, to build a Bridge over the River Yamaska, at the foot of the Cascade, opposite the village of Saint Hyacinthe, in the county of Richelieu; to fix the Rates of Toll for passing thereon; and to provide Regulations for the said Bridge," and to acquaint this House that the Assembly have concurred in the amendments made by this House to this Bill.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Monday next at nine o'clock in the morning, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY, 3d MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

The

*The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* from the Special Committee, charged to draw up an Address to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT; and another Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, reported, that the Committee had prepared these two several Addresses, pursuant to the said order, which he delivered in at the table—which said Addresses being then read by the Clerk,

It was moved and agreed to,

That after the words PRINCE REGENT, in the Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, be inserted the words, “which Address we have passed unanimously.” And the same having been agreed to by the House, are as follows:

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

THE PRINCE REGENT

Of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of the Province of Lower-Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, do most humbly represent to Your Royal Highness, that certain Articles of Complaint and Accusation for high crimes and misdemeanors, have been voted by the Assembly of this Province, against *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, one of the Judges of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the district of Montreal; and an Address of the Assembly has also been voted to be laid before

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Your Royal Highness, with the said Articles; and praying, that the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, be removed from his office.

In these proceedings, we have had no participation in any shape; the Resolutions of the Assembly not having been submitted to us for concurrence; nor has the accused been at all heard in his defence, or had any communication of the Charges against him, other than what the public Papers, or private information may have conveyed: we, therefore, do not presume to give any opinion upon the innocence or guilt of the accused.

Under all the circumstances of the case, however, we consider it our bounden duty, humbly to submit to the consideration of Your Royal Highness, the serious consequences which are likely to result, if the claim of the Assembly be sustained. That claim extends to the right of passing Articles of Accusation, without limitation and without controul, in this Province, either when voted after the hearing only of *ex parte* testimony, without notification to the accused of Complaint against him, or in the absence of all testimony, as hath been already practised.

If such a right in the Assembly shall be established, and that Articles of Complaint and Accusation by that House, neither require any concurrence in the Legislative Council, previously to being submitted to Your Royal Highness; nor can be adjudged upon by this House, or any other tribunal constituted, or to be constituted in this Province, then every public officer being liable to be compelled at his own expence to go to England, before being heard, at an immense distance from the place of residence of his exculpatory witnesses, must henceforth feel himself wholly at the mercy of the Assembly, and thereby become disqualified from an independent and faithful discharge of official duty.

We, therefore, humbly beseech Your Royal Highness not to inflict any punishment upon the said *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, one of the Judges of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the district of Montreal, in consequence of the Articles of Complaint exhibited against him by the Assembly of this Province, until such
Articles

Articles of Complaint shall have been submitted to the consideration of this House, and this House shall have concurred therein ; and such Articles of Complaint, after such submission and concurrence, shall have been heard and determined in such tribunal as Your Royal Highness shall be pleased to appoint for that purpose ; or until such Articles of Complaint, without such submission and concurrence, shall have been heard and determined in due course of justice in this House, under such Commission as Your Royal Highness shall see fit to issue for that purpose, with such powers and limitations as to Your Royal Highness shall seem meet.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE,

Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and their several Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, Lieutenant General and Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and their several Dependencies, and in the Islands of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, Cape Breton and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of the Province of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, taking into consideration the proceedings on the part of the Assembly of this Province against the Honorable *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esquire, one of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Montreal, have found ourselves under the necessity of coming to a resolution to address His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, respecting such proceedings : We now beg leave to present to your Excellency our humble and dutiful Address to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, which we have passed unanimously ; and we respectfully request, that your Excellency will

will be pleased, in such way and manner as you may judge most proper, to transmit to His Majesty's Ministers, the said Address to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

ORDERED, That the said Addreses to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, and to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbinière* and *Richardson*, do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, humbly to know what time His Excellency will be pleased to be attended with the said Address.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* appears.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* and himself, had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, humbly to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to be attended with the said Addreses; and that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint Thursday next, at one o'clock.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé* and himself, had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House of Saturday last; and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same graciously.

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day, for committing the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Militia of the Province of Lower-Canada," have the preference over any other Orders of the Day, and be now committed to a Committee of the whole House. The

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House (according to order) was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* reported from the said Committee, that the Committee had made some further progress in the said Bill, and prayed leave to sit again.

Agreed and ordered,

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on this Bill on the next fitting day.

It was moved,

That the Message of His Excellency the Governor in Chief of the twenty-eighth of February last, be now taken into consideration in a Committee of the whole House.

The question of concurrence being put;

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the said Message of His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported from the said Committee, that the Committee had considered the said Message, and had directed him to report, that a Bill should be brought into this House to establish Regulations respecting Aliens arriving in this Province, or residing therein.

The House agreed with the Committee.

Hodie 1â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to establish Regulations respecting Aliens arriving in this Province, or residing therein."

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for a second time on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Viger*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to authorize the advance of a certain sum of money for the causes therein-mentioned, to the Province of Upper Canada," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

Another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act for appointing Commissioners to treat with Commissioners appointed, or to be appointed, on the part of Upper Canada, for the purposes therein-mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

Another Message from the Assembly, by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said cities, for other purposes, and to provide the means for defraying the expence thereof," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Badeaux*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act for erecting a Court-house, with proper offices, in the

“ the district of Three-Rivers, and for defraying the expence there-
“ of,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

Another Message from the Assembly, by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend an Act passed in the forty-first
“ year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ *An Act for better regu-*
“ *lating the Common belonging to the Town of Three-Rivers,*” to which
“ they desire the concurrence of this House.”

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to indemnify all Persons concerned in advising
“ and carrying into execution an Embargo of the ninth day of July
“ last; and for laying a further Embargo, to prevent for a limited
“ time, the Exportation of Grain and Flour, and other articles
“ therein-mentioned,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

Whereas this day was appointed for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act
“ to grant to Dame *Louise Philippe Badelard*, widow and relict of
“ the late Honorable *Jean Antoine Panet*, in testimony of the sense entertained

“ entertained of the meritorious services of her deceased husband;
“ as Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower-
“ Canada, for a long series of years.”

ORDERED, That the said Order of the Day be discharged, and that
this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House
on the next sitting day.

The Orders of the Day being read for the second reading of the
Bills, intituled, “ An Act to authorize *Timothé Dufour* to build a
“ Toll-Bridge over the River of Malbaie, in the county of Northum-
“ berland;”

“ An Act to repeal in part a clause of an Act or Ordinance made
“ and passed in the twenty-ninth year of His Majesty’s Reign, inti-
“ tuled, “ *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;*”

“ An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His
“ Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ *An Act for the Division of the Pro-*
“ *vince of Lower-Canada; for amending the Judicature thereof;*
“ *and for repealing certain Laws therein-mentioned;*” so far as respects
“ the Judiciary and Superior Terms of the Court of King’s Bench
“ for the district of Three-Rivers;”

“ An Act for the Relief of the Students in Law for the profession
“ of Advocate, Attorney, Solicitor and Counsel, who served during
“ the late War with the United States of America;”

“ An Act to grant to the Religious Ladies, *Hospitalières* of the
“ Hôtel-Dieu of Quebec, a sum of money for the purposes therein-
“ mentioned;”

“ An Act to render more certain the lines and boundaries of
“ Lands; and for the establishing and erecting of Meridian Stones
“ in different parts of this Province;”

ORDERED.

ORDERED, That the said Orders of the Day be discharged, and that the said Bills be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY, 4th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to establish Regulations respecting Aliens arriving in this Province, or residing therein."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House, on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to authorize the advance of a certain sum of money for the causes therein-mentioned, to the Province of Upper Canada."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act for appointing
" Commissioners to treat with Commissioners appointed, or to be
" appointed on the part of Upper Canada, for the purposes therein-
" mentioned."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the
whole House, on the next fitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to indemnify all
" Persons concerned in advising and carrying into execution an Em-
" bargo of the ninth day of July last; and for laying a further Em-
" bargo, to prevent for a limited time, the Exportation of Grain
" and Flour, and other articles therein-mentioned."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the
whole House, on the next fitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act for erecting a
" Court House with proper offices in the district of Three-Rivers
" and for defraying the expence thereof."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the
whole House on the next fitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to amend an Act
" passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An
" Act for better regulating the Common belonging to the town of
" Three-Rivers."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the
whole House on the next fitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to provide more
" effectually for the security of the cities of Quebec and Montreal,
" by establishing a Watch, and Night Lights in the said cities, for
" other purposes, and to provide the means for defraying the ex-
" pence thereof."

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to render more certain the lines and boundaries of Lands, and for the establishing and erecting of Meridian Stones in different parts of this Province."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to repeal in part a clause of an Act, or Ordinance, made and passed in the twentieth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *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.*"

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act for the division of the Province of Lower-Canada, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain Laws therein-mentioned, so far as respects the Judiciary and Superior Terms of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Three-Rivers.*"

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act for the relief of the Students in Law for the profession of Advocate, Attorney, Solicitor and Counsel, who served during the late War with the United States of America."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

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Hodie zá. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to authorize *Ti-
“ mothé Dufour* to build a Toll-Bridge over the River of Malbaie, in
“ the county of Northumberland.”

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the Militia of the Province of Lower-
“ Canada.”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several amendments, whenever the House shall be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be received to-morrow.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to make more effectual provision for the improve-
“ ment of the Internal Communications of this Province ;” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* presented a Petition from certain Inn-keepers of the city of Quebec, praying Legislative aid to prevent Shopkeepers from retailing Spiritous Liquors in their houses, and that having a Trade, or public office, be also prevented from keeping a Boarding House in Quebec, or in the banlieu.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

And another Petition from certain Citizens of Quebec, praying the concurrence of this House to the Bill at present before this House,
for

for granting a pecuniary aid to the Nuns of the Hotel-Dieu of Quebec, for establishing a Hospital, annexed to the Hotel-Dieu Convent; and that the House doth not have any regard to the opposition lately brought forward against the said Bill.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant to Dame *Louise Phillippe Badelard*, widow and relict of the late Honorable *Jean Antoine Panet*, in testimony of the sense entertained of the meritorious services of her deceased husband, as Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, for a long series of years," being read,

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill.

After some time the House was resumed.

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant to the Religious Ladies, *Hospitalières* of the Hotel-Dieu of Quebec, a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned," be discharged; and that this Bill be read for the second time to-morrow.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY.

WEDNESDAY, 5th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs. De Lotbinière,

Hale,

Duchesnay,

Richardson,

De Gaspé,

Ryland,

Cuthbert,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill intituled, "An Act to regulate the Militia of the Province of Lower-Canada," had been committed, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several amendments, which he delivered in at the table.

The amendments were twice read, and were severally agreed to by the House, and are as follow :

Prefs 1, line 20—Leave out from the second "And," inclusively, to "Rank," in the 23d. line, also inclusively, and insert, "Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend, to revoke or annul all, or any of the Commissions of the different Officers of Militia at present appointed in the Province, till such time as further provision
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“ be made therein by the Governor, Lieutenant
“ Governor, or person administering the Gov-
“ ernment for the time being.”

Prefs 1, line 31—Leave out from “and” inclusively to “Aid de-
“ Camp” in the 38th line, also inclusively.

Prefs 5, line 5—Leave out from “And” inclusively, to “ap-
“ proved” in the seventh line, also inclusively,
and insert “ And in case any Captain shall refuse
“ or neglect to make return of another person,
“ or of other persons in lieu of any person or
“ persons whose nomination shall be so disap-
“ proved, it shall and may be lawful for the Field
“ Officer aforesaid, to name and appoint such
“ proper persons as he shall think fit, to be
“ Serjeant, or Serjeants of the Company of such
“ Captain so refusing or neglecting.”

Prefs 7, line 38—Leave out “sit as President,” and insert “act as
“ Judge Advocate.”

Prefs 8, line 4—Leave out from “every” inclusively, to “days”
in the 15th line, also inclusively, and insert, “ And
“ that all Witnesses so duly summoned as afore-
“ said, who shall not attend on such Courts Mar-
“ tial, shall be held to be attached in either the
“ Courts of King’s Bench in this Province, upon
“ Complaint made to the said Courts of King’s
“ Bench respectively, in like manner as if such
“ Witnesses had neglected to attend on a Trial in
“ any criminal Proceeding in that Court.”

32—Leave out from “And” inclusively, to “Province,”
in the 36th line, also inclusively.

44—After “escaping,” insert “ And every person or
persons sowing sedition, or disturbing the public
tranquillity.”

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Prefs 9, line 23—Leave out “escaping”, and insert “so appointed.”

Prefs 10, line 3—Leave out from “resident” inclusively, to “be,” in the 8th line, also inclusively; and insert “A
“ subject of His Majesty, naturalized according
“ to Law, or a subject of His Majesty having be-
“ come such by the conquest or cession of Ca-
“ nada.”

10—After “held” insert “or now doth hold.”

14—Leave out from “keep,” inclusively, to “Re-
turns” in the 34th line also inclusively, and in-
sert “transmit a Roll of his Company, specify-
“ ing the Christian name, surname and age of ev-
“ ery Militiaman in his Company, to the Officer
“ commanding the division or battalion to which
“ he belongs, between the fifteenth day of De-
“ cember and the fifteenth day of February in
“ each and every year; which said Rolls shall by
“ the said Commanding Officer be reduced into
“ a General Return; and such General Returns
“ shall be transmitted to the Adjutant General’s
“ office or department, on or before the first
“ day of April of each and every year, for the
“ information of the Governor, Lieutenant Go-
“ vernor, or person administering the Govern-
“ ment of this Province for the time being.”

Prefs 12, lines 33 and 34—Leave out “in case of War, Invasion, or
“ Insurrection, or imminent danger thereof.”

Prefs 17, line 7—Leave out from “And” inclusively, to “bring”
in the 15th line, also inclusively.

19—After “service” insert, “or for the Annual train-
“ ing, drilling and exercising herein-before au-
“ thorized.”

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Prefs 20, line 29—Leave out “ approved ” and insert “ appointed.”
After “ the ” in the same line, insert “ Country.”

30—Leave out “ by the Curates and Church-wardens
“ in office.”

Prefs 21, line 32—Leave out the second “ As.”

Ibid—Leave out “ And.”

33—Leave out from “ otherwise ” inclusively, to “ Gar-
“ rison ” in the 37th line, also inclusively, and insert
“ all other allowances.”

Prefs 25, line 1—Leave out from “ so ” inclusively, to “ repealed,”
in the 13th line, also inclusively, and insert, “ from
“ and after the passing of this Act, an Ordinance
“ of the late Province of Quebec, passed in the
“ twenty-seventh year of the Reign of His pre-
“ sent Majesty, intituled, “ An Ordinance for
“ better regulating the Militia of this Province,
“ and rendering it of more general utility to-
“ wards the preservation and security thereof.”
“ And also an Ordinance passed in the twenty-
“ ninth year of the Reign of His present Majesty,
“ intituled, “ An Act or Ordinance for better re-
“ gulating the Militia of this Province, and ren-
“ dering it of more general utility towards the
“ preservation and security thereof,” are hereby
“ repealed.”

ORDERED, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that this
Bill be read for the third time on the next sitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. Davison, with a Bill, intitu-
led, “ An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His
“ Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ *An Act to facilitate the circulation of*
“ *Army*

“ *Army Bills,* and to grant a sum of money for the purposes therein-
“ *mentioned,*” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intitled, “ An Act to establish Regulations respecting Aliens arriving
“ in this Province, or residing therein.”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Ryland* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

ORDERED, That this Bill be engrossed, and that it be read for the third time on the next sitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intitled, “ An Act to authorize the advance of a certain sum of money
“ for the causes therein-mentioned, to the Province of Upper Ca-
“ nada.”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time on the next sitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intitled, “ An Act for appointing Commissioners to treat with Commis-
“ sioners appointed, or to be appointed, on the part of Upper Cana-
“ da, for the purposes therein-mentioned.”

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After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time on the next sitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intitled. " An Act for erecting a Court-House, with proper offices in the district of Three-Rivers, and for defraying the expence thereof."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made an amendment to the same, which he was directed to report whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be received to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a Petition from certain persons, named as a Committee, for the advancement of the Education of the Poor, in the City of Quebec, praying Legislative aid, the better to enable them to carry into execution their present plan of instruction.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at half past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 6th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

*The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

*Hodie zá. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to regulate the
" Militia of the Province of Lower-Canada."*

The question was put,

Whether this Bill with the amendments shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

*Hodie zá. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to establish Re-
" gulations respecting Aliens arriving in this Province, or residing
" therein."*

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

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It was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners to treat with Commissioners appointed or to be appointed, on the part of Upper-Canada, for the purposes therein-mentioned."

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to authorize the advance of a certain sum of money for the causes therein-mentioned, to the Province of Upper Canada."

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these two Bills without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported from the Committee to whom the Bill, intituled, "An Act for erecting a Court-House with proper offices in the district of Three-Rivers, and for defraying the expence thereof," had been committed, "That the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with one amendment, which he delivered in at the Table."

The said amendment being twice read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows:

Pres 1, line 3—Leave out from "to" inclusively, to "expedient" in

in the 14th line also inclusively, and insert “trans-
“mitted by his Excellency the Governor in Chief
“to both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, to
“lay before them a Presentment of the Grand Jury
“of the district of Three Rivers, representing the
“insufficiency and insecurity of the Building now
“occupied as a Court-House for that district;
“and to recommend that provision be made for
“the better accommodation of the Courts of Jus-
“tice, and of the public offices connected with
“them in that district.”

ORDERED, That the said amendment be engrossed.

It was moved,

That there is a cause to dispense with the standing Order of this House, with respect to this Bill.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

It was then moved,

That the said Bill with the amendment be now read for the third time.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

The question being put,

Whether this Bill with the amendment, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed

passed this Bill with one amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for the better regulating the Common belonging to the Town of Three-Rivers.*"

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. De Gaspé reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

It was moved,

That there is cause to dispense with the standing Orders of this House with respect to this Bill.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was then moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read for the third time.

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

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It

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intitled, "An Act to render more certain the lines and boundaries of Lands, and for establishing and erecting of Meridian Stones in different parts of this Province."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Grant* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

ORDERED, That this Bill be engrossed.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for a third time on the next fitting day.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* enters.

The Speaker reported, that the House did this day present their Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, and that His Excellency had been pleased to return the following answer:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

I shall take the earliest opportunity of transmitting your Address to Earl *Bathurst*, for the purpose of being laid before His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT; and I shall feel it my duty at the same time, to request His Lordship's most serious attention to the very important subject to which it relates, The

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to indemnify all Persons concerned in advising and carrying into execution an Embargo of the ninth day of July last, and for laying a further Embargo to prevent, for a limited time, the exportation of grain and flour, and other articles therein-mentioned."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported from the said Committee, that they had made some progress therein, and prayed leave to sit again.

Agreed and ordered,

That the said Bill be again committed, and to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Hodie 1^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to repeal in part an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An act to facilitate the circulation of Army Bills, and to grant a sum of money for the purposes therein-mentioned."

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for a third time to-morrow.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to grant to the religious Ladies, *Hospitalieres* of the Hôtel-Dieu of Quebec, a sum of money for the purposes therein-mentioned."

It was moved,

That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

It was then moved in amendment,

That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the first day of August next.

The same being objected to,

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put on this motion.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was moved to resolve,

That the proceedings of this House on the articles of complaint against the Honorable *Louis Charles Foucher*, Esqr. one of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Montreal, communicated to this House by Message of the 25th February last, be communicated by Message to the Assembly.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do carry to the Assembly a copy of the said proceedings of this House, and the above resolution.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 7th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker;
The Honorable

Messrs.

Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Richardson,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to render more certain the lines and boundaries of Lands, and for establishing and erecting of Meridian Stones in the different parts of this Province."

The question being put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, " An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and night lights in the said Cities; for other purposes, and to provide the means for defraying the expence thereof."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Ryland reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and prayed leave to sit again.

Agreed and ordered,

That

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That the said Bill be again committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act to establish Post Houses in the different parts of this Province;*" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That the Bill be read for a second time on the next fitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, " An Act to indemnify all persons concerned in advising and carrying into execution an Embargo of the ninth day of July last, and for laying a further Embargo to prevent, for a limited time, the exportation of grain and flour, and other articles therein-mentioned."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Grant* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was directed to report, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

It was moved to resolve,

That there is cause to dispense with the standing order of this House with respect to this Bill.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED,

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ORDERED, That the said report be now received.

Thereupon the Honorable Mr. *Grant* reported the said Bill, with the amendments thereto, and the same being twice read, were agreed to by the House, and are as follows:

Prefs 2, line 17—Leave out “ Twentieth day of September,” and insert “ first day of June.”

Prefs 3, line 32—Leave out “ Island of,” and insert “ Islands of Newfoundland.”

Prefs 4, line 9—After “ exportation,” insert, “ by any person or persons.”

lines 10, 11 & 12—Leave out “ Upper Canada, and *bona fide* “ belonging to any of His Majesty’s subjects,” and insert, “ any place or places out of this Province.”

line 17—Leave out “ Upper Canada,” and insert “ Any “ place or places out of this Province.”

ORDERED, That the said amendments be engrossed.

Hodie 2a, vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to repeal in part an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to facilitate the circulation of Army Bills, and to grant a sum of money for the purposes therein-mentioned.”

It was moved,

That there is cause to dispense with the standing Order of this House, with respect to this Bill.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That this Bill be now committed, and to a Committee of the whole House.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to repeal in part an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to facilitate the circulation of Army Bills."

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Timothé Dufour* to build a Bridge over the River of Malbaie, in the County of Northumberland."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for the third time to-morrow.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to repeal in part an Act or Ordinance made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ *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.*”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Grant reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for the third time to-morrow.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the relief of Students in Law, for the profession of Advocate, Attorney, Solicitor and Counsel, who served during the late War with the United States of America.”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Richardson reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for the third time to-morrow,

Hodie gâ. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to indemnify all persons concerned in advising or carrying into execution an Embargo of the ninth day of July last, and for laying a further Embargo,

“ bargo, to prevent for a limited time, the exportation of Grain
“ and Flour, and other articles therein-mentioned.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill with the amendments shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ *An Act for the division of the Province of Lower Canada, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain Laws therein-mentioned, so far as respects the Judiciary and Superior Terms of the Court of King’s Bench for the district of Three-Rivers.*”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Cuthbert reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made an amendment to the same, which he was directed to report whenever the House will be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be received to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Richardson presented a Petition from certain proprietors of the city of Montreal, praying Legislative aid to enable the Commissioners for removing the Old Walls of the City of Montreal, to dispose by sale of a certain lane called St. Dillier’s lane.

ORDERED, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert*, from the Committee appointed to view the offices belonging to this House, and to state what further conveniences and apartments are necessary for the accommodation of the House, reported,

That they have viewed and examined the said vaults and offices, with relation to the state of repair, and the condition the same are now in, and find, that for the preservation of the Records, the vaults require immediate and considerable repairs, such as new flooring, window frames, stoves, new access to them, &c. &c. &c.

That the Committee are further of opinion, that the whole of the wing of the Building adjoining and contiguous to the offices at present occupied by the Legislative Council, are required, with a view to accommodate the Honorable the Speaker, the Clerks and Officers of the House, and facilitate and expedite the public business.

That your Committee nevertheless, do not venture to offer an opinion upon the propriety of pressing the removal of the Honorable the Executive Council from the rooms they at present occupy; but they are of opinion that the Executive Council can be accommodated in the same building, at no great expence; and they do report therefore, that those three rooms contiguous to the present offices, belonging to the Legislative Council, being essentially and absolutely necessary, ought to be allotted to the Clerks and Officers of this House.

Wherefore, your Committee beg leave to represent the propriety of an application to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by an Address requesting, that he will be pleased to give directions that those rooms be delivered over for the convenience of the Legislative Council, and authorize such repairs to be made, as His Excellency shall in his wisdom think proper.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, 8th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were
The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbinière, Hale,* and
Cuthbert, be a Committee to search for precedents, and to report
upon the effect of a resolution in a Committee of the whole
House, upon a Bill committed, that the Chairman do leave the
Chair without directing him to report, or to ask leave to sit
again.

Hodie zá. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to authorize *Ti-*
“ *mothé Dufour* to build a Toll-Bridge over the River of Malbaie,
“ in the County of Northumberland.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assem-
bly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have
passed this Bill without any amendment.

Hodie zá. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act for the relief of
“ the Students in Law for the profession of Advocate, Attorney,
“ Solicitor

“ Solicitor and Counsel, who served during the late War with the United States of America.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to repeal in part a clause of an Act or Ordinance made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ 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.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to establish Post-Houses in the different parts of this Province.”

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

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The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* reported from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act for the division of the Province of Lower Canada, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain Laws therein mentioned, so far as respects the Judiciary and Superior Terms of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Three Rivers;*" that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he delivered in at the Table.

The said amendments were twice read by the Clerk, were severally agreed to by the House, and are as follows:

Prefs 1, line 19—Leave out from "that" inclusive, to "aforesaid," also inclusive, in the 38th line of same Prefs.

line 41—Leave out from "and" inclusive, to "of them," also inclusive, in the 44th line of same Prefs.

Prefs 2, line 3—Leave out "said."

line 4—Leave out "two."

Ibid—Leave out "Judges," and insert "Judge of the said district of Three-Rivers."

line 19—Leave out from "and for" inclusively, to "Law" also inclusive, in the 27th line of same prefs.

PREAMBLE, lines 5 and 6—Leave out "two Provincial Judges in and for the said district of Three-Rivers and also."

TITLE, line 5—Leave out "Judiciary and."

ORDERED, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the said Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

The House taking into consideration the necessity of recommending that an additional Master in Chancery should be appointed to be

be the bearer of Messages of the Legislative Council to the House of Assembly.

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, praying that His Excellency will be graciously pleased to appoint a fit and proper person to be a Master in Chancery, of sufficient rank to bear such an honorable employment, as His Excellency in his great wisdom shall think fit.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Cuthbert* and *Grant* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the said Address.

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make more effectual provision for the improvement of the Internal Communications of this Province," be discharged."

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was moved,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, requesting him to order to be laid before the Legislative Council an account of the expenditures incurred under the provisions of an Act of the Provincial Parliament of the 55th of the King, intituled, "An Act to improve the Internal Communications of this Province."

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Cuthbert* and *Grant* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the said Address.

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The House was adjourned during pleasure,

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.

Who being come with their Speaker.

The Clerk of the Crown read the titles of the Bills to be passed severally, as follows:

“ An Act to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ *An Act for the relief of insane persons, and for the support of Foundlings and others therein-mentioned, and also to grant a further sum of money for the more effectual attainment of the purposes of the said Act.*”

“ An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ *An Act to regulate Persons engaged in the business or trade of baking and selling Bread within the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the town of Three-Rivers, and to repeal an Ordinance therein-mentioned.*”

“ An Act to amend an Act passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ *An Act for better regulating the Common belonging to the town of Three-Rivers.*”

“ An Act to repeal in part an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ *An Act to facilitate the circulation of Army Bills,*” and to grant a sum of money for the purposes therein-mentioned.”

“ An Act for appointing Commissioners to treat with Commis-

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“ oners appointed, or to be appointed on the part of Upper Canada,
“ for the purposes therein-mentioned.”

“ An Act for the relief of the Poor in the loan of Seed Wheat
“ and other necessary Grain.”

“ An Act to provide for the maintenance of good order on Sun-
“ days and holydays.”

“ An Act to provide temporary Houses of Correction in the se-
“ veral districts of this Province.”

To these Bills the Royal assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following :

In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor in Chief doth assent to this Bill.

Then the Speaker of the House of Assembly, on presenting certain Money Bills, made the following Speech:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Lower Canada, have studiously given their attention to the several objects which your Excellency was pleased at the opening, and in the course of the present Session, to recommend to their consideration. All those subjects successively discussed, and successively adopted by the House of Assembly, have convinced this House of your Excellency's earnest wishes to become acquainted with the true interests of the Colony, and to accelerate the development of its agricultural and commercial resources; and as far as our concurrence is concerned, the means indicated as the most suitable for the promotion of those desirable purposes, have been pursued by the House of Assembly in the different Bills which have already passed.

The prospect of diminishing, by Legislative provision, the extent
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of those evils with which a great part of the district of Quebec has been visited, having been one of the principal motives of the early convocation of the Provincial Legislature, we have lost no time in attending to the wants of the distressed, and in making ample provision for those who solicited succour. And in order that the purposes of the Legislature may be fully accomplished in providing for those only whose momentary afflictions are the result of calamity, which neither the foresight nor the industry of man could avert; not for those necessities which may have arisen from indolence or vice, we have taken such precautions as appeared expedient, in order to prevent abuses in the distribution of the intended succour.

We have however, thought it most conducive to the public weal, as well as congenial to the wishes of those unfortunate people who have already felt the influence of your Excellency's benevolence, to leave to your Excellency the greatest latitude in the execution of the Law in this respect.

By no written Law of this Province, could the reimbursement of the sums raised in this Colony upon Merchandize and effects passing from hence to Upper Canada, be claimed by that Province. The Articles of Agreement on that subject, ratified by the Legislatures of the two Provinces, whose interests are so closely connected, had ceased to be in force since the month of May last, without however any neglect on the part of the Parliament of this Province, which has seized the earliest moment to obviate an evil, with the cause of which it cannot be reproached. It has in this respect been influenced by an earnest wish of manifesting to the Legislature of Upper Canada, that it will always find in us those sentiments of justice and liberality which we wish may be reciprocal.

The different acts of appropriation to which, in the name of the Commons of Lower Canada, we beseech your Excellency to give the Royal sanction, are

“ An Act to make good a certain sum of money therein mentioned, advanced for the relief of certain country parishes in distress, owing to the failure of the late Harvest.”

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“ An Act for the relief of certain Parishes in distress.”

“ An Act to authorize the advance of a certain sum of money for the causes therein-mentioned, to the Province of Upper Canada.”

To these Bills, the Royal assent, by His Excellency's command, was pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in these words:

In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor in Chief thanks his loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.

Then His Excellency the Governor in Chief was pleased to retire, and the Assembly withdrew.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Monday next at twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY, 10th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

Hodie 3^a. vice lectaest Billa, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in thirty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the division of the Province of Lower Canada, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain Laws therein-mentioned, so far as respects the judiciary and Superior Terms of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Three-Rivers."

The question being put,

Whether this Bill with the amendments shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Grant* and himself had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House of Saturday last, respecting the appointment of a second Master in Chancery, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he would comply with the desire of the House.

And the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* also reported, that the Hon. Mr. *Grant* and himself had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House of Saturday last, respecting a return of the expenditure, under an Act respecting the Internal Communications, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he would comply with the desire of the House.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said cities, for other purposes, and to provide the means for defraying the expence thereof."

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After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Ryland reported from the said Committee, that they had made some further progress in the said Bill, and prayed leave to sit again.

Agreed and ordered,

That the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act to establish Post-houses in the different parts of this Province.*"

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. De Gaspe reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for a third time on the next sitting day.

It was moved,

That the Bill, intituled "An Act to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty to supply the wants of the Province,*" be now read for the second time.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to continue for

“ a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty’s
“ Reign, intituled, “ *An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty to*
“ *supply the wants of the Province.*”

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the
whole House on the next fitting day.

It was moved,

That the report made by the special Committee respecting the
vaults and rooms wanted for the accommodation of the Clerks and
Officers of this House, be now taken into consideration.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put.

Whether this House do agree with the special Committee in the
said Report.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

RESOLVED, That the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbinière, Cuthbert* and
Ryland, be a Committee to examine and report the state of the
Library of this House, and whether any, and what books, and
other publications are wanted for the said Library.

ORDERED, That the said Committee be an open Committee, and
that they meet and adjourn as they please.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at
one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 11th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were
The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Cuthbert,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

Hodie gâ. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to continue an
Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intitu-
led, " An Act to establish Post-houses in the different parts of this
Province."

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty to supply the wants of the Province.*"

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. De Lotbinière reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for a third time to-morrow.

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day for committing the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch, and Night Lights in the said cities, for other purposes, and to provide the means for defraying the expence thereof," be discharged, and that the Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* from the Committee appointed to search for precedents, and report upon the effect of a Resolution in a Committee of the whole House on a Bill committed, that the Chairman do leave the Chair without directing him to report, or ask leave to sit again, reported, that pursuant to the said order of the House, they had searched for precedents, but found none.

It was moved,

That the House do now resolve itself again into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to grant to Dame *Louise Philippe Badelard*, widow and relict of the Honorable *Jean Antoine Panet*, in testimony of the sense entertained of the meritorious services of her deceased husband, as Speaker of the House of Assembly of Lower-Canada, for a long series of years."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill.

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After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Grant reported from the said Committee of the whole House, that the Committee had made some further progress, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

It was moved in amendment,

That the Committee have leave to sit again on the first day of August next.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

*The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Cuthbert,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

Hodie gâ, vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to continue for
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“ a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty’s
“ Reign, intituled, “ *An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty to*
“ *supply the wants of the Province.*”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day be discharged for committing the Bill, intituled, “ *An Act to provide more effectually for the security of*
“ *the cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and*
“ *Night Lights in the said cities, for other purposes, and to pro-*
“ *vide the means for defraying the expence thereof,*” and that this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *M'Cord*, with a Bill, intituled, “ *An Act for the incorporation of the Montreal Fire Insurance*
“ *Company against accidents by Fire,*” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for a second time on the next fitting day.

And another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled, “ *An Act to amend an Act therein-mentioned,*
“ *passed in the thirty-ninth year of His Majesty’s Reign, in-as-much*
“ *as relates to the salaries of the Surveyors of Highways, Streets,*
“ *Lanes*

“ Lanes and Bridges in the cities of Quebec and Montreal respectively,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for a second time on the next fitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* acquainted the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief having been apprized of the contents of this Bill, had no objection that the House might proceed therein as they should think fit.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY, 13th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

A Message was presented from His Excellency the Governor in Chief by the Honorable Mr. *Richardson*.

The Members rose, and the Message was read in the words following :

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(Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE,

Governor in Chief,

The Governor in Chief having taken into consideration the necessity of appointing certain Officers to be on the Staff of the Militia, lays before the Legislative Council an estimate of the sums required for the payment of their Salaries, and also for contingent expences : and he recommends to the Legislative Council to concur in making provision for the same.

Castle of Saint Lewis, }
12th March, 1817. }

(Signed) J. C. S.

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return the thanks of this House for his Message of this day, and to assure His Excellency that this House will readily concur in making the provision thereby recommended.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Richardson* and *De Gaspé* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the said Address.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Viger*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to suspend for a time therein-mentioned certain parts of an Ordinance passed in the twenty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Ordinance for quartering the Troops upon certain occasions in the country parishes, and providing for the conveyance of effects belonging to Government,*" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

Another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, with a Bill,

Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant a Pension during life, to *Marie Magd-leine Le Tetu*, widow of *Pierre Rototte*, for the causes therein-mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on Tuesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Grant* signified to the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief having been apprized of the contents of this Bill, had no objection that the House might proceed therein as they should think fit.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act for reviving and continuing for a limited time, and amending an Act passed in the forty-third of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for the better regulation of the Militia of this Province, and for repealing certain Acts or Ordinances therein-mentioned,*" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

Another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, to return the Bill, intituled, " An Act to render more certain the lines and boundries of Lands and for establishing and erecting of Meridian Stones in different parts of this Province," and to acquaint this House, that the House of Assembly have agreed to this Bill, with several Amendments, to which they desire the Aconcurrence of this House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Assembly to that Bill.

And the same having been read thrice were agreed to by the House.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council hath agreed to the amendments made by that House to this Bill.

And another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, to return the Bill, intituled, " An Act for erecting a Court-house, with " proper offices in the district of Three-Rivers, and for defraying the " expence thereof," and to acquaint this House that the House of Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by this House to that Bill.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Panet*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act for altering and amending an Act passed in the thirty-sixth " year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act for the safe custody and registering of all Letters Patent, whereby any Grant of the " waste or other Lands of the Crown lying within this Province, shall hereafter be made,*" to which they desire the concurrence of this House."

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

And another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act for the incorporation of the Quebec " Fire Insurance Company against accidents by Fire," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Allsopp*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to facilitate the administration of justice, in certain small " matters therein mentioned, in the Country Parishes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

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This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for the incorporation of the Montreal Fire Insurance Company against accidents by Fire."

ORDERED, That this Bill be referred to a special Committee, and that the Committee be the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbinière, Richardson and Ryland*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act therein-mentioned, passed in the thirty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, in-as-much as relates to the Salaries of the Surveyors of Highways, Streets, Lanes and Bridges in the cities of Quebec and Montreal respectively."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

It was moved, and ordered,

That the Order of the Day be discharged for committing the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said Cities, for other purposes, and to provide the means for defraying the expence thereof," and that this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Vanfelson*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to appropriate a further sum of money towards the payment of certain Arrears due for the erection of a common Gaol in the district of Quebec," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time:

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 14th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs. De Lotbinière,

Hale,

Duchefnay,

Richardson,

De Gaspé,

Ryland,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

The Hon. Mr. *Richardson* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé* and himself had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House of yesterday, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same graciously.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act for reviving and continuing, for a limited time, and amending an Act passed in the forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for the better regulation of the Militia of this Province, and for repealing certain Acts or Ordinances therein-mentioned."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day,

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Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act for altering and
“ amending an Act passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty’s
“ Reign, intituled, “ *An Act for the safe custody and registering of*
“ *all Letters Patent, whereby any Grant of the waste or other Lands*
“ *of the Crown, lying within this Province, shall hereafter be made.*”

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act for the Incorporation of the Quebec Fire Insurance Company against accidents by Fire.”

ORDERED, That this Bill be referred to a special Committee, and that the Committee be the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbinière, Richardson, and Ryland.*

To meet and adjourn as they please.

Hodie 2â vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to facilitate the
“ administration of justice, in certain small matters therein-mentioned,
“ in the Country Parishes.”

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend an Act therein-mentioned, passed in the
“ thirty-ninth year of His Majesty’s Reign, in-as-much as relates to
“ the Salaries of the Surveyors of highways, streets, lanes and
“ bridges in the cities of Quebec and Montreal respectively.”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported from the said Committee, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

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The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day be discharged for committing the Bill, intituled, " An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said cities, for other purposes, and to provide the means for defraying the expense thereof ;" and that this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to appropriate a further sum of money towards the payment of certain Arrears due for the erection of a common Gaol in the district of Quebec."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to suspend for a time therein-mentioned, certain parts of an Ordinance passed in the twenty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Ordinance for quartering the Troops upon certain occasions in the Country Parishes, and providing for the conveyance of effects belonging to Government.*"

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

The Speaker acquainted the House that His Excellency the Governor in Chief had been pleased to issue a Commission under the Great Seal, appointing *Charles Etienne Chauffegros De Léry*, Esq. a Master in the Chancery; which Commission being read, was in the words following :

PROVINCE

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LOWER-CANADA. }

(Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE.

GEOERGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith. To our trusty and well beloved *Charles Etienne Chauffegros De Léry*, Esquire, GREETING: KNOW YE, that reposing especial trust and confidence in the fidelity, ability, and integrity of you, the said *Charles E. C. De Léry*, we have nominated, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do nominate, constitute and appoint you, the said *Charles E. C. De Léry*, a Master in the Chancery of our Province of Lower-Canada, giving and granting to you power and authority to exercise and perform all the duties to the said office, place and trust of a Master in the Chancery of our said Province belonging, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said office of a Master in the Chancery of our said Province, for and during our will and pleasure, with all the rights, powers, authorities, fees, perquisites, profits and emoluments which to the said office do belong, or ought to belong or appertain. In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province of Lower-Canada to be hereunto affixed, Witness our trusty and well beloved Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of Lower-Canada, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At our Castle of Saint Lewis, in our city of Quebec, in our said Province of Lower-Canada, the tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and in the fifty-seventh year of our Reign.

(Signed) J. C. S.

(Signed) JOHN TAYLOR,

Dep. Sec.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, 15th March.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker;

The Honorable

Messrs. De Lotbinière,

Hale,

Duchefnay,

Richardson,

De Gaspé,

Ryland,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act for reviving and continuing for a limited time, and amending an Act passed in the forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act for the better regulation of the Militia of this Province and for repealing certain Acts or Ordinances therein-mentioned.*"

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Grant* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time on the next sitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, "An Act for altering and amending an Act passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act for the*
" *safe*

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“ safe custody and registering of all Letters Patent, whereby any Grant
“ of the waste or other Lands of the Crown, lying within this Pro-
“ vince, shall hereafter be made.”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Ryland reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to facilitate the administration of justice, in certain
“ small matters therein-mentioned, in the Country Parishes.”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. De Gaspé reported from the said Committee, that they had made some progress in the said Bill, and had directed him to pray leave to sit again.

Agreed and ordered,

That this Bill be again put into a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. Taschereau, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to appropriate a sum of Money for the payment
“ of certain Militia Officers, and other purposes therein-mentioned,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

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And another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act establishing Regulations respecting Aliens," and to acquaint this House, that the House of Assembly have agreed to this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Assembly to that Bill.

The said amendments having been read thrice by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to the amendments made by that House to this Bill.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Davidson*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to give further power to the Executive Government to prevent the introduction or spreading of infectious or contagious diseases," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *McCord*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act more effectually to provide for the regulation of the Police in the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and the town of Three-Rivers, and for other purposes therein-mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

And another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the closing and sale of
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“ a part of Capital Street, in the city of Montreal, and for the disposal of the monies arising from the sale of the same,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-ninth year of His Majesty’s Reign, in-as-much as relates to the Salaries of the Surveyors of highways, streets, lanes, and bridges, in the cities of Quebec and Montreal respectively.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day for committing unto a Committee of the whole House, the Bill, intituled “ An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said cities, for other purposes, and to provide the means for defraying the expence thereof,” be discharged.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure; and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled,

tuled, " An Act to appropriate a further sum of money towards
 " the payment of certain Arrears due for the erection of a Common
 " Gaol for the district of Quebec."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Vanfelson*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to authorize *Joseph Rci*, Esquire, to build a Bridge
 " over the River Jésus, opposite the village of Terrebonne, in the
 " county of Effingham, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon,
 " and to provide Regulations for the said Bridge," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

And another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to authorize *Louis Michel Viger*,
 " Esq. to erect a Toll Bridge over the River des Prairies," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next fitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported from the special Committee, to whom the Bill, intituled, " An Act for the incorporation of
 " the Montreal Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire," had
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been committed, that they had considered of the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he delivered in at the table.

The amendments were thrice read by the Clerk, and were agreed to by the House, and are as follow :

Prefs 5, lines 4 and 5—Leave out “ said first day of May” and insert
“ day which shall be fixed for opening the said
“ Books.”

Prefs 4, line 19—After “ transferable”, insert “ by will, gift, or by
“ bargain and sale.”

25—After “ Company”, insert, “ And every person be-
“ fore being considered and entitled to the rights
“ of a Proprietor, or Stock holder, by will, gift
“ or otherwise, shall actually pay, or give satisfac-
“ tory security to the said Fire Insurance Company
“ for the payment, when duly called upon for the
“ same, of the amount of the capital stock
“ therein whereof he or she may so become a
“ Proprietor or Stock-holder, after deducting
“ the deposit instalment or instalments which
“ shall have been previously paid thereon; but
“ in no case shall any fractional part of a share,
“ or other than a complete share or shares, be as-
“ signable or transferable.”

31—After “ thereof,” insert “ or which may be held
“ by transfer or otherwise.”

Prefs 5, line 19—After “ Montreal,” insert “ such Proxy being a
“ Proprietor, or Stock-holder, and appointed by
“ a writing or writings under the hand or hands
“ of the person or persons so appointed.”

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Prefs 6, line 8—Leave out “and all other disbursements.”

11—Leave out “allowance” and insert “wages.”

22—Leave out “existing.”

Prefs 7, line 13—Leave out “Dividend or dividends,” and insert
“instalment or instalments.”

Prefs 8, line 10—After “Act” insert “if the one half of the capital
“stock herein before authorized shall have been
“then subscribed, otherwise at some day subse-
“quent thereto.”

42—After “time” insert the following two Provisos :

Provided always, and it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if at any time after the expiration of ten years after the time when the said Montreal Fire Insurance Company shall commence its operations, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the government of this Province, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Executive Council thereof, shall judge the further continuance of the said Corporation to be hurtful to the Public, then and from thenceforth it shall and may be lawful for the said Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the government of this Province, by Letters Patent, under the great seal of this Province, to revoke and make void the said Corporation, and all the powers, privileges, benefits and advantages granted thereto as aforesaid, and thereupon the same shall determine and become void accordingly, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided however, that before the issuing of such Letters Patent of Revocation, there shall one year's previous notice of the intention so

to revoke the said Corporation, be given in at least one of the public newspapers published in each of the cities of Quebec and Montreal.

Provided further, and it is also enacted by the authority aforesaid, that when the said revocation shall operate, it shall nevertheless be lawful for the Proprietors or Stock-holders of the said Corporation, either to continue the Directors then in office, or to appoint an equal or inferior number of others, as they shall consider most fit, to sell and dispose of the property, and collect the debts due to the said Corporation, and to settle and wind up the concerns thereof; and which Directors shall divide among the then Proprietors or Stock-holders in rateable proportions, according to their respective shares therein, the realized funds and debts collected from time to time; but on no account shall any Policy or Contract of Insurance, be made or entered into after the operation of such revocation.

ORDERED, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that this Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported from the special Committee to whom the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the incorporation of the Quebec Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire," had been committed, that they had considered of the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he delivered in at the table.

The amendments were thrice read by the Clerk, and were agreed to by the House, and are as follow :

Prefs 3, line 30—Leave out "or personal."

Prefs 5, line 17—Leave out "in the Quebec Gazette," and insert,
"to

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“ to be given in at least one of the public news-
papers printed in each of the cities of Quebec
and Montreal.”

Prefs 6, line 14—Leave out “ Quebec Gazette,” and insert “ news-
papers as aforesaid.”

32—Leave out from “ And” inclusive, to “ Directors,”
also inclusive, in the 47th line of same Prefs.

Prefs 7, line 1—Leave out from “ Directors” inclusive, to “ be,”
also inclusive, in the second line of same Prefs.

2—Leave out “ also,” and insert “ further.”

Prefs 8, lines 30 and 31—Leave out “ Quebec Gazette,” and insert
“ newspapers as aforesaid.”

Prefs 14, line 9—Leave out “ Quebec Gazette,” and insert “ news-
papers as aforesaid.”

13—Leave out “ Quebec Gazette ” and insert “ news-
papers as aforesaid.”

22—Leave out “ Dividend” and insert “ Instalment.”

32—Leave out “ Dividend” and insert “ Instalment.”

43—Leave out “ Dividend” and insert “ Instalment.”

Prefs 15, line 1—Leave out “ Dividend or Dividends,” and insert
“ Instalment or Instalments.”

9—Leave out “ Quebec Gazette,” and insert “ news-
papers.”

13—Leave out “ Dividend” and insert “ Instalment.”

19—Leave out “ Dividend” and insert “ Instalment.”

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25—Leave out “Dividend or Dividends,” and insert
“Instalment or Instalments.”

36—Leave out “Dividends” and insert “Instalments.”

Prefs 16, line 21—Leave out “Dividend,” and insert “Deposit.”

Ibid—At the end of this Pref, insert “the Imperial Par-
liament; or”

Prefs 17, line 6—After “pleaded” insert the two following clauses :

Provided always, and it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if at any time after the expiration of ten years after the time when the said Quebec Fire Insurance Company shall commence its operations, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the government of this Province, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Executive Council thereof, shall judge the further continuance of the said Corporation to be hurtful to the public, then and from thenceforth it shall and may be lawful for the said Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the government, by Letters Patent under the great seal of this Province, to revoke and make void the said Corporation, and all the powers, privileges, benefits and advantages granted thereto as aforesaid, and thereupon the same shall determine and become void accordingly, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided however, that before the issuing of such Letters Patent of Revocation, there shall one year's previous notice of the intention so to revoke the said Corporation, be given in at least one of the public newspapers published in each of the cities of Quebec and Montreal.

Provided

Provided further, and it is also enacted by the authority aforesaid, that when the said revocation shall operate, it shall nevertheless be lawful for the Proprietors or Stock-holders of the said Corporation, either to continue the Directors then in office, or to appoint an equal or inferior number of others as they shall consider most fit, to sell and dispose of the property, and collect the debts due to the said Corporation, and to settle and wind up the concerns thereof, and which Directors shall divide among the then Proprietors or Stock-holders in rateable proportions, according to their respective shares therein, the realized funds and debts collected from time to time, but on no account shall any Policy or Contract of Insurance, be made or entered into after the operation of such revocation.

ORDERED, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that this Bill with the amendments be read for the third time on the next sitting day.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Monday next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY, 17th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

*The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,*

Richardson,

Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Grant.

PRAYERS.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for reviving and
" continuing for a limited time, and amending an Act passed in the
" forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act for*
" *the better regulation of the Militia of this Province, and for repeal-*
" *ing certain Acts or Ordinances therein-mentioned.*"

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for altering and
" amending an Act passed in the thirty sixth year of His Majesty's
" Reign, intituled, " *An Act for the safe custody and registering of*
" *all Letters Patent wh-reby any Grant of the waste or other Lands of*
" *the Crown, lying within this Province, shall hereafter be made.*"

The question was put;

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment;

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The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, " An Act to facilitate the administration of justice in certain small matters therein-mentioned."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to appropriate a sum of money for the payment of certain Militia Officers, and other purposes therein-mentioned."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next meeting of the House.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to give further power to the Executive Government to prevent the introduction or spreading of infectious or contagious Diseases."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next meeting of the House.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act more effectually to provide for the regulation of the Police in the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and the town of Three-Rivers, and for other purposes therein-mentioned."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next meeting of the House.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to authorize the closing

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“ closing and sale of a part of Capital Street in the city of Mon-
“ treat, and for the disposal of the Monies arising from the sale of
“ the same.”

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the
whole House on the next Meeting of the House.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, in-
titled, “ An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the
“ purchase of Seed Grain towards the relief of the Parishes in dis-
“ tress, by the failure of the last harvest,” to which they desire the
concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next
meeting of the House.

Hodie gâ, vice lecta est Billa, intitled, “ An Act to appropriate
“ a further sum of money towards the payment of certain Arrears
“ due for the erection of a Common Gaol in the district of Quebec.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assem-
bly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have
passed this Bill without any amendment.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Viger*, with a Bill, intitled,
“ An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money therein-mentioned
“ for the promotion of Vaccine Inoculation,” to which they desire
the concurrence of this House.

This

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next meeting of the House.

Hodie 3â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act for the incorporation of the Montreal Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill with the amendments shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Hodie 3â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act for the incorporation of the Quebec Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill with the amendments shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to authorize *Louis Michel Viger*, Esquire, to erect a Toll-Bridge over the River des Prairies.”

ORDERED,

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ORDERED, That this Bill be referred to a special Committee, and that the Committee be the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbinière, Duchesnay* and *Grant*.

To meet and adjourn as they please.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Joseph Roi*, Esquire, to build a Bridge over the River *Jésus*, opposite the village of *Terrebonne*, in the county of *Effingham*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the said Bridge."

ORDERED, That this Bill be referred to a special Committee, and that the Committee be the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbinière, Duchesnay* and *Grant*. To meet and adjourn as they please.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to twelve o'clock this day, the House so decreeing.

EODEM DIE, HORA 12m.

THE Members convened as before.

A Message was presented from His Excellency the Governor in Chief by the Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay*.

The Members rose, and the Message was read in the words following :

J. C. SHERBROOKE,
Governor in Chief.

The Governor in Chief informs the Legislative Council, that in consequence of their Address of 4th March 1815, and of an Address of the Assembly of the 15th instant, by which they assure the Governor, that "in making good the sums which he may cause to be expended for the payment of the salary of the Speaker of the Assembly, that

“ House will also make good the sums which he may cause to be
 “ expended for the payment of the salary of the Speaker of the Le-
 “ gislative Council,” he has conferred upon the Speaker of the Le-
 gislative Council, an annual salary of One Thousand Pounds cur-
 rency, from the commencement of the present Provincial Parlia-
 ment, until the end thereof.

The Governor in Chief thinks proper at the same time, to inform
 the Legislative Council, that in consequence of two several Addresses
 from the Assembly, he has conferred upon the Speaker of the Assem-
 bly for the same period, a similar salary of One Thousand Pounds
 currency *per annum* : And upon Madame *Panet*, the widow of the
 late Speaker of the Assembly, a pension of three hundred pounds
 currency *per annum*, during her natural life.

And he does not doubt the concurrence and assistance of the Le-
 gislative Council in such measures as may be required, for securing
 these salaries, and this Pension, in an effectual manner.

*Castle of Saint Lewis, }
 17th March, 1817. }*

(Signed) J. C. S.

ORDERED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency
 the Governor in Chief, to thank his Excellency for his Message
 of this day, and for the salary he has been pleased to confer on
 the Speaker of this House, as well as for the information which
 he has been pleased to give to this House, respecting the salary
 which he has been pleased to confer upon the Speaker of the As-
 sembly; and the pension which he has also been pleased to confer
 upon Madame *Panet*, the widow of the late Speaker of the As-
 sembly; and to assure his Excellency, that this House will rea-
 dily concur in such measure as may be required for securing
 these salaries, and this pension in an effectual manner.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbinière, Duchesnay*
 and *Grant*, do wait on His Excellency with the said Address.

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The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported from the special Committee, to whom the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Joseph Roy*, Esquire, to build a Bridge over the River Jésus, opposite the "village of Terrebonne, in the county of Effingham; to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon; and to provide Regulations for the "said Bridge," had been referred, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made one amendment.

The said amendment being read, the same was agreed to by the House, and is as follows:

Prefs. 6, line 24—After "same", insert the following clause:

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend, to lessen, take away, or affect the rights or privileges of the King's Majesty, his heirs or successors, or any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, in any of the things herein-before mentioned, except as to the powers and authority hereby given to the said *Joseph Roi*, his heirs and assigns, and except to the rights which are hereby altered or extinguished; but that His Majesty the King, his heirs and successors, and all and every person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, their heirs and assigns, executors and administrators, shall have and exercise the same rights (with the exceptions aforesaid) as they and each of them had before the passing of this Act, to every effect and purpose whatsoever, and in as full and ample a manner as if this Act had never been passed.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported from the special Committee to whom the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Louis Michel Viger*, Esquire, to erect a Toll-Bridge over the River Des "Prairies" had been referred, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made one amendment.

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The said amendment being read, the same was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :

Prefs 8, line 8—After “same,” insert the following clause :

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to lessen, take away, or affect the rights or privileges of the King's Majesty, his heirs or successors, or any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, in any of the things herein-before mentioned, except as to the powers and authority hereby given to the said *Louis Michel Viger*, his heirs and assigns ; and except to the rights which are hereby altered or extinguished ; but that His Majesty the King, his heirs and successors, and all and every person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, their heirs and assigns, executors and administrators, shall have and exercise the same rights (with the exceptions aforesaid) as they and each of them had before the passing of this Act, to every effect and purpose whatsoever, and in as full and ample a manner as if this Act had never been passed.

ORDERED, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that this Bill be read for the third time on the next sitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intitled, “An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the payment of certain Officers of Militia, and other purposes therein mentioned.”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Grant* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

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The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intitled, " An Act to give further power to the Executive Government to prevent the introduction or spreading of infectious or contagious Diseases."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De Lotbiniere* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intitled, " An Act more effectually to provide for the regulation of the Police in the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and the town of Three-Rivers, and for other purposes therein-mentioned."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he delivered in at the table.

The said amendments were twice read by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House, and are as follow :

Prefs 2, line 3—Leave out " every Parish," and insert the cities of " Quebec and Montreal, and town of Three Rivers respectively."

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Prefs 6, line 6—After “ any” insert “ Justice of the Peace in the vil-
“ lages or country parishes, or by any”

Prefs 8, line 9—Leave out “ after” and insert “ before.”

ORDERED, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that this
Bill be read for the third time on the next sitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure,
and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, inti-
tuled, “ An Act to authorize the closing and sale of a part of Capital
“ Street in the city of Montreal, and for the disposal of the monies
“ arising from the sale of the same.”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr.
Ryland reported from the said Committee, that they had gone
through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with
one amendment, which he delivered in at the table.

The said amendment was twice read by the Clerk, was agreed to
by the House, and is as follows :

Prefs 1, line 33—After “ expedient,” insert the following proviso :

Provided always, that if from the local situation
and confined limits of the Ground to be sold, the
said Justices shall see good reason to believe that a
higher price would be obtained by private bargain,
or by a valuation of such Ground, being made by
three capable and disinterested persons, upon oath,
it shall be lawful for the said Justices to appoint
such persons, and to administer such oath to them,
and to proceed to the sale of the Ground by either
of such modes, in preference to a public sale.

ORDERED, That the said amendment be engrossed, and that this
Bill be read for the third time on the next sitting day.

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Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to appropriate
" a certain sum of money for the purchase of Seed Grain towards
" the relief of the Parishes in distress, by the failure of the last Har-
" vest."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the
whole House on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to appropriate a
" certain sum of money therein-mentioned, for the promotion of
" Vaccine Inoculation."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the
whole House on the next sitting day.

It was moved,

That the Bill, intituled, " An Act to make more effectual provi-
" sion for the improvement of the Internal Communications of this
" Province, be now read for the second time."

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to make more
" effectual provision for the improvement of the Internal Commu-
" nications of this Province."

It was moved,

That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole
House on the next sitting day.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The proper Officer laid before the House a Statement of the Expenses incurred in his office since the last Session.

ORDERED, That the said Accounts be referred to a special Committee, and that the Committee be the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbinière, Hale, and Duchesnay.*

To meet and adjourn as they please.

ORDERED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, praying, that His Excellency would be graciously pleased to take into his consideration, the necessity of allotting additional apartments for the convenience of the Speaker and Clerks of this House; and humbly stating to His Excellency, that the three Rooms contiguous to the present offices attached to the Legislative Council, are particularly wanted; and that his Excellency would also be pleased to order such repairs to be made to the vaults, to be done for the more safe depositing and keeping the Records of the Parliament office, as His Excellency in his great wisdom shall think fit.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbinière, Duchesnay, and Grant* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the said Address.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY, 18th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs.

*Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Richardson*, by command of His Excellency the Governor in Chief laid before the House the Account of the Expenditures of the Commissioners, appointed for carrying into execution the Act respecting the Internal Communications of this Province,

ORDERED, That the said Accounts do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported, that the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay*, *Grant* and himself had, (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House of yesterday, respecting the salaries granted to the Speakers of this House and of the Assembly, respecting the pension granted to Madame *Panet* ; and that His Excellency had received the same graciously.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported, that the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay*, *Grant*, and himself had, (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House of yesterday, respecting the Rooms wanted for the accommodation of this House, and the Vaults to be repaired ; and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would take the said Address into consideration, and direct an estimate of the expence to be incurred, to be made.

Hodie zá. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act more effectually
“ to provide for the regulations of the Police in the cities of Quebec
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“ and Montreal, and the town of Three-Rivers, and for other purposes therein-mentioned.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill with the amendments shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Hodie 3â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to authorize
“ *Louis Michel Viger*, Esquire, to erect a Toll-Bridge over the river
“ des Prairies.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill with the amendment shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 one amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Hodie 3â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to authorize
“ *Joseph Roi*, Esquire, to build a Bridge over the River Jésus,
“ opposite the village of Terrebonne, in the county of Effingham,
“ to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon; and to provide Regulations for the said Bridge.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill with the amendments shall pass?

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It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 one amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Hodie gâ. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to facilitate the administration of justice in certain small matters therein-mentioned.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

Hodie gâ. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to give further power to the Executive Government to prevent the introduction or spreading of infectious or contagious Diseases.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.”

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 any amendment.

Hodie gâ. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the payment of certain Officers of Militia, and other purposes therein-mentioned.”

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The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

Hodie zá. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to authorize the closing and sale of a part of Capital Street in the city of Montreal, and for the disposal of the monies arising from the sale of the same.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill with the amendments shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to facilitate the execution of an Act therein-mentioned, for the better regulation of the Militia of this Province;” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Sherwood*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to make good the deficiencies of the funds by Law
“ provided,

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“ provided for paying certain contingent expences of the House of
“ Assembly.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the second time on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière*, from the Committee charged to examine the Accounts of the Clerk, and Assistant Clerk of this House, reported, that the Committee had examined the said Accounts, and had found the same correct.

ORDERED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, humbly to request, that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of *William Smith*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Council, for the sum of five hundred and seventy-five pounds nineteen shillings and one penny halfpenny currency, being the amount of the expences incurred in his office since the last Session, for which he has produced vouchers; and that His Excellency would be also pleased to issue a Letter of Credit in his favor for the sum of two hundred pounds currency, for his expences during the recess: to be accounted for by him, at the ensuing session of the Legislature.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay* and *De Gaspé* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the said Address.

RESOLVED, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, humbly to request, that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of *Charles De Léry*, Esquire, Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Council, for the sum of nine hundred and forty-six pounds two shillings and three-pence currency, being the amount of the contingent expences incurred in his office, for the years one thousand eight hundred
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and fifteen, and one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and for which he has produced vouchers.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay* and *De Gaspé* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the said Address.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intitled, "An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the purchase of Seed Grain, towards the relief of the Parishes in distress by the failure of the last Harvest."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intitled, "An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money therein mentioned for the promotion of Vaccine Inoculation."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day.

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to grant a pension, during life, to *Marie Magdeleine Le Tetu*, widow of *Pierre Rototte*, for the causes therein mentioned" be discharged, and that this Bill be read for the second time on the first day of August next.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereas this day was appointed for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make more effectual provision for the improvement of the Internal Communications of this Province."

ORDERED, That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill, on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay*, from the Committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the monies paid by *Charles De Lery*, Esquire, the Assistant Clerk of this House, to defray the expences of the repairs and alterations made in the course of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, in the apartments appropriated to the use of the Legislative Council, and for furnitures provided for the said apartments, reported, that the Committee having examined and audited the said accounts, amounting to one thousand nine hundred and one pounds one shilling and two pence half-penny currency, had found them just and true.

The question being then put, whether to concur with the said report?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

*The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Grant.*

PRAYERS.

Hodie 3â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to appropriate
“ a certain sum of money for the purchase of Seed Grain towards
“ the relief of the Parishes in distress, by the failure of the last Har-
“ vest.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the
Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council
have passed this Bill without any amendment.

Hodie 3â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to appropriate a
“ sum of money therein-mentioned, for the promotion of Vaccine
“ Inoculation.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intitled, "An Act for the improvement of the Internal Communications of this Province."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

It was moved,

That this Bill be read for the third time on the next fitting day:

It was then moved in amendment,

That the said Bill be read for the third time on the first day of May next.

The same being objected to,

After debate,

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the negative.

The question was then put,

Whether the said Bill shall be read for the third time to-morrow?

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It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Assembly by Mr. *M'Cord*, to return the Bill, intituled, " An Act to authorize the closing and sale of a part of Capital Street in the city of Montreal, and for the disposal of the monies arising from the sale of the same," and to acquaint this House, that the Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by this House to that Bill.

Another message from the Assembly by the same member, to return the Bill, intituled, " An Act more effectually to provide for the regulation of Police in the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and the town of Three-Rivers, and for other purposes therein-mentioned," and to acquaint that House, that the Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by this House to that Bill.

Another message from the Assembly by Mr. *Vanfelson*, to return the Bill, intituled, " An Act to authorize *Joseph Roy*, Esquire, to build a Bridge over the River *Jésus*, opposite the village of *Terrebonne*, in the county of *Ettingham*; to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon; and to provide regulations for the said Bridge." And to acquaint this House, that the Assembly have agreed to the amendment made by this House to that Bill.

Another message from the Assembly by the same member, to return the Bill, intituled, " An Act to authorize *Louis Michel Viger*, Esquire, to erect a Toll Bridge over the River *des Prairies*," and to acquaint this House, that the Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by this House to that Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé*, and himself had, (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the two several Addresses of this House of yesterday, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would give the necessary directions.

Hodie 2â. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to facilitate the
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“ execution of an Act therein-mentioned, for the better regulation
“ of the Militia of this Province.”

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next fitting day.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to make good the deficiencies of the funds
“ by Law provided, for paying certain contingent expences of the
“ House of Assembly.”

ORDERED, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

It was moved,

That the report of the Committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the monies paid by *Charles De Léry*, Esquire, the Assistant Clerk of this House, to defray the expences of the repairs and alterations made in the course of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, in the apartments appropriated to the use of the Legislative Council, and for furnitures provided for the said apartments, be now read,

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said report being then read,

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to state, that this House in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, found themselves obliged to expend in the repairs of the apartments appropriated to the use of the House, and in furniture for the same, the sum of one thousand nine hundred and one pounds one shilling and two-pence halfpenny currency.

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That this sum was paid to the Clerk Assistant of this House, upon two Letters of Credit, issued by the late Administrator in Chief of the Government, but that no Warrant has yet been issued to cover the said Letters of Credit, nor has any appropriation been made in that behalf; and to pray, that His Excellency will be pleased to take the above circumstances into his consideration, and to adopt such measures thereupon as in his wisdom he may see fit.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay* and *Grant* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the said Address.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to suspend for a time therein mentioned, certain parts of an Ordinance passed in the twenty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Ordinance for quartering the Troops upon certain occasions, in the country parishes, and providing for the conveyance of effects belonging to Government.*"

ORDERED, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY, 20th MARCH.

THE Members convened, were
The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker:
The Honorable
Messrs, De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Grant,

PRAYERS.

PRAYERS.

Hodie gá. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to make more effectual provision for the improvement of the Internal Communications of this Province."

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

DISSENTIENT.

1. Because this Bill which grants 55,000*l.* for the improvement of Internal Communications, is a profuse and improper appropriation of the public money : imperfectly defined as to the objects of its application : and even unasked for, with a few exceptions, by those counties or places upon which it is lavished.
2. Because it will confirm and extend the very unjust principle so generally acted upon in this Province, and without precedent in any other, that the trade must sustain the whole burthen of taxation, either in the shape of advances of all monies raised for the public service, or in the ultimate payment thereof without reimbursements, according to accidental circumstances.
3. Because it will encourage continual demands upon the public purse for objects of private interest, and give a check to the exertions of individuals, and the employment of their capital; which are the most proper and economical means of forwarding internal improvement.
4. Because so profuse an expenditure of public money, could only be justified by the state of the Province being flourishing and affluent. It is therefore particularly objectionable at the present moment, when sums of money to the amount of nearly
50,000*l.*

50,000*l.* have been required to save the inhabitants of the district of Quebec from a state of famine.

(Signed)

J. HALE,
JOHN RICHARDSON,
C. WM. GRANT.

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 any amendment.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, " An Act to facilitate the execution of an Act therein mentioned, for the better regulation of the Militia of this Province."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Grant reported from the said Committee, that they had made some progress in the said Bill, and prayed leave to sit again on the first day of August next.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Assembly by Mr. M'Cord, to return the Bill, intituled, " An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act for the division of the Province of Lower Canada, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain Laws therein mentioned, so far as respects the Superior Terms of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Three-Rivers,*" and to acquaint this House, that the Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by this House to that Bill.

It was moved,

That the Bill, intituled, " An Act to make good the deficiencies of

“ of the funds by Law provided, for paying certain contingent expences of the House of Assembly,” be now read for the second time.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie 2â, vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An act to make good the deficiencies of the funds by Law provided, for paying certain contingent expences of the House of Assembly.”

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* signified to the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief being apprized of the contents of this Bill, had no objection that the House might proceed therein as they shall see fit.

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* laid before the House a Petition from certain inhabitants of St. John's, praying, that a Canal may be made from St. John's to the Basin of Chambly.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

It was moved,

That the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said cities, for other purposes, and to provide the means for defraying the expence thereof,” be committed to a Committee of the whole House on the first day of August next.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at
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eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing:

FRIDAY, 21st MARCH.

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Messrs. De Lotbinière,

Hale,

Duchesnay,

Richardson,

De Gaspé,

Ryland,

Grant.

PRAYERS.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intitled, " An Act to make good the deficiencies of the funds by Law " provided, for paying certain contingent expences of the House of " Assembly."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Ryland* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

It was moved,

That there is reason to dispense with the standing Order of this House

House with respect to this Bill, and that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to make good the deficiencies by Law provided, for paying certain contingent expences of the House of Assembly.”

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

ORDERED, That the Index to the Ordinances and Statutes of Lower Canada, prepared by the Law Clerk of this House, be printed, under the direction of the Speaker of this House, and upon the best terms he may be able to procure.

ORDERED, That two hundred copies of the Journals of the present Session be printed in both languages, by His Majesty's Provincial Law Printer, with an Index for this Session, for the use of the Members of this House; and that it is the opinion of this House, that a remuneration of one hundred pounds should be made to the Clerk of this House, for his extraordinary trouble in superintending the printing the said Journals and Index in both languages; and that he be authorized to procure such additional assistance as he shall find necessary to enable him to cause the said Journals and Index to be published as speedily as possible, and that he do charge the expences attending the same in the future contingent accounts of this House.

ORDERED, That copies of the Rules and Orders of this House be printed by His Majesty's Provincial Law Printer.

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The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière*, from the Committee appointed to examine and report on the state of the Library of this House, and on the books and other publications necessary for the said Library, reported, "That in pursuance of the order of reference, they recommend that the following books be added to the Library of this House, and that the Speaker of this House do take the necessary steps during the Recess, for procuring the same," viz.

Continuation of the Journals of the Lords, (of England) with Indexes.

The Journals of the Lords (of Ireland.)

Continuation of the Statutes at Large of the United Kingdom.

Abstract of the Statutes of the Irish Parliament.

A Continuation of the Debates in Parliament, to this day.

Lord Mountmorris's Work of the Parliament of Ireland.

Bentham's Principles of Legislation.

Johnson's Dictionary, two volumes, 4to.

Chambaud's Dictionary, edition de Decarrières, 1813.

Trevoux' Dictionary,

Jickling's Custom-house Abstract.

"And that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, praying, that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be paid into the hands of the Speaker of this House the sum of two hundred pounds currency, towards meeting the expence that must be incurred in the purchase of the afore said Books."

The question being then put, whether to concur with the said report?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbinière* and *Grant* do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the said Address.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to three quarters past two o'clock this afternoon, the House so decreeing.

EODEM

EODEM DIE, 3^a. HORA.

THE Members convened as before.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Grant* and himself had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the Address of this House, respecting the repairs made to this House, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, "He would take the same into consideration, and that He would give the necessary directions."

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported that the Honorable Mr. *Grant* and himself had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House respecting the purchase of Books, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say "He would take the same into consideration, and that he would give the necessary directions."

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Gagy* with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize and enable the Justices of the Peace for the city of Montreal, to purchase and take possession of a certain ground and premises in the city of Montreal, for the purpose of opening and prolonging Saint Vincent street, in the said city." To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

It was moved to resolve,

That there is a cause to dispense with the Rule and Order of this House with respect to this Bill, and that this Bill be now read for the second time.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to authorize and enable the Justices of the Peace for the city of Montreal, to purchase and take possession of a certain ground and premises in the city of Montreal, for the purpose of opening and prolonging Saint Vincent street, in the said city."

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House at the next meeting.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to this evening at seven o'clock, the House so decreeing.

EODEM DIE 7^a. HORA.

THE Members convened, as before.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, " An Act to authorize and enable the Justices of the Peace for
" the city of Montreal, to purchase and take possession of a certain
" ground and premises in the city of Montreal, for the purpose of
" opening and prolonging Saint Vincent street, in the said city."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported from the said Committee, " That they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with one amendment."

The said amendment being thrice read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :

Refs 2, line 1—Leave out from " And be it," inclusive, to "provided" also inclusive, in the thirty-sixth line of the same refs.

ORDERED, That the said amendment be engrossed, and that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billia, intituled, " An Act to authorize and
" enable the Justices of the Peace for the city of Montreal, to purchase and take possession of a certain ground and premises in the
" city of Montreal, for the purpose of opening Saint Vincent street,
" in the said city."

The question was put,

Whether

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 one amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Davidson*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act further to continue for a limited time, two Acts therein-mentioned, for the Regulation of the Lumber Trade," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

It was moved,

That there is a cause to dispense with the standing Rule and Order of this House with respect to this Bill, and that this Bill be now read for the second time.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Bill, intituled, "An Act further to continue for a limited time, two Acts therein-mentioned, for the Regulation of the Lumber Trade."

ORDERED, That this Bill be now committed, and to a Committee of the whole House.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

ORDERED,

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The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the third time immediately.

Hodie 3^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act further to continue for a limited time, two Acts therein-mentioned, for the Regulation of the Lumber Trade."

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

Another Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Sherwood*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Commerce between this Province and the United States of America, by land or by inland navigation."

This Bill was read for the first time.

It was moved,

That there is cause to dispense with the Rule and Order of this House with respect to this Bill, and that the same be now read for the second time.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hodie 2^a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Commerce between this Province and the United States of America, by land or by inland navigation."

ORDERED, That this Bill be now committed, and to a Committee of the whole House.

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The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House was agreed with the Committee.

Hodie gâ. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to regulate the commerce between this Province and the United States of America, by land or by inland navigation."

The question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 any amendment.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *M'Cord*, to desire a conference on the amendments sent down to the Assembly by the Legislative Council to the Bills, intituled, "An Act for the incorporation of the Montreal Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire," and also, "An Act for the incorporation of the Quebec Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire."

Which being read, was in the words following :

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
Friday, 21st March, 1817.

RESOLVED, That a conference be desired with the Honorable Legislative Council, for the purpose of communicating to them
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the reasons which induced this House not to concur in one of the amendments made by their Honors to the Bills, intituled, " An Act for the incorporation of a Fire Insurance Company in the city of Montreal," and " An Act for the incorporation of a Fire Insurance Company in the city of Quebec."

ORDERED, That Mr. *M'Cord* do go to the Legislative Council, and desire the said conference.

Attest,

(Signed) WM. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

The Messenger being called in, was informed by the Speaker, that this House doth concur in the conference desired, and that the conference be immediately, and the Managers of this House are to be Messrs. *De Lotbinière* and *Richardson*, who are to meet the number as Managers for the Assembly, required by Parliamentary usage, in the Library Room of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbinière* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* and himself had attended the said conference as Managers for this House, and Messrs. *M'Cord*, *Panet*, *Taschereau*, and *Vanfelson*, as Managers for the Assembly, who delivered a writing, and received for answer by the Managers of this House, that they would report it to the Council. Which writing being read, was in the words following :

REASONS to be offered by the House of Assembly to the Legislative Council, for not having concurred to the last amendment, which authorizes the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, to dissolve the said Insurance Company after the space of ten years, made by their Honors to the engrossed Bill, intituled, " An Act for the incorporation of the Montreal Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire," and also to a like amendment made to the engrossed Bill, intituled, " An Act for the incorporation of the Quebec Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire."

FIRST

FIRST REASON.

Because such dispositions are contrary to the liberty of Commerce, and to the interest of the Partners of such Corporation ; who, under such restrictions, would not invest therein, nor advance their capital ; and because the Public would thereby be deprived of the benefits which the establishment of a Fire Insurance Company is calculated to afford.

SECOND REASON.

Because the said restrictions, whilst they are highly injurious to the individuals upon whom they are more immediately to operate, are not justified by any reason of sound policy.

THIRD REASON.

Because it is contrary to the spirit of our free Constitution to grant to the Governor and Executive Council, the power to annul a Law ; the example of such Legislative disposition would be highly dangerous ; and the Statute of the 6th Geo. I. cap. 18, is no authority for such a measure, considering the political circumstances of the times when the said Statute was enacted.

Attest,

(Signed) WM. LINDSAY,
Clk. Affy.

ORDERED, That these reasons be taken into consideration immediately.

And the same being accordingly taken into consideration,

RESOLVED, That this House doth insist on their amendments in both Bills.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that a further conference is desired upon the amendments made by this House to the Bills, intituled,

intituled, " An Act for the incorporation of the Montreal Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire," and " an Act for the incorporation of the Quebec Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire," and that this House has appointed the same Members who held the last conference desired, and this at the same place.

RESOLVED, That the Managers for this House, at the said intended further meeting, hold language of the following import :

That the objects contemplated by the Corporations created by the said Bills, being the first of the kind in this Province, are in their nature experimental, and in sound policy ought either to be limited in their duration, or a power some where be lodged to put a period thereto, if their operation shall be found, after a fair time for trial, to be hurtful to the public interests.

That monied Corporations in the mother country, are by the Acts of Parliament establishing them, limited in time, as the bank of England, and East India Company ; or do contain a power of revocation, as in the case of the Insurance Company in London, created under the Act of 6th Geo. I. chap. 18 ; from which Act the principle of the said amendments made by the Legislative Council is adopted, and the political circumstances of the times, when the said Act of Geo. I. passed, can have no bearing whatsoever upon the question of the policy of limiting such a Corporation in a new country, other than pointing out more strongly the propriety of judging of its effects by experience, instead of mere theory.

On these grounds the Legislative Council perceive no reason to recede from their said amendments, and do therefore persist therein.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow, at twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, 22d MARCH

THE Members convened, were

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker,
The Honorable
Messrs. De Lotbinière,
Hale,
Duchefnay,
Richardson,
De Gaspé,
Ryland,
Grant,

PRAYERS.

The Master in Chancery who carried to the Assembly the Message for a further conference, reported, that the Assembly consented to the conference, and to the hour and place.

The Honorable Mr. *de Lotbinière*, from the Committee of conference, reported, that it was held according to Message, by the same Members of both Houses, and that the Managers for the Assembly, after hearing our Managers, and receiving a copy of the Resolve, given in charge to the Managers of this House, withdrew, declaring, that they would report it to the House of Assembly.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Vanfelson*, to return the Bills, intituled, “ An Act for the incorporation of the Montreal Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire,” and “ An Act for the incorporation of the Quebec Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to all the amendments made by this House to the said Bills, with one amendment to each, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said amendment being then thrice read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows: Last.

Last amendment, leave out all the words thereof, and insert,

“ Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority
“ aforesaid, that this Act, and every matter and thing therein con-
“ tained, shall continue to be in force during the space and term
“ of twenty-one years from the passing thereof, and no longer.”

ORDERED, That one of the Messengers in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to the amendment made by the Assembly to the amendments made by this House to the said two Bills, without any amendment.

ORDERED, That the special Committee appointed on the sixteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, to examine the Journals of this House from the time when they were last printed and to report upon such parts thereof as they may think necessary to be hereafter printed, for the use of the Members of this House, do now report.

And the said Report being received, and read at the table,

It was resolved,

That a copy of all the Entries recommended to be extracted from the Journals of this House, by the special Committee appointed on the sixteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, to examine the Journals of this House from the time when they were last printed, and to report upon such parts thereof as they may think necessary to be hereafter printed, for the use of the Members of this House, as well as a copy of all similar Entries in the preceding and succeeding Journals, be made during the recess, under the direction of the Speaker of this House.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His

His Excellency Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable and Military Order of the Bath, the Governor in Chief, being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know it is his Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.

Who being come with their Speaker, one of the Clerks of the Crown read the titles of the Bills to be passed, severally as follows :

“ An Act for the relief of Students in Law for the profession of Advocate, Attorney, Solicitor and Counsel, who served during the late War with the United States of America.”

“ An Act to grant to *Pierre Casgrain*, Esquire, a right of Toll over the Draw-Bridge erected on the River Ouelle, in the county of Cornwallis.”

“ An Act to authorize *Jean Marie Langlois*, otherwise called *Jean Marie Germain*, to build a Bridge over the River Yamaska, at the foot of the Cascade, opposite the village of Saint Hyacinthe in the county of Richelieu, to fix the rates of toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the said Bridge.”

“ An Act to authorize *Timothé Dufour* to build a Toll-Bridge over the River of Malbaie, in the county of Northumberland.”

“ An Act to repeal in part a clause of an Act or Ordinance made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ *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.*”

“ An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled “ *An Act to establish Post-Houses in the different parts of this Province.*”

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“ An Act to erect a Court-House, with proper offices, in the district of Three-Rivers, and to defray the expences thereof.”

“ An Act establishing Regulations respecting Aliens.”

“ An Act to render more certain the lines and boundaries of Lands, and for establishing and erecting of Meridian Stones in different parts of this Province.”

“ An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, in-as-much as relates to the Salaries of the Surveyors of highways, streets, lanes and bridges, in the cities of Quebec and Montreal, respectively.”

“ An Act for altering and amending an Act passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ *An Act for the safe custody and registering of all Letters Patent, whereby any Grant of the waste or other Lands of the Crown, lying within this Province, shall hereafter be made.*”

“ An Act for reviving and continuing for a limited time, and amending an Act passed in the forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ *An Act for the better regulation of Militia of this Province, and for repealing certain Acts or Ordinances therein mentioned.*”

“ An Act to appropriate a further sum of money towards the payment of certain arrears due for the erection of a common Gaol in the District of Quebec.”

“ An Act to give further power to the Executive Government to prevent the introduction or spreading of infectious or contagious Diseases.”

“ An Act to appropriate a sum of money for the payment of certain Militia Officers, and other purposes therein-mentioned.”

“ An

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“ An Act to facilitate the administration of justice in certain small matters therein-mentioned, in the country Parishes.”

“ An Act to authorize the closing and sale of a part of Capital Street in the city of Montreal, and for the disposal of the monies arising from the sale of the same,”

“ An Act more effectually to provide for the regulation of the Police in the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and the town of Three-Rivers, and for other purposes therein-mentioned.”

“ An Act to authorize *Joseph Roi*, Esquire, to build a Bridge over the River Jesus, opposite the village of Terrebonne, in the county of Effingham, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide Regulations for the said Bridge.”

“ An Act to authorize *Louis Michel Viger*, Esquire, to erect a Toll-Bridge over the River des Prairies.”

“ An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ *An Act for the division of the Province of Lower Canada, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain Laws therein-mentioned, so far as respects the Superior Terms of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Three-Rivers.*”

“ An Act to make good the deficiencies of the funds by Law provided, for paying certain contingent expences of the House of Assembly.”

“ An Act further to continue for a limited time, two Acts therein-mentioned, for the regulation of the Lumber Trade.”

To these Bills, the Royal assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of this House in the words following :

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In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor in Chief doth assent to this Bill.

Then one of the Clerks of the Crown read the titles of the following Bills :

“ An Act to regulate the Commerce between this Province and the United States of America, by land, or by inland navigation.”

“ An Act for the relief and encouragement of certain persons therein-named, and authorizing them to associate themselves under the title of “ The Quebec Friendly Society,” under certain restrictions, rules and regulations therein-mentioned.”

“ An Act for the incorporation of the Montreal Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire.”

“ An Act for the incorporation of the Quebec Fire Insurance Company against accidents by fire.”

Then the Clerk of this House by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say—

His Excellency the Governor in Chief doth reserve these Bills for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Then the Speaker of the House of Assembly, on presenting several money bills, did thereupon say—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

His Majesty's loyal subjects the Commons of Lower-Canada, now solicit the Royal assent to a Revenue Bill, and to several Bills of Appropriation.

In distributing with wisdom, moderate taxes, chiefly laid upon objects of luxury, and in a less degree upon objects of utility, all paid by the consumer, in proportion as he purchases, and of which the levying is certain, and but little expensive, the Representatives
of

of the people have the advantage of rendering to every citizen, that sacrifice easy, which he has to make of a portion of his property for the maintenance of public order, and the support of the Government instituted for his protection. Indirect taxes, which up to this moment have been levied without difficulty, and murmer, are continued for the two following years.

The Commons of Lower-Canada, in allotting a large portion of the Public Revenue to the improvement of Internal Communications, hope to surmount the obstacles opposed to the production of the resources of the country by the rigour of its climate. The multiplicity of successful public undertakings, which by diminishing the price of conveyance, tend to the encouragement of Commerce and Agriculture, by facilitating their operations, augmenting their profits, produces the further great advantage of exciting a laudable emulation among individuals, who the more readily embark in such undertakings, when encouraged by the example of a prudent Legislature, aiding and not impeding the speculations of individuals, by completing works which might prove superior to their means.— With such views, does the House of Assembly distribute throughout the Province, and in proportion to the wants of each of its parts, aid for the completion of work which individuals might have no immediate interest in undertaking; with such views, commence making provision for the improvement of the navigation of many fine and great Rivers, whose course is interrupted by obstacles easily to be surmounted, but which have had the effect of retarding the settlement, and the prosperity of many parts of the Province, susceptible of rapid advancement.

Monies are appropriated to the encouragement of the practice of Vaccine Inoculation, a precious discovery, one of the highest benefits conferred by science upon humanity; not because the mother country gave birth to the man of talents, to the accurate and intelligent observer, who made that important discovery, is given to her the glory and the happiness of being called the benefactress of nations; because information, public spirit, generous sentiments, have long

long been naturalized in England, the discovery of Dr. JENNER has been better received there than it would have been, if made elsewhere—and in a moment inspired there that virtuous enthusiasm which has already diffused the Vaccine Inoculation over the four quarters of the globe.

Animated by the consideration of the good we confer on our country by encouraging that practice, we feel with pleasure, that it must fortify those sentiments of gratitude which on so many other grounds we have to the country whence that benefit is derived.

By giving to the husbandman the means of sowing his land only could we hope to put an end to distress, which weighs upon a part of the Province; public assistance is given for that purpose; but on such occasions, so contiguous are use and abuse, that the Assembly has held itself to be under the necessity of multiplying its notifications, of saying to persons claiming relief, that an unexampled circumstance has induced it to recur to this dangerous remedy, of adopting a variety of modes of relieving the distressed, of leaving to your Excellency the selection of the mode, according to the circumstances, and the power of adopting others.

Confidence is usually the work of time alone. The zeal and success with which from the first days of your arrival, your Excellency hastened to succour the distressed who have experienced the efficacy of the sentiments of pity, with which they inspired your Excellency, have induced the House to leave to you such latitude in the execution of the Law. That confidence must have increased day by day in the Assembly, on seeing your Excellency bestow your attention, already so beneficially exercised in the administration of a neighbouring Colony, on facilitating the advancement of the resources of the Province.

The said Bills were then delivered to one of the Clerks of the Crown in Chancery, who read their titles as follow :

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“ An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the purchase
“ of Seed Grain towards the relief of the Parishes in distress, by the
“ failure of the late Harvest.”

“ An Act to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-
“ fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ *An Act to grant*
“ *new Duties to His Majesty to supply the wants of the Province.*”

“ An Act to make more effectual provision for the improvement
“ of the Internal Communications of this Province.”

“ An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money therein-menti-
“ oned for the promotion of Vaccine Inoculation.”

To these Bills the Royal assent was then severally pronounced by
the Clerk of this House, in these words :

In His Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor in Chief
thanks his loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to
this Bill.

Then His Excellency the Governor in Chief was pleased to make
the following speech :

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I cannot release you from the arduous duties in which you have
been engaged, without offering you my warmest acknowledgments
for the time and attention you have devoted to the important affairs
brought under your consideration during the present Session.

The readiness with which you have granted the supplies required
for relieving the distressed Parishes, and for other public services,
demands my best thanks ; and I beg to assure you, that every pre-
caution shall be used to ensure the proper application of your li-
berality.

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Permit me before we part, to impress upon your minds, the necessity of using your influence to cherish and encourage among the inhabitants of your respective districts, that spirit of loyalty, industry and harmony, so essential to the prosperity and happiness of the people.

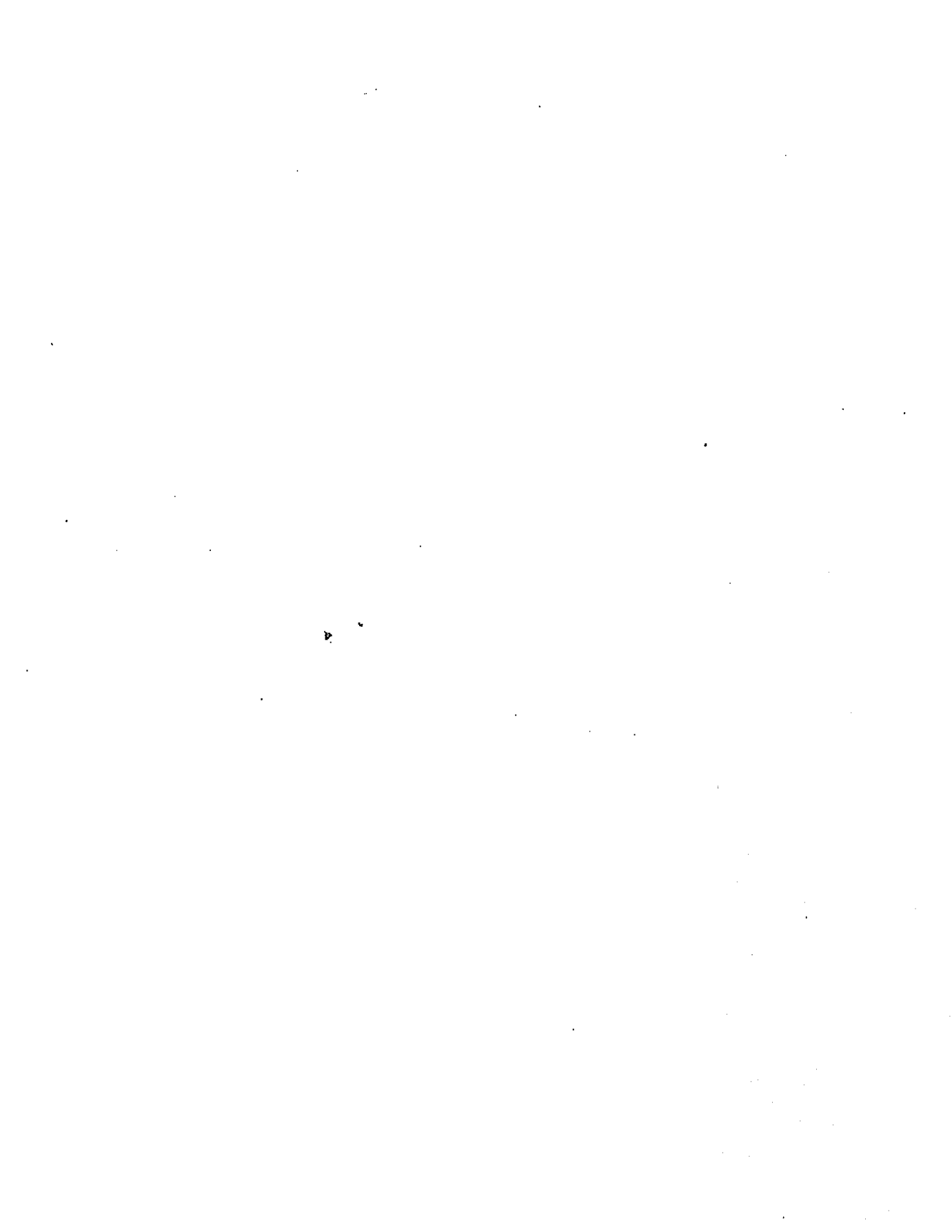
Then the Speaker of this House said—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

It is His Excellency's will and pleasure that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Friday, the second day of May next, to be then here held, and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Friday, the second day of May next.

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TO THE

J O U R N A L S

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF THE

PROVINCE OF

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for 1817.

I N D E X, &c.



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