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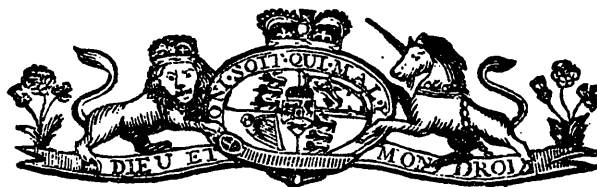
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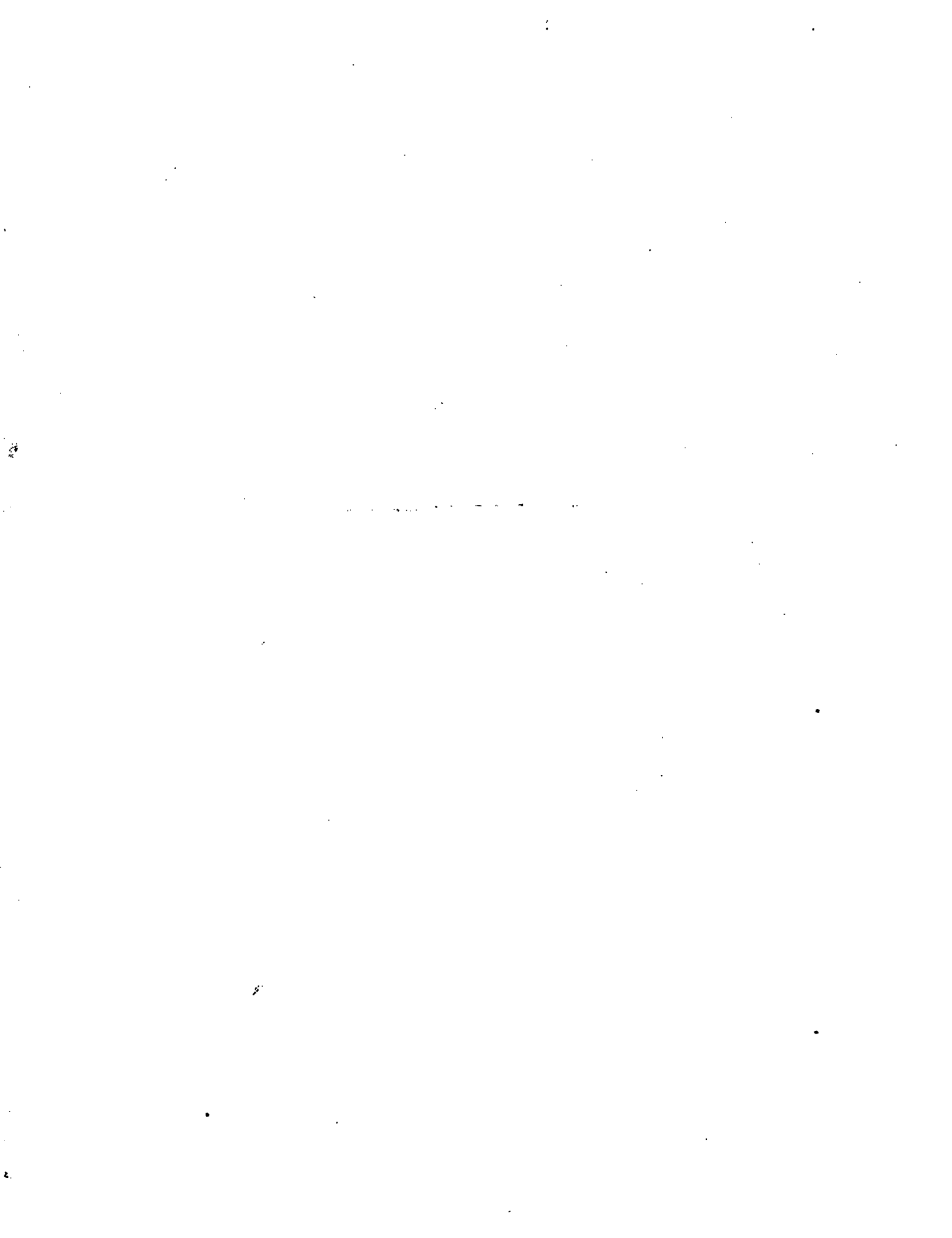
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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Anno 54 Georgii Tertii Regis.

Thursday, the Thirteenth day of January, in the Fifty-fourth 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 Fifth Session of the Seventh Provincial Parliament of Lower Canada, as continued by several Adjournments and Prorogations, to this day.

THEN the Members of the House assembled at the Bishop's Palace, in the City of *Quebec*, were:

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Jonathan Sewell, Speaker,
François Baby.
John Hale.
Antoine Fuchereau Duchesnay.
John Caldwell.
Herman W. Ryland.

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The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that there was a Member without, ready to be introduced ;

When the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* was introduced between the Honorable Mr. *Baby* and the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay*.

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

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

GEORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, To our beloved and faithful Subject *John Blackwood*, Esquire, GREETING : Whereas by the advice and assent of our Council for certain arduous and urgent affairs, Us, the state and defence of our Province of Lower Canada and the Church thereof concerning, our Legislature at our City of Quebec, on the Twenty-fifth day of May next, we have ordained to be holden, and there with you and other great men and our Legislative Council of our said Province. to have conference and Treaty, you on the faith and allegiance by which you are bound to Us, firmly enjoining, we command that the difficulty and dangers of the affairs aforesaid considered, laying aside every excuse whatsoever, on the aforesaid Twenty-fifth day of May, at the meeting of our said Legislature you be personally present with Us and the great men and the Legislative Council aforementioned, upon the said affairs to confer, and your advice to afford, and this as Us, and the honor, safety and defence of our said Province and the Church of the same, and the dispatch of the affairs aforementioned, you love, you are in no wise to omit. Witness our trusty and well beloved SIR GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, our Captain General and Governor 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 Ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, in the Fifty-third year of our Reign.

(Signed) G. P.

(Signed) HERMAN W. RYLAND, C. C. in Ch.

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Then the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the Thirty-first of His present Majesty, which was administered by *David Monro*, Esq. one of the Commissioners, and took his Seat accordingly.

Then the Commissioner withdrew.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency SIR GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, 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,

His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following Speech :

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

I have great satisfaction in again meeting you in Provincial Parliament, from an assurance that your deliberations will be influenced by the same principles of loyalty and affection to your Sovereign, and of active zeal for the security and welfare of this Province, which have hitherto distinguished the people of Lower Canada.

His Majesty still suffering, to the great regret of all his Subjects, under the malady with which he has so long been afflicted, the Government continues to be administered by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, with a wisdom and energy which promise the most lasting benefits to the British Empire.

Upon the Continent of Europe, a formidable confederation of Military Talents and strength has been formed, by the union of Russia, Prussia, Austria and Sweden, for the purpose of resisting the further attempts of the Ruler of France to obtain Universal Dominion ; and the brilliant successes which have hitherto invariably attended the Arms of
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the Allies in this momentous contest, afford the well grounded hope of a restoration of independence to the Nations so long oppressed, and of a return of Peace to that part of the World.

In Spain, and in the Territory even of France herself, into which His Majesty's victorious Arms have been carried, the splendid achievement of the Marquis of Wellington, and of the united British, Spanish and Portuguese forces, in the Victories of Vittoria, and of the Pyrenees, and the fall of Saint Sebastian, have rivalled those of any former period, and are just subjects of congratulation.

In turning our eyes to our own shores, we have abundant cause for gratitude to the Supreme Giver of all good, for the termination of the late Campaign in a manner so glorious to the British Arms, and so disastrous to those of the enemy.

The defeat sustained by him on the Chateauguay, where a handful of brave Canadians repelled a powerful division of his Army, and the brilliant Victory obtained by a small corps of observation, on the banks of the Saint Lawrence, over the formidable Armament commanded by General Wilkinson, have at the same time nobly upheld the honor of His Majesty's Arms, and effectually disconcerted all the plans of the enemy for the Invasion of this Province.

It is also matter of further and sincere congratulation, that, notwithstanding the various events of the last summer, by which a footing was gained by the enemy in the Upper Province, they have since been compelled to abandon the greater part of it, and that the Theatre of War has been transferred into their own Territory, where Niagara, their strongest Fortresses, and the important Posts of Black-Rock and Buffalo, have lately been wrested from them by British Valor and Enterprize.

In reviewing these events, I cannot but contemplate with pride and satisfaction, the zealous discharge of duty which I have witnessed as well in the militia, as in all classes of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, and which I consider the surest indication of their loyalty to their Sovereign, and of their determination to defend, to the last extremity, this valuable portion of his Dominions.

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Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I shall direct to be laid before you, a statement of the Provincial Revenue of the Crown, and of the expenditure for the last twelve months.

One of the measures adopted by you during the last Session, for supplying the exigencies of the Public Service has only lately come into operation, and as it promises to become a highly productive source of Revenue, I confidently rely upon your liberality for such appropriations for the defence of the Province, as the nature of the contest in which we are engaged, and the circumstances of the times, may require.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

Notwithstanding the present favourable aspect of our affairs, and the security in which the Province is now placed, from the discomfiture of the enemy's late attempts to invade it, we must still be prepared to meet with firmness, and to repel with vigour, whatever measures his presumption may again dictate for the accomplishment of his avowed object.

I trust, therefore, to your wisdom and vigilance to suggest whatever may be necessary for this purpose, and to your loyalty and patriotism to submit to whatever further sacrifices the war may require;—Assuring you, that His Majesty's Government, not unmindful of the exertions the Province has hitherto made in its defence, is using every possible effort, consistent with the important demands upon it for other services, to strengthen and increase the Military Establishment under my Command.

Deeply sensible, that the situation in which I am placed, is as arduous and difficult as it is important—I am, notwithstanding, cheered and animated in the discharge of its duties, by the conviction that I shall always meet with your support, in maintaining the honor, and promoting the Service of my Sovereign. To forward the prosperity, and to preserve the integrity of this Province, are objects of which I shall never lose sight; and confidently relying on your cordial assistance for their attainment, it will be my great ambition to be able faithfully to represent to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, the loyalty, zeal and

unanimity of His Majesty's Canadian Subjects, and to carry with me, whenever I shall return into the Royal Presence, the good opinion and the affection of the People of this Province.

Which being ended, His Excellency was pleased to retire, and the House of Assembly withdrew.

PRAYERS.

Hodiè 1a. *vice lecta est Billa*, 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, for his Speech from the Throne.

Then the following Members were appointed a Committee, to prepare an Address, pursuant to the said Order.

The Honorable Messrs. Hale.
Duchefnay.
Blackwood.

To meet and adjourn as they please.

The Speaker then informed the House that he had received a letter from Major General Sheaffe, dated, York, Upper-Canada; 23d March last, in answer to that which he had transmitted to him, conveying the thanks of this House—He then read the letter, the purport of which was, that he had received the notification of the distinction conferred by the vote of thanks of this House, on him, the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the regular and militia forces, whom he had the honor to command, on the 13th of October, in the battle of Queenstown—That he would not fail, to make known to the troops, the honor that had been conferred on them—That as several of the Six Nation Indians, were then assembling at Fort George, he would convey to them, also, the thanks of this House in a solemn manner befitting the dignity of this House. He returns the Speaker his warmest thanks for the very flattering and polite manner, in which he had been pleased to communicate to him the Resolution of this House. The

The Speaker also informed the House, that he had received a letter from Brigadier General Proctor, dated, Sandwich, 13th April last, in answer to that which he had transmitted to him, conveying the thanks of this House. He then read the letter, the purport of which was, that he had received the Resolution, conveying the thanks of this House, for the signal Victory obtained by the force under his Command, on the 22d January last, at the battle of Frenchtown—That he had communicated the thanks to those, to whom it had reference, and requested the Speaker to acquaint the House how sensible he was of the honor conferred on him and those under his command—That he would communicate the vote of thanks to the Indian Chiefs and Warriors who fought at the battle of Frenchtown, on the first proper occasion. He then returns the Speaker his warmest Thanks for the very polite manner in which he had been pleased to communicate to him the Resolution of the House.

The House was called over as follows :

The *Chief Justice*, Speaker, present.

Lord Bishop of Quebec, present.

The Honorable

Messrs. Dunn, excused.

De St. Ours, excused.

Baby, present.

Sir George Pownall, excused.

Osgoode, excused.

Monk, excused.

Sir John Johnson.

De Lotbiniere, excused.

Williams, excused.

Charles de St. Ours, excused.

Hale, present.

Duchesnay, present.

De Rouville, excused.

Caldwell, present.

Ryland, present.

Gaspé, excused.

Cuthbert.

Blackwood, present.

Members appointed a Committee to consider the Privileges of this House, and to take order for the due course thereof.

Honorable Messrs. The Chief Justice.

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Baby,

Hale,

Duchesnay.

Caldwell,

Ryland,

Blackwood.

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The said Members to meet and adjourn as they please.

Members appointed a Sub-Committee to prepare and perfect the Journals of this House :

*The Honorable Messrs. Hale and
Caldwell.*

The said Members to meet when and as often 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 Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Saturday next at Seven o'clock in the evening, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY, 15th JANUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Messrs. Hale.

Duchefnay.

Caldwell.

Ryland.

Blackwood.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported from the Committee charged to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, that they had prepared the same, which being read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet,

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 Jama, 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 dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency, for your Speech from the Throne, at the opening of this Session.

We assure Your Excellency, that our deliberations will invariably be influenced by principles of loyalty and affection to our Sovereign, and of active zeal for the security and welfare of this Province, and we acknowledge the justice which Your Excellency has done us, in expressing your conviction to this effect.

While we deeply regret, in common with all His Majesty's faithful Subjects, the malady with which His Majesty has unhappily, so long been afflicted, we cannot but admire the wisdom and energy of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in his administration of the Government, which promise the most lasting benefits to the British Empire.

The formidable confederation of strength and military talents, formed in the North of Europe, for the purpose of resisting the further attempts of the Ruler of France, to obtain universal dominion, and the unexampled triumphs which have crowned the glorious efforts of the Allies in this momentous contest, afford the most animating hopes of their complete success, in the restoration of Independence, to Nations so long oppressed, and the return of honorable Peace to that part of the world; in the splendid achievements of the United British, Spanish

and Portuguese Forces under the command of the Marquis of Wellington, in the victories of Vittoria and of the Pyrenees, and in the fall of St. Sebastian, we recognize with Your Excellency, actions which have rivalled those of any former period, and just subjects of congratulation.

We acknowledge with Your Excellency, our abundant cause for gratitude to the Supreme Giver of all Good, for the termination of the late Campaign upon our own shores, in a manner so glorious to the British Arms, and so disastrous to those of the Enemy. The memorable defeat sustained by him on the Chateauguay, so highly honorable to the Canadian Name, and the brilliant Victory obtained by the small Corps of Observation, on the Banks of the St. Lawrence, over the formidable Armament under General Wilkinson, while they added unfading lustre to His Majesty's Arms, effectually disconcerted the plans of the Enemy for the Invasion of the Province. The late gallant achievements of His Majesty's Forces, by which the Enemy has been compelled to abandon the principal footing he had gained by the events of last Summer in Upper Canada, with the capture of his strongest Forts, Niagara, by assault, and of the important Posts of Black Rock and Buffalo, which have been wrested from him by British valour and enterprise, and the war thus transferred to his own territory, we view with Your Excellency, as matters of further and sincere congratulation.

We receive with pride and satisfaction your Excellency's approbation of the conduct of the Militia, and of all classes of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, which cannot fail to animate them more and more in the zealous discharge of that sacred duty which they owe to their beloved Sovereign, the defence of this valuable portion of his Dominions, to the last extremity.

We perfectly concur in opinion with your Excellency, that, notwithstanding the present favourable aspect of our affairs, we must still be prepared to meet with firmness, and repel with vigour, whatever measures the presumption of the Enemy may dictate, for the accomplishment of his avowed object; and your Excellency may be assured of our zealous co-operation in every measure which may tend to the support of His Majesty's Government, and to the vigorous defence of this Province.

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The efforts which your Excellency has been pleased to assure us are now making by His Majesty's Government to strengthen and increase the Military Establishment under your Command, we acknowledge with the deepest gratitude.

Fully aware of the difficulties and importance of the situation in which your Excellency is placed, we beg leave respectfully to assure you, that you may confidently rely on our support in maintaining the honor, and promoting the service of His Majesty; and we beg leave to return to your Excellency, our most sincere thanks for the gratifying assurances which your Excellency has been pleased to give us, that it will, at all times, be your object to forward the prosperity, and to preserve the integrity of this Province, and your ambition to be able faithfully to represent to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, the loyalty, zeal, and unanimity of His Majesty's Canadian Subjects, and to carry with you, whenever you shall return into the Royal Presence, the good opinion and the affection of the people of this Province.

ORDERED, that the said Address be presented to His Excellency, by the whole House.

ORDERED, that the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* and the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood*, do wait on His Excellency, humbly to know at what time His Excellency will be pleased to appoint, to be attended by this House with the said Address.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Monday next, at Seven o'Clock in the Evening, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY 17th JANUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Messrs. Hale.

Duchefnay.

Ryland.

Blackwood.

PRAYERS.

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The Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* reported that The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* and himself, had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to be attended with the Address of this House, and that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint to-morrow, at Two o'Clock in the afternoon.

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

TUESDAY 18th JANUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

<i>Lord Bishop of Quebec.</i>	<i>Messrs. Hale.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
	<i>Duchesnay.</i>	<i>Cuthbert.</i>
	<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>

PRAYERS.

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, and that His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer :

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

I receive your Address with feelings of great satisfaction.

The loyalty and attachment which you profess towards His Majesty's Person and Government, are highly gratifying to me, and the assurances

ces you have given me of your cordial assistance in the discharge of the important trust committed to me, encourage me to hope that I may be the means, through the Divine Blessing, of maintaining the honor and interests of His Majesty, and of thereby promoting the real welfare of the Province.

ORDERED, that the Address of this House, and Answer thereto, be printed and published.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

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

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

(Secret and Confidential)

The Governor in Chief, as Commander of the Forces, finding it indispensable in order to carry on the Public Service in His Majesty's Provinces under his Command, to direct an issue of Army Bills to be made and to be put into circulation to a greater amount than Five Hundred Thousand Pounds, and of different denominations and descriptions from those recognized by the Act of the 53d of His present Majesty, Chap. 3d, Sec. 14, recommends to the immediate and serious consideration of the Legislative Council, the expediency of extending the provisions of the Act of the 52d of His Majesty "to facilitate the circulation of Army Bills," or such parts thereof as it may be deemed necessary to adopt, to all Army Bills to whatever amount, and of every denomination and description, which the Governor in Chief as Commander of the Forces, may hereafter cause to be issued and to be put into circulation, and which the exigencies of His Majesty's Service in the said Provinces may require.

(Signed) G. P.

*Castle of St. Lewis, }
17th January, 1814. }*

ORDERED, that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Message of His Excellency of the seventeenth instant, on the next sitting day. The

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at Seven o'Clock in the Evening, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY 19th JANUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Messrs. Hale.

Caldwell.

Blackwood.

PRAYERS.

The Speaker acquainted the House, that there was a Member without, ready to be introduced.

When the Honorable Mr. *M^cGillivray* was introduced, between the Honorable Mr. *Hale*, and the Honorable Mr. *Caldwell*.

Then The Honorable Mr. *M^cGillivray*, presented to the Speaker, his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and is as follows :

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith : To our beloved and faithful Subject *William M^cGillivray*, Esquire, GREETING : Whereas by the advice and assent of our Council for certain arduous and urgent affairs, Us, the state and defence of our Province of Lower-Canada and the Church thereof concerning, our Legislature at our City of Quebec, on the thirteenth day of January instant, we have ordained to be holden, and there with you and other Great Men and our Legislative Council of our said Province to have conference and treaty, You, on the Faith and Allegiance by which you are bound to Us, firmly enjoining, We command, that the difficulty and dangers of the affairs aforesaid

foresaid considered, laying aside every excuse whatsoever, at the meeting of our said Legislature, You be personally present with Us, and the Great Men and the Legislative Council aforementioned, upon the said affairs to confer, and your advice to afford, and this as Us and the honour, safety and defence of our said Province and the Church of the same and the dispatch of the affairs aforementioned you love, you are in no wise to omit. Witness our trusty and well beloved SIR GEORGE PREVOST, our Captain General and Governor 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 Nineteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and in the Fifty-fourth year of our Reign.

(Signed) G. P.

(Signed) HERMAN W. RYLAND, C. C. in Ch.

Then the Honorable Mr. *M'Gillivray* came to the Table, and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of His present Majesty, which was administered by *Louis Montizambert*, Esquire, one of the Commissioners, and took his Seat accordingly.

Then the Commissioner withdrew.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Message of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, of the 17th instant.

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

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported from the said Committee, that they had considered the same, and resolved, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, which being read, was in these words :

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 the Seventeenth instant, respecting the further issue of Army Bills, and to assure His Excellency, that this House

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will not fail to take the same into their most serious consideration, and that they will readily adopt such measures as shall appear calculated to accomplish the objects therein proposed.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Mr. *Caldwell* and the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood*, do wait on His Excellency with the said Address.

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

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

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST, Governor.

The Governor in Chief deems it necessary to inform the Legislative Council, that since the commencement of the present Session of the Legislature, circumstances have occurred which render it indispensable that he should leave Quebec for a few days, for the purpose of approaching the Frontiers of the Province.

The Governor in Chief trusts, that the Legislative Council will not find it necessary to suspend their deliberations during his short absence, and that they will proceed to the dispatch of such part of the Public Business as shall not appear to them to require an immediate and personal communication with him.

(Signed) G. P.

Castle of St. Lewis, }
Quebec, 19th Jany. 1814. }

ORDERED, That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on this Message, immediately.

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

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Caldwell* reported from the Committee, that they had considered the same,

same, and resolved, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, which being read, was in these words :

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 of the compliance of this House, with the Recommendation of His Excellency, therein contained, so far forth as may be found practicable.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Mr. *Hale* and the Honorable Mr. *M^cGillivray*, do wait on His Excellency with the said Address.

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

THURSDAY, 20th JANUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

*Messrs. Caldwell.
Ryland.
Cuthbert.*

*Blackwood.
M^cGillivray.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Caldwell* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* and himself, had (according to order) waited on His Excellency, with the Address of this House, of yesterday.

The Honorable Mr. *M^cGillivray* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Hale* and himself, had (according to order) waited on His Excellency, with another Address of this House of yesterday.

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

SATURDAY, 22d JANUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

*Messrs. Ryland.
Blackwood.
M'Gillivray.*

PRAYERS.

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

TUESDAY, 25th JANUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

*Messrs. Baby. Blackwood.
Caldwell. M'Gillivray.
Ryland.*

PRAYERS.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to to-morrow at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

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The Honorable

*Messrs. Baby.
Ryland.*

*Blackwood.
M'Gillivray.*

PRAYERS.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Friday next, at Two o'clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY 28th JANUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

*Messrs. Baby.
Ryland.*

*Blackwood.
M'Gillivray.*

PRAYERS.

On reading the Petition from the Magistrates of the City of *Montreal*, presented by the Honorable Mr. *M'Gillivray*, respecting the Ordinance passed in the 17th year of His Majesty's Reign, concerning Bakers of the Towns of *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

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

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Lee*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for disqualifying the Chief Justices and Justices of the Courts of King's Bench in this Province, from being Summoned to the Legislative Council or sitting or voting therein;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

ORDERED, that this Bill be read for the first time, on the next fitting day.

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

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MONDAY 31st JANUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Baby.

Ryland.

Hale.

Blackwood.

Duchefnay.

M^cGillivray.

Caldwell.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Bill intituled, " An Act for disqualifying the Chief Justices and Justices of the " Court of King's Bench in this Province, from being Summoned to " the Legislative Council, or sitting or voting therein."

It was moved, that the Order of the Day be discharged, and that this Bill be read for the first time on the next sitting day.

It was resolved in the negative.

The said Bill was then read for the first time.

It was thereupon moved, to resolve, that the matters contained in the said Bill, are unparliamentary and unprecedented, and trench on the prerogatives of the Crown and rights and privileges of this House.

It was resolved, unanimously, in the affirmative.

It was then moved, that this House will proceed no further in the consideration of this Bill.

It was resolved, unanimously, in the affirmative.

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

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WEDNESDAY 2d FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Duchesnay.

Blackwood.

Caldwell.

M^cGillivray.

Cutbert.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intitled, “ An Act for the more effectual Establishment of Schools for the teaching of the first rudiments of Education in the Country parts of this Province,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

ORDERED, that this Bill be read for the first time on the next fitting day.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Papineau*, 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.

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

ORDERED, That the Thanks of this House be given to Lieutenant Colonel *De Salaberry*, of the *Canadian Voltigeurs*, and the Officers and Men under his immediate command, for their distinguished conduct and bravery, in the action of the 26th of October last, on the River *Chateauguay*, where a small, but heroic Band of Native Troops, repulsed the advance of the American Army under General *Hampton*.

ORDERED, That the Thanks of this House be given to Lieutenant Colonel *Morrison*, of His Majesty's 89th Regiment, and the Officers and Men under his command, for the gallantry and skill which distinguished their conduct in the action of *Chrysler's Farm*, on the 11th of November last, where superior science and bravery, gave the victory to inferior numbers.

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ORDERED, That the Thanks of this House be given to Lieutenant General *Drummond*, for the able and judicious disposition made by him of the Force under his command, whereby the strong Fortrefs of *Niagara* has been wrested from the the Enemy, a signal Victory obtained over his Forces at *Black Rock*, and the important Depots of *Black Rock* and *Buffalo* taken and destroyed.

ORDERED, That the Thanks of this House be given to Colonel *John Murray*, and the Officers and Men under his command, for the undaunted bravery and admirable conduct evinced by them, on the Capture of the Fortrefs of *Niagara*, by assault, in the morning of the 19th of December last.

ORDERED, That the Thanks of this House be given to Major General *Rial*, and the Officers and Men under his command, for the bravery and gallant conduct displayed by them in the action with the American Forces at *Black Rock*, on the 30th of December last, which ended in the complete overthrow of the Enemy.

ORDERED, That the Speaker of this House do, with all convenient speed, transmit the above Thanks to the several Officers before-mentioned, to be by them communicated to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of His Majesty's Forces under their respective commands.

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

THURSDAY, 3d FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were:

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker,

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Baby.

Cuthbert.

Caldwell.

Blackwood.

Ryland.

M'Gillivray.

PRAYERS.

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Hodie 1a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act for the more effectual establishment of Schools for the teaching of the first Rudiments of Education in the Country parts of this Province.”

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for a second time on Tuesday next.

Hodie 1a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*.”

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for a 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.

FRIDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Baby.

Blackwood.

Duchesnay.

M^r Gillivray.

Ryland.

PRAYERS.

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

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

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST, GOVERNOR.

The Governor in Chief has given directions for laying before the Legislative Council, the following Statements of the Provincial Revenue of the Crown, and of the expenditure, between the 6th January, 1813, and 5th January, 1814.

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- No. 1. ACCOUNT of Cash received by *John Caldwell*, Esqr. Receiver General, for Casual and Territorial Revenue.
2. Do. of Cash received by do. do. for Duties and Licences under the Statute of the 14th Geo. 3d.
3. Do. of Cash received by do. do. for Duties on Wines, under the Provincial Act of the 33d, Geo. 3d.
4. Do. of Cash received by do. do. on Sundry Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Licences, under the Provincial Acts of the 35th, Geo. 3d, Cap. 8 and 9.
5. Do. of Cash received by do. do. for Licences for Billiard Tables, and Duties on Manufactured Tobacco and Snuff, under the Provincial Acts of the 41st, Geo. 3d, Cap. 13 and 14.
6. Do. of Cash received by do. do. for Duties under the Provincial Act of the 45th, Geo. 3d, Cap. 13, continued by Act 51st, Geo. 3d, Cap. 1.
7. STATEMENT of Monies collected under the Acts of the Provincial Parliament of 45th, Geo. 3d, Cap. 12, and 51st, Geo. 3d, Cap. 12, and of the expences incurred in supporting and improving the Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*.
8. Do. of Duties collected under the Act of the Provincial Parliament of the 48th, Geo. 3d, Cap. 19. for the improvement of the inland Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*, between *Montreal* and Lake *St. Francis*.
9. ACCOUNT of Cash received by *John Caldwell*, Esqr. Receiver General, for Duties under the Provincial Act of the 48th, Geo. 3d, Cap. 34, the same being for repairing and ameliorating the ancient Castle of *St. Lewis*.
10. Do. of Cash received by do. do. for Duties on Sundry Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and Licences under the Provincial Act of the 53d, Geo. 3d, Cap. 1.

No. 11 ACCOUNT of Cash received by do. do. for Fines, Forfeitures, &c.

13. STATEMENT shewing the Duties under the Provincial Acts of the 33d, 35th, 45th, (continued by 51st,) 48th, Cap. 34. 53d, Cap. 1, and 53d, Cap. 11, of Geo. 3d, and the several appropriations thereof.
14. Do. of Articles liable to Duty under the Provincial Acts of the 33d and 35th, Geo. 3d, which have passed *Côteau-du-Lac*, on their way to *Upper-Canada*, from 1st January, to 31st December, 1813.
15. Do. of Articles liable to Duty under the Provincial Act of the 41st, Geo. 3d, which have passed *Côteau-du-Lac*, on their way to *Upper-Canada*, from 1st January, to 31st December, 1813.
16. Do. of Articles liable to Duty under the Provincial Act of 45th Geo. 3d, Cap. 13, continued by Act 51st, Geo. 3d, Cap. 1, which have passed *Côteau-du-Lac*, on their way to *Upper-Canada*, from 1st January, to 31st December, 1813.
17. ABSTRACT of Warrants granted by His Excellency *Sir George Prevost*, Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief, His Honor Major-General *Francis De Rottenburg*, and His Honor Major-General *George Glasgow*, Presidents, on *John Caldwell*, Esqr. Receiver General, in payment of the Civil Expenditure of the Province of *Lower-Canada*, for the year 1813.
18. Do. of Warrants granted by do. do. in payment of the Salaries of the Officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and the contingent expences thereof for do.

*Castle of St. Lewis, }
Quebec, 3d Feb. 1814. }*

(Signed) G. P.

ORDERED, that the Message and Papers accompanying the same, do lie on the Table, for the consideration of the Members of this House.

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

ORDERED, that this Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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

SATURDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were:

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec. Messrs. Caldwell.
Ryland.
Blackwood.

PRAYERS.

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

MONDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were:

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec. Messrs. Caldwell. Blackwood.
Ryland. M^r Gillivray.
Cuthbert.

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 to establish a House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr.
Ryland

Ryland 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 said Bill be again put into a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

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

TUESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Hale.

Cuthbert.

Duchefnay.

Blackwood.

Caldwell.

M^cGillivray.

Ryland.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled, " An Act for the more effectual establishment of Schools for the teaching of the first Rudiments of Education in the Country parts of this Province."

It was moved, that the said order be discharged, and that this Bill be read for the second time on the eighth day of May next.
RESOLVED in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *M^cGillivray* rose in his place, and stated, that his private affairs required his presence at *Montreal*, and requested leave of absence.

ORDERED, That Mr. *M^cGillivray* do take the leave he desire.

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

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WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

*Messrs. Ryland.
Blackwood.*

PRAYERS.

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

THURSDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

*Lord Bishop of Quebec. Messrs. Baby, Caldwell,
Hale. Ryland.
Duchesnay. Blackwood.*

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, 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.

RESOLVED in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed to a Special Committee, and that the Committee be, Messrs. *Duchesnay, Ryland* and *Blackwood*, with power to send for persons and papers, and to meet and adjourn as they please. A

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. Lee, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act for appointing an Agent in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for the first time on Tuesday next.

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

FRIDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Baby.

Caldwell.

Hale.

Ryland.

Duchefnay.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Hale, presented to the House, a Bill, intituled, " An Act further to continue, for a limited time, " An Act passed in the Fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for establishing Regulations respecting Aliens and certain Subjects of His Majesty who have resided in France, coming into this Province, or or residing therein."

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read.

Hodie 1a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act further to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the Fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for establishing Regulations respecting Aliens, and certain Subjects of His Majesty, who have resided in France, coming into this Province, or residing therein."

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for a second time, on the next sitting day. The

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Monday next, at seven o'clock in the evening, the House to decreeing.

MONDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Hale.

Ryland.

Caldwell.

Blackwood.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Bourdages*, with a Bill, 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 this Bill be read for a second time, on the next sitting day.

Another Message from the Assembly, by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue two several Acts therein mentioned, for regulating the Fisheries in the Inferior District of *Gaspé*," 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, intituled, "An Act further to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*," 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 fitting day.

Another Message from the Assembly, by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act further to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the Fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for establishing regulations respecting Aliens, and certain Subjects of His Majesty who have resided in *France*, coming into " this Province, or residing therein," 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. *Lee*, with a Resolution, which being read, was in the words following :

House of Assembly,

Friday, 11th Eeby. 1814.

RESOLVED, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, to invite their Honors to join a second person to *Pierre Bedord*, Esquire, to be Agent for the Province, and to acquaint their Honors, that the House of Assembly will concur in their nomination.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Lee* do carry this Message to the Legislative Council.

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

The Messenger was called in, and it was signified to him by the Speaker, that the House will answer by a Message of this House.

RESOLVED, That this House will proceed to the consideration of this Resolution.

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The Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* presented a Memorial from *George Herist*, Esquire, Deputy Post Master General, praying, that the *Maître de Poste*, carrying the King's Mails, with an *Aide-de-Poste*, and Servant, be exempted from Militia duty.

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

Whereas this day was appointed for the second reading of the Bill intituled, " An Act further to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the Fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for establishing Regulations respecting Aliens and certain Subjects of His Majesty, who have resided in *France*, coming into this Province, or residing therein."

ORDERED, That the said Order be discharged.

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

TUESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Hale.

Ryland.

Blackwood.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* presented a Petition from *Joseph Bouchette*, Esquire, Surveyor General.

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

The Order of the Day being read for the first reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act for appointing an Agent in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland.*"

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The said Bill was read for the first time.

It was moved,

That the Resolution of the House of Assembly, brought up by Messrs. yesterday, be read.

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

The said Resolution being read accordingly :

It was then moved,

That a Committee be appointed to search for Precedents, as to the course to be pursued, respecting the Resolution sent up from the Assembly, and that the Committee be, the Honorable Messrs. *Hale, Ryland* and *Blackwood*, and that they meet and adjourn as they please.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

It was moved,

That the Bill, intituled, " An Act for appointing an Agent in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*," be read for a second time, on Tuesday next, and that the Members in Town be summoned.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That there be a Call of this House, for the Twenty-fourth instant, and that a Special Messenger be sent forthwith to summon the Members to be in their respective places, on that day.

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, 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 Thursday next.

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to continue two several Acts therein mentioned, for regulating the Fisheries in the Inferior District of *Gaspé*."

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

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act further to continue
“ for a limited time, an Act passed in the Forty-eighth year of His
“ Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the Trial of Con-
“ troverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of
“ Assembly of *Lower Canada*.”

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

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act further to continue
“ for a limited time, an Act passed in the Fifty-first year of His Majes-
“ ty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act for establishing Regulations respect-
“ ing Aliens, and certain Subjects of His Majesty, who have resided
“ in *France*, coming into this Province, or residing therein.”

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

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Thursday next, at seven o’Clock in the evening, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Baby.

Ryland.

Hale.

Blackwood.

Caldwell.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill intituled, “ An Act to establish a House of Industry in the City
“ of

“ of *Montreal*,” had been referred, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House with several Amendments, which were read.

Whereas this day was appointed for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, “ An Act to establish Post Houses in the different parts of this Province,

ORDERED, That this Order be discharged, and that this Bill be committed to a Special Committee, and that the Committee be, the Honorable Messrs. *Baby*, *Caldwell*, and *Ryland*, and that they do meet and adjourn as they please.

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 two several Acts therein mentioned, for regulating the Fisheries in the Inferior District of *Gaspé*.”

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Baby* 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 further to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections or returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*.”

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 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 a Bill, intituled, " An Act further to continue, for a limited time, " An Act passed in the " Fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for establishing Regulations respecting Aliens and certain Subjects of His " Majesty who have resided in *France*, coming into this Province, or " residing therein."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Calderwell* 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 was presented from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by the Honorable Mr. *Hale*.

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

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST, Governor.

It having been represented to the Governor in Chief, that the duty imposed on Salt, by the Act of the Provincial Legislature, of the Fifty-third of His present Majesty, Chap. 1st, is extremely injurious to the Fisheries of the Province, and that the exemption of that article, from the payment of the said Duty when imported for the use of the said Fisheries, was unintentionally omitted in the said Act, the Governor in Chief recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Council, the expediency of providing for such exemption, and for the relief of those who may have paid, or given bonds for the payment of the said Duty since the passing of the said Act.

(Signed) G. P.

Castle of St. Lewis, }
Quebec, 16th Feby. 1814. }

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the said Message be taken into consideration on the next fitting day.

The Speaker declared this Assembly continued to Saturday next at seven o'clock in the evening, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

*Messrs. Baby.
Hale.*

*Ryland.
Blackwood.*

Duchesnay.

PRAYERS.

*Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to continue two
" several Acts therein mentioned, for regulating the Fisheries in the
" Inferior District of Gaspé."*

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 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act further to continue
" for a limited time, an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Ma-
" jesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to regulate the Trial of Controver-
" ted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of As-
" sembly of Lower Canada."*

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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 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act further to continue
“ for a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-first year of His Majes-
“ ty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act for establishing Regulations respect-
“ ing Aliens and certain Subjects of His Majesty, who have resided in
“ *France*, coming into this Province, or residing therein.”

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) proceeded to take into consideration the Message of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, of the 16th instant.

ORDERED, That His Excellency’s Message be again read.

ORDERED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return the Thanks of this House for His Message of the Sixteenth instant, respecting the Duty imposed on Salt, by the Act of the Provincial Legislature, of the fifty-third of His present Majesty, and to assure His Excellency, that this House will not fail to take the same into consideration, and that they will readily adopt such measures as shall appear best calculated to accomplish the objects therein proposed.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Baby* and *Hale* do wait on His Excellency with the said Address. The

The Honorable Mr. *Baby* reported from the Special Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish Post Houses in the different parts of this Province," that they had examined the said Bill, and that the Committee had directed him to report the same, with several amendments.

The Amendments were read.

ORDERED, That the Report of the Committee be taken into consideration on the next sitting day.

ORDERED, That the Amendments reported by the Special Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*," be taken into consideration, on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, from the Special Committee appointed to search for Precedents as to the course to be pursued respecting the Resolution sent up by Message from the Assembly on the eleventh instant, reported, that they had searched for Precedents, which they had directed him to report to the House.

The same being read by the Clerk,

ORDERED, That the said Report with the Precedents, be taken into consideration on the next sitting day.

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

MONDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

*Messrs. Baby.
Duchefnay.
Caldwell.*

*Ryland.
Cutbert.
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The Honorable Mr. *Baby* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Hale* and himself had (according to order) waited on his Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House of Saturday last.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Report of the Special Committee, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish Post Houses in the different parts of this Province,"

It was moved,

That this Report and the Amendments made to the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, immediately.

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

Whereas this day was appointed for taking into consideration the Amendments on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*,"

It was moved,

That the said Order be discharged, and that this Bill and Amendments be referred to a Committee of the whole House, on the next fitting day.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the
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Report from the Committee appointed to search for Precedents respecting the course to be pursued, as to the Resolution sent up by Message from the Assembly, on the eleventh instant,

It was moved to Resolve,

That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that as the Message of the eleventh instant received by the Legislative Council from the Assembly on that day, relates solely and entirely to the subject matter of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for appointing an Agent in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*," which Bill having been received by the Legislative Council from the Assembly upon the tenth instant, was at the time of the delivery of the said Message, in the possession of the Legislative Council, and not in the possession of the Assembly, the Legislative Council cannot but observe this unusual proceeding on the part of the Assembly, and do desire, that the Assembly in future will take no notice of the subject matter of any Bill of which the Legislative Council shall be possessed, until the Legislative Council shall desire a Conference thereon with the Assembly; a course which the Legislative Council will always observe towards the proceedings of the Assembly; as they conceive that the contrary is not compatible with the Privileges of either House.

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.

TUESDAY, 22d FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were:

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Baby.

Ryland.

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The names of the Members in Town were called over.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* presented a Petition from the Sisters of the Congregation of *Sœurs Grises* of the City of *Montreal*."

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

The Honorable Mr. *Baby* presented a Petition from the Commissioners appointed under the Act for the relief of Infane Persons, Foundlings and Invalids.

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 for appointing an Agent in the United Kingdom " of *Great Britain and Ireland*,"

It was then moved,

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

It was Resolved, unanimously, 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 for establishing Post Houses in the different parts of this " Province."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* 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 House be again put into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, on the next fitting day.

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

tuled, " An Act further to continue for a limited time, an Act passed
" in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act
" to ratify and confirm the Provisional Articles of Agreement entered
" into by the respective Commissioners of this Province, and of *Upper*
" *Canada*, at *Montreal*, on the fifth day of July, 1804, relative to
" Duties, and for carrying the same into effect, and also further to
" continue an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's
" Reign," 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.

Whereas this day was appointed for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, 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.

It was moved to Resolve,

That the seventh Standing Order of this House be rescinded, and that at Votes, the Contents do rise in their places, and the Non-Contents continue to sit, and that this be a Standing Order of this House.

It was Ordered accordingly.

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

WEDNESDAY, 23d FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

*Messrs. Baby.
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PRAYERS.

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

THURSDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

<i>Lord Bishop of Quebec.</i>	<i>Messrs. Baby.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
	<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Cuthbert.</i>
	<i>Duchesnay.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
	<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>M'Gillivray.</i>

PRAYERS.

The names of the Members of the House were called over, according to the Order of the fifteenth instant, viz.

Jonathan Sewell, Speaker, Present.

Right. Revd. Lord Bishop of Quebec, Present.

<i>Thomas Dunn, excused.</i>	<i>Ant. Fuchereau Duchesnay, present.</i>
<i>Paul Roc de St. Ours, excused.</i>	<i>J. B. M. de Rouville, excused.</i>
<i>François Baby, present.</i>	<i>John Caldwell, present.</i>
<i>Chief Justice Monk, excused.</i>	<i>J. A. de Gaspé, not excused.</i>
<i>Sir John Johnson, Bart excused.</i>	<i>Herman W. Ryland, present.</i>
<i>Chartier de Lotbiniere, not excused.</i>	<i>James Cuthbert present.</i>
<i>Jenkin Williams, excused.</i>	<i>John Blackwood, present.</i>
<i>Charles de St. Ours, excused.</i>	<i>William M'Gillivray, present.</i>
<i>John Hale, present.</i>	

The House was informed, that a Commission had been issued under the Great Seal, appointing *John Hale, Esq.* Speaker, during the absence of the Chief Justice, the Speaker.

The Commission was read in the words following : (Signed)

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

Province of } GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God,
Lower Canada. } G of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and
Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, To Our Trusty and well be-
 ved Counsellor, 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*, 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 constitute, name and authorize 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 Counsellors there assembled, during the absence of Our 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 thereunto affixed. Witness Our Trusty and well beloved SIR GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, 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 of *Lower Canada*, the Twenty-third day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and of Our Reign the Fifty-fourth.

(Signed) JNO. TAYLOR, Dep. Secy.

(Signed) G. P.
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RESOLVED, That a Committee of two Members be appointed to search the Journals of the House of Assembly, as to any Address or Addresses from that House to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and respecting any Address or Addresses from that House to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, respecting the same, and His Excellency's Answer or Answers thereto, and as to any such Proceedings of the Assembly thereon, as may appear on the Journals of that House, subsequent to the Votes of Concurrence upon such Addresses respectively; and that the Committee be, the Honorable Messrs. *Caldwell* and *Blackwood*.

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 to establish Post Houses in the different parts of this Province."

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 several amendments.

The Amendments were twice read, and were severally agreed to by the House, and were as follows:

Prefs 3, line 21, After "aforesaid" insert, "and that every *Maître* or "*Aide de Poste*, who shall be required to furnish a covered or half covered Carriage, and who shall furnish the same, shall receive three pence, like money, in augmentation for every league, or in proportion for every part of a league."

— line 34, After "*Maîtres*" leave out "or."

ibid. After "*Poste*" insert, "or called upon by the *Maître* "or *Aide de Poste*."

Prefs 4, Leave out the Proviso marked A.

Prefs 5, line 29, After "notwithstanding" insert, "Provided that nothing herein contained shall exempt or be construed to exempt any more than one *Engagé* or Postillion "where

“ where the *Maître* or *Aide de Poste* by Law is required to have but one *Engagé* or Postillion.”

— — — — — 7, line 2, Leave out from “ or lines” inclusive, to “ within” also inclusive, in the third line, and insert, “ shall on arriving at.”

— — — — — 4, Leave out from “ shall” inclusive, to “ places” also inclusive, in the fifth line of same Prefs.

— — — — — 11, Leave out from “ and” inclusive, to “ fixed” also inclusive, in the twenty seventh line of same Prefs.

ORDERED, That the Amendments be engrossed.

Whereas this day was appointed for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, 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 sitting day.

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act further to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to ratify and confirm the Provisional Articles of Agreement entered into by the respective Commissioners of this Province and of *Upper Canada*, at *Montreal*, on the fifth day of July, 1804, relative to Duties, and for carrying the same into effect, and also further to continue an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty’s Reign.”

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 eleven o’clock in the morning, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

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The Honorable The Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Baby.

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Caldwell.

Blackwood.

Ryland.

M'Gillivray.

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 further to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to ratify and confirm the Provisional Articles of Agreement entered into by the respective Commissioners of this Province and of *Upper Canada*, at *Montreal*, on the fifth day of July, 1804, relative to Duties, and for carrying the same into effect, and also further to continue an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Rylana* 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.

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to establish Post Houses in the different parts of this Province."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill, with the Amendments, shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED. That the Minister 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 House of Assembly.

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The Honorable Mr. *Caldwell* from the Committee appointed to search the Journals of the House of Assembly, reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* and himself had delivered the Resolve of this House of yesterday, into the hands of Mr. *Lindsay*, their Clerk, who said, that he did not feel himself authorized to comply with the Requisition therein contained, without the leave of the House of Assembly being first obtained to that effect.

It was moved to Resolve,

That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and deliver to that House a Copy of the Resolution of this House of yesterday, respecting the searching of the Journals of the Assembly, and do acquaint that House, that *William Lindsay*, Esq. the Clerk of that House, upon view of the said Resolution, and being required by the Committee appointed by this House to carry the same into execution, to comply with the Requisition contained in the said Resolution, had refused so to do, and to desire, that such right may be done to this House against the said *William Lindsay*, as his offence requires.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The House was adjourned until Seven o'clock in the evening.

EODEM DIE, Seven o'Clock in the Evening.

The House was convened as before.

The Honorable Messrs. *Hale* and *Duchefnay* also appeared.

The Master in Chancery reported, that he had delivered the Message of this day to the Assembly, respecting the searching the Journals of the Assembly, and that he was informed by the Speaker, that the House of Assembly would answer by a Message of their own.

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.

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

It was moved to Resolve,

That Copies of the Address of the Assembly to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and of their Addresses to His Excellency the Governor in Chief thereon, and of his Answers thereto, are immediately required for the information of this House.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

It was moved to Resolve,

That the Assembly having answered the Message of this House, complaining of the refusal of *William Lindsay*, Esquire, the Clerk of the Assembly, to allow the Committee of this House to search the Journals of the Assembly for the said Addresses and Answers, by a Message informing this House that they will answer thereunto by a Message of their own, have thereby deprived this House of the means of procuring the said Addresses and Answers immediately, by that course of proceeding.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

It was moved to Resolve,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to order Copies of the said Addresses and Answers, to be laid before this House, and that Copies of the aforesaid Resolutions be laid before His Excellency, together with the said Address of this House.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* and the Honorable Mr. *M'Gillivray*

M^cGillivray do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the said Address of this House.

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

SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable the Chief Justice, Speaker.

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Baby.

Ryland.

Hale.

Cuthbert.

Duchesnay.

Blackwood.

Caldwell.

M^cGillivray.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *M^cGillivray* and himself had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the Address and Resolves of this House of yesterday, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would accede to it.

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act further to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the forty fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to ratify and confirm the Provisional Articles of Agreement entered into by the respective Commissioners of this Province and of *Upper Canada*, at *Montreal*, on the fifth day of July, 1804, relative to Duties, and for carrying the same into effect, and also further to continue an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign."

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 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 establish a House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Caldwell* 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 being twice read by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House, and are as follows :

Prefs 2, line 45, Leave out from "a" inclusive, to "those" also inclusive, in the forty-sixth line of the same Prefs.

Prefs 3, line 1, Leave out from "those" inclusive, to "persons" also inclusive, and insert, "It shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to nominate and appoint four other Persons."

— 8, Leave out from "chosen" inclusive, to "purpose" also inclusive, and insert, "nominated and appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being."

— 11, After "Office" insert, "Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, from nominating and reappointing the same persons, or any of them, to be Directors and Wardens, if such persons shall be willing." Prefs

Prefs 7, line 10, After "die" insert, "or shall be permitted by the
" Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person adminif-
" tering the Government of this Province for the
" time being. to resign the said appointment of Di-
" rector and Warden."

— 11, Leave out from "elected" inclusive, to "Directors
" and" also inclusive, in the twelfth line of same
Prefs, and insert, "nominated and appointed by the
" Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person admi-
" nistering the Government of this Province for the
" time being."

— 13, After "nomination" insert, "and appointment."

ORDERED, That the said Amendments be engrossed.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for the third time, on the next fit-
ting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay*, in conformity to the Order of His
Excellency the Governor in Chief, lays before the House, the Papers
requested by the Address of this House of yesterday.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

THE PRINCE REGENT,

Of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,

WE, His Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, the Representa-
tives of the Commons of *Lower Canada*, in Provincial Parliament as-
sembled, humbly beg leave to approach the Person of Your Royal
Highness, and to be permitted to express the very humble acknow-
ledgments and sentiments of Gratitude of the Inhabitants of this Pro-
vince, for the benefits they have had the happiness to enjoy during more
than half a Century, under His Majesty's Paternal Government. So
deeply are these feelings engraven on the Hearts of His Majesty's Sub-
jects, that we venture to assure Your Royal Highness, that their con-
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duct will ever justify the confidence which His Majesty and Your Royal Highness have reposed in their loyalty and courage.

Among the benefits arising from His Majesty's Government, we place the Administration of His Excellency SIR GEORGE PREVOST. On assuming the reigns of the Colonial Government, His Excellency Sir George Prevost, applied himself by Acts of Justice, to merit the confidence of the Canadians, and afforded them a new opportunity of evincing their attachment to their Sovereign, and of developing in their full extent and energy, the internal resources of the Province, against the attacks of its Enemies.

However inviolable the attachment of His Majesty's Canadian Subjects to His Government, we should deem ourselves wanting in the Allegiance due to our well beloved Sovereign, as well as in our duty towards those of His Subjects whom we represent, if we abstained from exposing to Your Royal Highness the state of distress to which this Province is reduced through the extraordinary efforts it has made, and sacrifices it has undergone, in supporting the burthen of the War; Efforts, which, without speedy Relief, may terminate in the ruin of Agriculture. in distress among the People, in Famine, and the depopulation of the Province, and may moreover expose to subjugation, by an abhorred Enemy, this portion of His Majesty's dominions.

Within a short period after the Declaration of War on the part of the United States of *America* against *Great Britain*, the Commons of *Lower Canada*, upon a Communication from the Governor in Chief, on the want of the Monies necessary for the Service of Government, zealously concurred in passing a Law for facilitating the circulation of Army Bills. Notwithstanding the repugnance of the Inhabitants of the Country to Paper Money, a repugnance arising from a former circulation of that kind, the law in question had at first all the effect that could be expected, but the depreciation which these Bills soon experienced has made the same articles dearer when purchased with Paper than when purchased with Specie. It has also created a difficulty amounting nearly to impossibility, of obtaining Specie for Paper. With pain we behold this Paper threaten to diminish in utility to Government, notwithstanding the earnest intention of the House of Assembly to communicate to it, the highest degree of Credit.

A short time before the Declaration of War, the Commons of *Lower Canada* concurred in passing an Act declaring every Man between the ages of sixteen and sixty, a Militia-man. By this law the Governor of the Province is empowered, in certain cases, to call out the whole or such part of the Militia as he may deem expedient; and there are now embodied under this law about Six thousand Men. By taking into consideration the Carpenters and others employed by Government in Public Works, also those employed in *Corvées* for transporting effects belonging to the Army, we ascertain the number of persons constantly employed in Services relating to the War, to be at least Ten Thousand, add to these, the several Corps which, within a few years, have been raised in the Province, as the 104th, the Canadian Fencibles, the Glengary Regiment, chiefly raised within the Province, the Canadian Voltigeur Corps, also the Men annually employed in the Fisheries, and in the Fur Trade, and it will be found, that Agriculture is at this moment deprived of more than Fifteen Thousand Men, being one third of the whole Militia, and being the most effective portion of the Male Population. In a Country as yet covered with Forests, it is palpable, that such levies do considerably impede the cultivation of the Soil; and the failure of our Harvests may in part be reasonably attributed to a want of hands for Tillage. The accumulation of so many evils, well may produce uneasiness among the Inhabitants of the Country, notwithstanding their zeal, their courage and their loyalty.

May we also be permitted to represent to Your Royal Highness, that the failure of several successive Harvests in this Province, has occasioned a considerable rise in the price of Grain and other articles of consumption. The *levy en masse* of the Militia, which the approach of the Enemy last Autumn rendered necessary, in one of our most fertile and populous Districts, has prevented the complete Tilling of the Soil; and as the present position of the Enemy on our Frontiers, indicates his intention of making an attempt early next Spring, to penetrate into the Province, it is to be apprehended, that a *levy en masse* of the Militia in the same District (should a recourse to that measure be again unhappily compelled) may prevent the sowing of the greatest part of the Grain in that District, whence a Famine will inevitably ensue.

We therefore approach Your Royal Highness with confidence, for
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the purpose of most humbly beseeching Your Royal Highness to take into Your most gracious consideration the present situation of His Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects in this Province, and to provide therefor such Remedy and Relief as Your Royal Highness in your wisdom may deem adequate.

Certified to be a true Copy,

(Signed) E. B. BRENTON,

Civil Secretary.

*Castle of St. Lewis, }
Quebec, 26th Feb. 1814. }*

House of Assembly,

Monday, 21st February, 1814.

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, praying that His Excellency will cause to be transmitted the Address of this House to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, by such Messenger as he may be pleased to appoint for the purpose, and to order an advance of a Sum not exceeding One Thousand Pounds currency, to defray the expenses of the said Message, and that this House will make good the same.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Blanchet*, Mr. *Denechau*, Mr. *Taschereau*, Mr. *Bourdages*, Mr. *Bernier*, Mr. *Lee*, Mr. *Huot* and Mr. *La Rue* do present the said Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

To which Address His Excellency the Governor in Chief was pleased verbally to answer, that he would accede to the request of the House, by appointing a proper Person or Persons to present the said Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

Certified to be a true Copy.

(Signed) E. B. BRENTON,

Civil Secretary.

*Castle of St. Lewis, }
Quebec, 26th Feb. 1814. }*

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House of Assembly,

Wednesday, 23d February, 1814.

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to order an advance not exceeding One Thousand Pounds currency, in addition to the sum of one Thousand Pounds currency already voted by this House, for the transmitting of their Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, should His Excellency be pleased to appoint two persons to present the said Address, and that this House will make good the same.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Blanchet*, Mr. *Bellet*, Mr. *Lee*, Mr. *Taschereau*, Mr. *Huot*, Mr. *Gauvreau*, Mr. *Denechau* and Mr. *Fortin* do present the said Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

To which Address His Excellency the Governor in Chief was pleased to answer, that he would accede to the request of the House, as soon as there was an appropriation for the service mentioned in the Address.

Certified to be a true Copy.

(Signed) E. B. BRENTON,

Civil Secretary.

*Castle of St. Lewis, }
Quebec, 26th Feb. 1814. }*

GEORGE PREVOST, Governor.

The Governor in Chief, in order to prevent any mistake or misunderstanding with regard to the verbal Answers given by him to the Adresses of the House of Assembly, on the subject of a Person or Persons to be appointed as a Messenger or Messengers for the purpose of transmitting the Address of the House to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, informs the House of Assembly, that whenever a sum of Money shall be appropriated by the Legislature for that service, he will

take into his consideration the nomination of a Person or Persons as a Messenger or Messengers for transmitting the said Address.

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Castle of St. Lewis, }
Quebec, 25th Feb. 1814. }

Certified to be a true Copy.

(Signed) E. B. BRENTON,

Civil Secretary.

The said Papers being then read by the Clerk,

It was moved to Resolve,

And it was Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed to examine and and Report such Precedents as may be applicable, and report the course which it it will be proper for this House to take, and that the Committee be,

The Honorable

Messrs. Duchesnay. Blackwood.
Ryland. M'Gillivray.
Cuthbert.

To meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. Caldwell rises in his place, and prays leave of Absence for eight days.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Mr. Caldwell do take the leave he requires.

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

MONDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

The

The Honorable

Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Messrs. Baby.

Cuthbert.

Hale.

Blackwood.

Duchefnay.

M^cGillivray.

Ryland.

PRAYERS.

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

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to establish a
"House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*."

The Question was 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 the Bill with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Taschereau*, in the words following:

House of Assembly,

Saturday, 26th Feb. 1814.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this House, that as it does not appear by any Order, Rule, Usage or Precedent, that the Legislative Council has a right to inspect the Journals of this House; *William Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of this House, has not been wanting in respect to the Legislative Council, in refusing the inspection of the Journals, by the Committee of their Honours.

RESOLVED, That the said Resolution be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council. **OR-**

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

Attest, (Signed) W. LINDSAY,

Clk. Affy.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Bourdages*, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish Post Houses in the different parts of this Province," and to acquaint this House, that the Assembly hath agreed to the Amendments made by this House to that Bill.

Another Message from the Assembly by the same Member, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act further to continue for a limited time, two several Acts therein mentioned, to provide temporary Houses of Correction in the several Districts of this Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Hodie 1a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act further to continue for a limited time, two several Acts therein mentioned, to provide temporary Houses of Correction in the several Districts of this Province."

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

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* from the Committee appointed to examine and report such Precedents as may be applicable, and report the course which will be proper for this House to take, respecting the Papers laid on the Table on Saturday last, before this House, by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, made the following Report:

The Committee to whom were referred the Papers which were communicated to this House on Saturday the 26th February, by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, Report, That from these Papers, it appears,—That on Monday the 21st February, an Address was voted to the Governor in Chief, by the House of Assembly, praying, That His Excellency would cause to be transmitted the Address of that House to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, by such Messenger as he may be pleased to appoint for the purpose, and to order an advance of a sum not exceeding One Thousand Pounds currency, to defray the expences of the said Messenger, and that the House would make good the same.

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To which Address His Excellency was pleased verbally to answer :

“ That he would accede to the request of the House, by appointing
“ a proper Person or Persons to present the said Address to His Royal
“ Highness the Prince Regent.”

That on Wednesday the 23d February, the House of Assembly presented a second Address to the Governor in Chief, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to order an advance not exceeding one thousand Pounds currency, in addition to the sum of One Thousand Pounds currency already voted by that House, for the transmitting of their Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, should His Excellency be pleased to appoint two persons to present the said Address, and that that House would make good the same.

To which Address His Excellency was pleased to answer, “ That he
“ would accede to the request of the House, as soon as there was an
“ appropriation for the service mentioned in the Address.”

That on Friday, the 25th day of February, His Excellency the Governor in Chief, sent the following Message to the House of Assembly :

GEORGE PREVOST, Governor.

The Governor in Chief, in order to prevent any mistake or misunderstanding, with regard to the verbal answers given by him to the Addressees of the House of Assembly, on the subject of a Person or Persons to be appointed as a Messenger or Messengers, for the purpose of transmitting the Address of the House to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, informs the House of Assembly, that whenever a sum of money shall be appropriated by the Legislature for that service, he will take into his consideration the nomination of a Person or Persons, as a Messenger or Messengers, for transmitting the said Address.

G. P.

*Castle of St. Lewis, }
Quebec, 25th Feb. 1814. }*

Certified to be a true Copy.

(Signed)

E. B. BRENTON,
Civil Secretary.

The Committee have further to remark, that on Thursday the tenth February, a Bill was brought up from the House of Assembly, intituled, "An Act for appointing an Agent in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*," which Bill was read for the first time, on Tuesday the 15th February, and then ordered to be read for the second time on the Tuesday following.

That on Tuesday the 22d February, the second reading of the Bill, "for appointing an Agent in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*," was postponed to the first day of August next.

That in searching for Precedents, the Committee have judged it advisable, in the first instance, to examine the Journals of the Legislative Council, and those of the Assembly of this Province, and they find,

That on the 11th April, 1793, an Address and Petition to His Majesty, relative to the Property possessed by the Jesuits, for the Education of Youth in this Province, was voted by the Assembly, whereupon it was RESOLVED, "That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, " with a Copy of the said Address, requesting the Council to join in " the same."

That a Message was accordingly delivered to the Legislative Council, on the 12th of the same month, with a Copy of the said Address, which Documents were immediately referred to a Special Committee.

That on the 17th of April, 1793, the Committee made their Report thereon, in consequence whereof, it was ORDERED, " That the Honorable Mr. *De Lanaudiere* do go down to the Assembly, and inform " that House, that the Legislative Council have resolved to express " their desires on the Subject of promoting the means of Education, in " a separate Address."

The Committee further report, that in following up the Proceedings of the two Houses, on this subject, they find, that although separate Addresses were made, the object of them both was the same, viz. the obtaining from the Crown, the means of establishing Seminaries throughout the Province, for the Education of Youth; the only difference being, that the Address from the Assembly specifically pointed to " the reversion of the Jesuits' Estates, as a means of contribu-
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“ting to so desirable an end,” whilst that from the Legislative Council supplicated only in general terms, “for aid” to form such Establishments as might be required.

It further appears, that the said Addresses were not transmitted to His Majesty by a special Messenger, but in the ordinary course, through the medium of the then Lieutenant Governor of the Province.

Another case, applicable to the present question, will be found on the Journals of the Assembly, in the Session of 1810, in the Address of that House, presented to the Governor in Chief, on the 23d February of that year, praying him to transmit certain Addresses therein referred to, and in His Excellency’s Answer.

The Committee also report, as applicable to this Case, the Reasons offered by the Commons, in a Conference with the Lords, as stated in the Journals of the House of Lords, on the 12th January, 1666, the Lords having gone by a Petition to the King, for a Commission for taking the Public Accounts, there being a Bill sent up from the House of Commons, and depending before the Lords, for taking the said Accounts in another way, the Commons vote that this proceeding “is unparliamentary, and of dangerous consequence.”

Lastly, the Committee report, as applicable to the present case, the Report agreed to in the House of Lords, on the 2d January, 1691, as Heads for a Conference with the House of Commons, concerning Votes of theirs for incorporating the East India Company.

And that the Committee had also come to several Resolutions, which they offered to the consideration of the House.

Thereupon it was moved,

That the question of concurrence be put upon each Resolution, separately.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

It was moved to Resolve,

That the matters contained in the Address of the Assembly, to His
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Royal Highness the Prince Regent, now read, are not such as have a peculiar and exclusive relation to that House, but such as materially affect the Interests of the Province at large.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was Resolved, unanimously, in the Affirmative.

It was moved to Resolve,

That an Address to the Throne, by one branch alone, of the Provincial Parliament, upon any subject of general Colonial Interests or Policy, in which the other branch is equally concerned, is unconstitutional and dangerous, and necessarily tending to produce discord in Councils, disunion and disorder.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was Resolved, unanimously, in the Affirmative.

It was moved to Resolve,

That this House was Constitutionally, entitled to expect, that the Address of the Assembly to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, would not have been concluded upon by the Assembly, without its concurrence.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was Resolved, unanimously, in the Affirmative.

It was moved to Resolve,

That the said Address appears to this House to cover an attempt on the part of the Assembly, to appoint an Agent for this Province, without the concurrence of this House, whose right to give or to withhold such concurrence, the Assembly itself has recently recognized by the Bill which they sent up to this House on the tenth February instant, intituled, "An Act for appointing an Agent in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*," which Bill, at the time of presenting the said Addresses, was still pending in this House.

The question of concurrence being put,

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It was Resolved, unanimously in the Affirmative.

It was moved to Resolve,

That the said Address doth not contain, nor consist with the sentiments of this House, upon the several matters to which it relates.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was Resolved, unanimously, in the Affirmative.

It was moved to Resolve,

That the application of any sum or sums of Money, under the pretext of defraying the expences of the Person or Persons, who shall be the Bearer or Bearers of the said Address to England, without the concurrence of this House, would be a manifest and alarming violation of one of its most important Rights, calculated to effect its total extinction as a Constituent Branch of the Legislature of this Province, and utterly subversive of that grand principle of the Constitution, that the Collective Body of the Legislature alone, can dispose of the Public Money of the Province.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was Resolved, unanimously, in the Affirmative.

It was moved to Resolve,

That this House will not concur with the Assembly, in making provision for the reimbursement of any sum or sums of Money that may be applied out of the Public Revenue of this Province, for defraying the expences of the Bearer or Bearers of the said Address, because, in the judgment of this House, there is no necessity for a Special Messenger, for the purpose of conveying that Address. Because, applications to His Majesty's Government, which are of a Public Import, can only be properly and Constitutionally conveyed through the medium of the Governor of this Province. And because, this House has had no intercommunity with the Assembly in their Address.

The question of concurrence being put,

It was Resolved, unanimously, in the Affirmative.

It was moved to Resolve,

That this House views with equal astonishment and concern, the acquiescence of his Excellency the Governor in Chief, in the Vote of the Assembly, which requests him to appoint a Messenger for the purpose above mentioned, an acquiescence, which they cannot but consider to be an unequivocal abandonment of the Rights of this House, and a fatal dereliction of the first principles of the Constitution.

The question of concurrence being put,

The same was objected to.

After Debate,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Report and Resolutions were agreed to by the House.

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

TUESDAY, 1st MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

Messrs. Baby.

Hale.

Duchefnay.

Ryland.

Cuthbert.

Blackwood.

M^cGillivray.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

Hodie *za. vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, “ An Act further to continue
“ for a limited time, two several Acts therein mentioned, to provide
“ temporary Houses of Correction in the several Districts of this Pro-
“ vince.”

OR-

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

It was moved,

That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, with a Copy of the Resolutions of this House of the 28th February last, for the information of the Assembly.

Whereupon it was moved in amendment,

That the consideration of the above motion be postponed,

The question of concurrence being put on the amendment,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Clerk do not allow any person whatsoever, to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Council, without the permission of the House first had and obtained.

It was moved, "to adjourn."

The question of concurrence being put,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

WEDNESDAY, 2d MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

*Messrs. Hale.
Duchesnay.
Ryland.*

*Cuthbert.
Blackwood.
M'Gillivray.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

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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) GEORGE PREVOST, Governor.

It appearing by a Representation from the Commissioners for erecting the Gaol and Court Hall at *New Carlisle*, in the Bay of *Chaleurs*: that the sum granted by the Legislature is insufficient for that purpose, the Governor in Chief recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Council to make such further provision for this Service as, upon investigation of the subject may be deemed necessary.

(Signed) G. P.

*Castle of St. Lewis, }
Quebec, 2d March, 1814. }*

ORDERED, That the said Message be taken into consideration 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 further to continue for a limited time, two several Acts therein mentioned, to provide temporary Houses of Correction in the several Districts of this Province."

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.

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

Read two printed Votes of the House of Assembly in the words following,—to wit :

RESOLVED, That *Jonathan Sewell*, Esquire, Chief Justice of this Province,

vince, be impeached on the said Report, and the Resolutions of the House thereupon, and also on the Resolutions of the House of the fourth instant, respecting the authority exercised by the Courts of Justice, under the denomination of Rules of Practice.

2. That *James Monk*, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench for the District of *Montreal*, be impeached on the said Report and the Resolutions of the House thereupon, and also on the Resolutions of the House of the fourth instant, respecting the authority exercised by the Courts of Justice, under the denomination of Rules of Practice.

It was then proposed to Resolve, and after debate, it was Resolved, unanimously, as follows—that is to say :

RESOLVED, That by the Criminal Law of England, and of this Province, no man can be charged with, or impeached of any Crime, or Criminal Offence, but by an Inquest of the Country, the Cases excepted in which an Information on the part of the Crown, may be filed.

RESOLVED, That the lawful Inquest of every County, District or Government, by whose Ministry, any Subject of His Majesty is charged with, or impeached of any Crime or Criminal Offence, however chosen or appointed, represents for the purpose of such charge or impeachment, the entire Community of the People of the County, District or Government in which such Subject is so charged or impeached, and acts on their behalf, and in their right.

RESOLVED, That the right to charge or impeach any Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Government in this Province, with or for any Crime or Criminal Offence or Misdemeanor in Office, (if any such right exists in this Province,) is by Law vested in the entire Community of the People of this Province.

RESOLVED, That the right to charge or impeach any Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Government in this Province with or for any Crime, Criminal Offence or Misdemeanor in Office, doth not vest, nor can be vested in any one part of the People of this Province, more than in another, but is vested in the whole, collectively, generally and equally.

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED, That since the right to impeach any Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Government in this Province, with or for any Crime, Criminal Offence or Misdemeanor in Office, doth not vest in any one part of the People of this Province more than in another, but is vested in the whole collectively, generally and equally; the right to charge any Officer or Officers with or for any Crime, Criminal Offence or misdemeanor in Office, doth not, nor can exclusively exist in the Representatives of any one part of the People of this Province, nor can by them be exercised without the participation of the remainder.

RESOLVED, That the Members of this House are a component part of the People of this Province.

RESOLVED, That the Members of this House, being appointed by the Crown for Life, do sit and vote in the Provincial Parliament in their own Right, and are not represented in the Assembly.

RESOLVED, That the Assembly of this Province, inasmuch as the Members of this House are a component part of the People of this Province, and are not therein represented, are the Representatives of a part only of the People of this Province.

RESOLVED, That every Charge or Impeachment of the Assembly alone, is a Charge or Impeachment of a part only of the People of this Province.

RESOLVED, That every Charge or Impeachment by the Assembly alone, being a Charge or Impeachment by a part only of the People of this Province, no Charge or Impeachment of any Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Government in this Province, with or for any Crime, Criminal Offence or Misdemeanor in Office, can by the Laws and Constitution of this Province, be exhibited by the Assembly alone, nor without the participation of this House.

RESOLVED, That the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, is the true and perfect Representative of the entire Community of the People of the said United Kingdom.

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RESOLVED, That the right to charge or impeach any Officers of His Majesty's Government with or for any Crime, Criminal Offence or Misdemeanor in Office, is, by the Law and Constitution of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, vested in the entire Community of the People of the said United Kingdom, but is exercised on their behalf, and in their right, by the House of Commons alone, to the exclusion of the House of Lords.

RESOLVED, That the right of hearing and determining all Impeachments exhibited in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* by the People of the said United Kingdom, by the Ministry of the House of Commons, is by the Law and Constitution of the said United Kingdom, vested in the House of Lords, to the exclusion of the House of Commons, and of every other Tribunal.

RESOLVED, That the exclusive right of hearing and determining all Impeachments exhibited in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, by the People of the said United Kingdom, by the Ministry of the House of Commons, being vested in the House of Lords, the House of Lords is thereby, and thereby only, excluded from all participation in voting or exhibiting any such Impeachment, the Offices of Accuser and Judge being totally incompatible.

RESOLVED, That the right of hearing and determining Impeachments exhibited in this Province, by the People of this Province, is not vested in the Legislative Council of this Province, and that the Legislative Council is not therefore excluded from a participation in voting or exhibiting any such Impeachment.

RESOLVED, That the Impeachment of the Honorable *Jonathan Sewell*, His Majesty's Chief Justice of this Province, by the Assembly alone, is an illegal and alarming assumption of power on the part of the Assembly.

RESOLVED, That the Impeachment of the Honorable *James Monk*, Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the district of *Montreal*, by the Assembly alone, is an illegal and alarming assumption on the part of the Assembly.

RESOLVED, That the said Impeachments of the Honorable *Jonathan Sewell*, and of the Honorable *James Monk*, by the Assembly alone, tend, in their immediate consequences, to deprive this House of its lawful Rights and Privileges; to give to the Assembly an ascendancy and controul over this House, which is entirely incompatible with the due exercise of its Legislative Powers; and to render the Judges of this Province, and all other Officers of the Crown in this Province dependent on the Assembly, and thereby endanger not only the right Administration of Justice in this Province, but the right Administration of His Majesty's Provincial Government in General.

RESOLVED, That this House doth solemnly protest against the said Impeachments of the Honorable *Jonathan Sewell*, and of the Honorable *James Monk*, by the Assembly alone, and against all Proceedings whatever, which have been, and shall be had, on the said Impeachments, or on either of them.

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, beseeching His Royal Highness, that he will be graciously pleased to permit His Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, humbly to lay before the Throne the preceding Resolutions, and that he will be further pleased to take the Resolutions aforesaid into his Royal consideration, and thereon to grant such Relief in the Premises, as to His Royal Highness, in his great wisdom, shall seem meet and expedient, for the security of the Rights of the Legislative Council, and of His Majesty's Provincial Government in general, and for the welfare of this Province in future.

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, requesting him to lay the foregoing Resolutions, and 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 having been put upon each Resolution separately, the same were agreed to, unanimously, by the House.

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

THURSDAY, 3d MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

Messrs. Baby.

Hale.

Ryland.

Cutbert.

Blackwood.

M^cGillivray.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Ross Cutbert*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to regulate persons engaged in the business or trade of Baking and Selling Bread within the Cities of *Quebec*, *Montreal*, and in the Town of *Three Rivers*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House (according to order) proceeded to take into consideration the Message of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, of the second instant.

ORDERED, That His Excellency's Message be now read.

The same being read accordingly :

ORDERED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return the Thanks of this House, for his Message of the second instant, respecting the insufficiency of the sum granted by the Legislature, for erecting a Gaol and Court Hall at *New Carlisle* in the Bay of *Chaleurs*, and to assure His Ex-

cellency, that this House will not fail to take the same into consideration, and that they will readily adopt such measures as shall appear best calculated to accomplish the objects therein mentioned.

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

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act further to continue for a limited time, two several Acts therein mentioned, 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.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in conformity with the Resolutions of this House of yesterday, and that the Committee be, the Honorable Messrs. *Baby*, *Ryland* and *Cutbbert*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

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

FRIDAY, 4th MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

Messrs. Hale.
Duchesnay.
Caldwell.

Cutbbert.
Blackwood.
M^cGillivray.

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PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* 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.

Hodie *za. vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act to regulate persons engaged in the business or trade of Baking and Selling Bread within the Cities or *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and in the Town of *Three Rivers*."

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

The Clerk Assistant made a Report to the House, that on the second instant, a Committee, composed of three Members of the House of Assembly had called upon him for the Inspection of the Journals of this House, and in Obedience to the Order of this House, of the first instant, he had refused such search or inspection.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Stuart*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal and amend certain parts of 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," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

Another Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Pyke*, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to exempt Salt imported for the use of the Fisheries in this Province, from the payment of certain Duties imposed thereon, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

SATURDAY, 5th MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

Messrs. Hale.

Duchefnay.

Caldwell.

Ryland.

Cuthbert.

Blackwood..

M^cGillivray.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

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 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*."

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

Whereupon it was moved,

That the said Order be discharged, and that this Bill be committed to a Special Committee.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That this Bill be referred to a Special Committee, and that the Committee be, the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay*, *Caldwell* and *Blackwood*,

Blackwood. and that the Committee have power to send for Persons and Papers, and do meet and adjourn as they please.

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to exempt Salt imported for the use of the Fisheries in this Province from the payment of " certain Duties imposed thereon, and for other purposes."

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

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to repeal and amend " certain parts of 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 re- " pealing certain Laws therein mentioned."

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* declared this Assembly continued to Monday next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY, 7th MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

Messrs. Baby.

Hale.

Caldwell.

Ryland.

Cutbvert.

Blackwood.

M'Gillivray.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Taschereau*, in the words following :

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House of Assembly,

Friday, 4th March, 1814.

RESOLVED, That a Copy of the Resolution of this House of Wednesday last, respecting the searching of the Journals of the Legislative Council, be sent to the Legislative Council, and that their Honours be acquainted that *Charles E. De Lery*, Esquire, Clerk Assistant of that House, upon view of the said Resolution, and being required by the Committee appointed by this House to carry the same into execution, to comply with the requisition contained in the said Resolution, did refuse so to do, and to desire that such right may be done to this House against the said *Charles E. De Lery*, as his offence requires.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Taschereau* do carry this Resolution to the Legislative Council.

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

House of Assembly,

Wednesday, 2d March, 1814.

RESOLVED, That a Committee of Three Members be appointed to search the Journals of the Legislative Council as to any Resolutions of the Honorable the Legislative Council, relating to the Proceedings of this House on the Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and on the Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Lee*, Mr. *Taschereau* and Mr. *Bourdages* do compose the said Committee.

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

The Messenger was called in, and the Speaker acquainted him, that this House will answer by a Message of their own.

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Another Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Papineau*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to grant to the Ladies of the Order of Charity of the City of *Montreal*, a sum of Money for the purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Baby* from the Committee charged to draw up an Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, reported, that the Committee had prepared an Address, which he delivered in at the Table.

ORDERED, That the said Address be taken into consideration on the next sitting day.

ORDERED, That a Special Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, in pursuance of the Twenty-second Resolution of this House, of the Second of March instant, and that the Honorable Messrs. *Baby*, *Ryland* and *Cutbbert*, do compose the said Committee; who are to meet and adjourn as they please.

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 exempt Salt imported for the use of the Fisheries in this Province, from the payment of certain duties imposed thereon, and for other purposes."

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.

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled "An Act to exempt Salt imported for the use of the Fisheries in this Province, from the payment of certain duties imposed thereon, and for other purposes."

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, 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 repeal and amend certain parts of an Act passed in the Thirtieth-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."

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood*, 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 do resolve itself again into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill, on the next fitting day.

It was moved,

That the Message received from the Assembly this day, respecting the conduct of the Clerk Assistant, in denying a search in the Journals of this House, by the Assembly, be read.

The same being read :

Thereupon it was moved, to Resolve,

That a Committee of three Members be appointed to take the said Message into consideration, "immediately."

The same being objected to.

After Debate,

It was Resolved in the Negative.

ORDERED, That the Message of the Assembly, be taken into consideration on the next sitting day.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* declared this Assembly continued to tomorrow, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, the House to decreeing.

TUESDAY, 8th MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

Messrs. Baby.

Hale.

Caldwell.

Ryland.

Cutbert.

Blackwood.

M'Gillivray.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* acquainted the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief, having been apprized of the contents of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant to the Ladies of the Order of Charity of the City of *Montreal*, a sum of money therein mentioned," had no objection that the House do proceed therein as the House might think fit.

Hodie *la. vice veſta eſt Billa*, intituled, " An Act to grant to the Ladies of the Order of Charity of the City of *Montreal*, a sum of money therein mentioned."

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

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Lee*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant to His Majesty a duty on the Income arising from Civil Offices and on Pensions, to be applied to the defence of the Province, in the present war with the United States of *America*," 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 a second time, on the next sitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Stuart*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal part of, and amend an Act passed in the 53d year of His Majesty's Reign," intituled, "An Act to grant certain Duties to His Majesty, towards supplying the wants of the Province, during the present war with the United States of *America*, and for other purposes," 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 sitting day.

The order of the day being read, for the House taking into consideration the report of the Special Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent :

It was moved,

That the said Report be referred to a Committee of the whole House, immediately.

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 Report.

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Ryland* reported, that the Committee having considered the said Report, had agreed upon an Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, which he delivered in at the Table.

The same being then read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House, and is 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 beseech your Royal Highness, that you will be graciously pleased to permit us to lay before the Throne, certain Resolutions which materially relate to the Rights of His Majesty's Legislative Council, and to the well being of His Majesty's Provincial Government.

We entreat your Royal Highness to believe, that we are not actuated in the measures we have pursued, by any other motives than the wish to preserve the Rights and Privileges of the Legislative Council, to secure due administration of Justice, and to prevent the Officers of His Majesty's Provincial Government, from becoming dependent upon the Assembly alone.

We therefore beseech your Royal Highness to take the Resolutions which we humbly submit, into your Royal consideration, and thereon to grant such relief in the premises, as to your Royal Highness in your great wisdom shall seem meet.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* from the Committee charged to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, in pursuance to the Twenty-second Resolution of this House, of the Second of March, instant, reported an Address, which being read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR GEORGE PREVOST,

Baronet, 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, Lieut General and Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces,
and

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, having in consequence of what has appeared to us to be an unconstitutional proceeding on the part of the Assembly of this Province, found ourselves under the necessity of framing certain Resolutions respecting such proceedings, in order, if possible, to check attempts on the part of that House, which we consider as subversive of the just Rights of the Legislative Council, and tending to produce the most serious disorder throughout this Provincial Government, now beg leave to present the said Resolutions to Your Excellency, together with an humble and dutiful Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and we respectfully request, that Your Excellency will be pleased, in such way and manner as you may judge most proper, to transmit to His Majesty's Ministers the said Resolutions and 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 Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by the whole House.

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

ORDERED, That the Resolutions of this House, of the Second of March, instant, and the Address of this House to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, be engrossed.

Whereas this day was appointed for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal and amend certain parts of 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 ;"

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the said Order be discharged, and that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on this Bill, on the next sitting day.

The Order of the Day being read for taking into consideration the Message of the House of Assembly, of the 4th instant;

Thereupon it was moved,

That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, in answer to their Message of the 11th of March, instant, that *Charles Etienne De Lery*, Esquire, Clerk Assistant to this House, in refusing to comply with the requisition of a Committee of the House of Assembly, respecting the searching of the Journals of the Legislative Council, did act in obedience to an Order of this House, wherefore, the Legislative Council do not consider that their Clerk Assistant hath in this respect, committed any offence.

ORDERED, That the Resolutions of this House, of the second of March, instant, be printed in both languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

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

WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH.

THE Members convened were:

The Honorable

Messrs. Baby:

Hale.

Duchefnay.

Caldwell.

Ryland.

Cuthbert.

Blackwood.

M'Gillivray.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

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The Honorable Mr. *Caldwell* 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 been pleased to appoint Saturday next, at one o'clock.

The Honorable Mr. *Blackwood*, from the Special Committee appointed to consider the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate persons engaged in the business or trade of Baking and Selling Bread within the Cities of *Quebec*, *Montreal*, and in the Town of *Three Rivers*," reported, that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and had made several amendments, which he delivered in at the Table.

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

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to grant to the Order of Charity of the City of *Montreal*, a sum of Money for the purposes therein mentioned."

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. *Baby* 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 Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to grant to His Majesty a duty on the Income arising from Civil Offices, and on Pensions, to be applied to the defence of the Province in the present War with the United States of *America*." It

It was moved,

That this Bill be read a second time 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. *Bourdages*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to grant a further sum of Money, for the more effectual
“ attainment of the purposes of the Act of the 51st year of His Ma-
“ jesty’s reign, which provides for the relief of Insane Persons and the
“ support of Foundlings and others therein mentioned,” to which they
desire the concurrence of this House.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Pyke*, with a Bill, intituled,
“ An Act for applying a further sum of Money towards erecting a com-
“ mon Gaol with a Court Hall, at *New Carlisle*, in the inferior District
“ of *Galpé*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to repeal part of,
“ and amend an Act passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty’s
“ reign, intituled, “ An Act to grant certain duties to His Majesty to-
“ wards supplying the wants of the Province during the present War
“ with the *United States of America*, and for other purposes.”

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

The Order of the Day being read for the House resolving itself into
a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to
“ repeal and amend certain parts of 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.”

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.
M^cGillivray reported from the said Committee, that they had gone
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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.

Hodie 1a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to grant a further sum of Money for the more effectual attainment of the purposes of the Act of the fifty-first year of His Majesty’s Reign, which provides for the relief of Insane Persons, and the support of Foundlings, and others therein mentioned.”

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* informed the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief, having been apprised of the contents of this Bill, had signified, that he had no objection that the House might proceed therein as they thought proper.

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

Hodie 1a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act for applying a further sum of Money, towards erecting a common Gaol with a Court Hall, at *New Carlisle*, in the inferior District of *Gaspé*.”

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

The Master in Chancery reported, that in delivering a Message to the Assembly, pursuant to the Order of this House of yesterday, a deviation from accustomed forms did take place, on the part of the Assembly, in receiving the Message.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do take notice and report, should such circumstance recur.

The Honorable Mr *Hale* declared this Assembly continued to tomorrow, at three o’clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 10th MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

<i>Messrs. Hale.</i>	<i>Cutbert.</i>
<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
<i>Ryland.</i>	<i>M'Gillivray.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Papineau*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Militia Acts now in force in 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 a second time, on the next fitting day.

Another Message from the Assembly, by the same member, to desire a conference on the subject matter of the amendments made by this House, to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*;" to which the Assembly doth not agree.

Which being read, was in the words following :

House of Assembly,

Wednesday, 9th March, 1814.

RESOLVED, That a Conference be desired with the Honorable Legislative Council, for the purpose of communicating to them the Reasons which induced this House not to concur in the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*."

ORDERED, That Mr. *Papineau* do go to the Legislative Council and desire the said Conference.

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

The Messenger was called in, and informed, that this House will answer by a Message of their own.

RESOLVED, That this House doth concur in the request of a Conference.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council agree to the Conference desired on the Amendments made by this House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*;" and that the Managers on the part of this House are to be, the Honorable Messrs *Ryland* and *Blackwood*, who are to meet the number as Managers for the Assembly, required by Parliamentary Usage, and that the time be to-morrow, at four o'clock in the afternoon, and the place, the Great Committee Room in this Bishop's Palace.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Report and Amendments made by the Special Committee, on the Bill, 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*."

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* 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 Amendments were twice read, and severally agreed to by the House, and are as follows :

Page 1, line 40. After the word " Baker " insert, " Provided also, that
" every person who may have served one year's ap-
" prenticeship as aforesaid, shall be entitled to receive
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“ a Licence to exercise the Trade of Baker, on his or
 “ her entering into a recognizance to His Majesty in
 “ the sum of Forty Pounds, with two Sureties in the
 “ sum of Twenty Pounds each, to keep and observe
 “ for one year at least, and as long as they continue to
 “ exercise the said Trade, the Regulations relative to
 “ the Assize of Bread and the Trade of Baking, which
 “ shall be made by His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace
 “ for the said Cities and Town respectively, for which
 “ Recognizance the Clerk or Clerks of the Peace shall
 “ be entitled to a fee of five shillings, and no more.”

Prefs 2, line 23. After the word “ Bread” insert, “ and that every loaf
 “ sold or offered for sale as white Bread, shall be dis-
 “ tinctly marked No. I. and every loaf sold or offered
 “ for sale as brown Bread, shall in like manner be mar-
 “ ked No. II. so as clearly to denote the quality or de-
 “ nomination for which every such loaf was sold or
 “ offered for sale.”

— — 26. After the word “ four” leave out “ and” and insert,
 “ or.”

— — 28. After the word “ six” leave out “ and” and insert,
 “ or.”

Prefs 3, line 27. Leave out from “ made” inclusive, to “ whatever” al-
 so inclusive, in the twenty-eighth line of same Prefs,
 and insert, “ of the aforesaid qualities and descriptions.”

Prefs 4, line 4. Leave out “ five” and insert, “ three.”

— — 6. Leave out from “ and by” inclusive, to “ in the” also
 inclusive, in the seventh line of same Prefs, and in-
 sert “ or.”

— — Leave out from “ on the” inclusive, to “ month” also
 inclusive, in the eighth line of same Prefs, and insert,
 “ whenever the said Commissioners of the Peace or
 “ any

“ any three or more of them shall think fit, but not
“ oftener than once in every week, nor less frequent
“ than once in every four weeks.”

Prefs 4. line 6. After “ shall” insert, “ from time to time.”

— — 28. Leave out from “ that from” inclusive, to “ successively”
also inclusive, in the thirty-first line of same Prefs.

— — 33. Leave out “ for each and every month.”

— — 37. After the word “ Rivers” insert, “ which Books shall
“ be open at all reasonable times, to the inspection of
“ the Bakers or any of them.”

ORDERED, That the said Amendments be engrossed.

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to grant to the La-
“ dies of the Order of Charity, of the City of *Montreal*, a sum of
“ Money for the purposes 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.

The Order of the Day being read for the House resolving itself into
a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, “ An Act to
“ repeal part of, and amend an Act passed in the 53d year of His Ma-
“ jesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to grant certain Duties to His Ma-
“ jesty, towards supplying the wants of the Province, during the pre-
“ sent war with the United States of *America*, and for other purposes.”

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

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The Order of the Day being read, for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to repeal and amend certain parts of 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,"

It was moved,

That the said Order be discharged.

The same being objected to,

It was Resolved in the Negative.

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to repeal and amend certain parts of 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."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

Dissentient;

Because, by the Constitution of this Province, any Bill which affects the Prerogative of the Crown must, to be entertained by either House of Provincial Parliament, be first brought before them by a Message from His Majesty's Representative in this Country.

Because, though however expedient the provisions of this Act may be, yet, as they tend to give cognizance of Criminal Pleas to the Puisné Justices of His Majesty's Courts in this Province, who cannot, by the Constitution of His Majesty's Courts, as established, properly entertain any such pleas, unless assisted by the Chief Justices of their respective Districts, such extension of the Criminal Judicature does affect the Royal Prerogative, and cannot be entertained constitutionally, without His Majesty's Assent being previously had thereto, through his Representative in this Country.

Because,

Because, the Act which this Bill in part repeals, was introduced into the Provincial Parliament, which passed it, under such sanction.

Because, no Message, with reference to this Bill, or the Act which it in part repeals, has been sent to either House of Provincial Parliament by His Majesty's Representative in this Province.

Because, such disregard of the Royal Prerogative may, by being brought into precedent, in future be attended with the most dangerous consequences to the Constitution and welfare of this Province.

(Signed) JOHN CALDWELL.

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 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to grant a further sum of Money for the more effectual attainment of the purposes of the Act of the fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, which provides for the relief of Insane Persons and the support of Foundlings."

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* declared this Assembly continued to tomorrow, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 11th MARCH.

THE Members convened were:

The Honorable

*Messrs. Baby.
Hale.
Duchefnay.
Caldwell.*

*Ryland.
Cutbert.
Blackwood.
M^r Gillivray.*

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PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, fat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* and himself had attended the Conference desired by the Assembly, as Managers for this House, and that they met Messrs. *Papineau*, *Bourdages*, *Roi* and *Lee*, 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 at a Conference with the Legislative Council on
“ the subject matter of the Amendments made by their Honors to the
“ engrossed Bill sent up by the House of Assembly, intituled, “ An
“ Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*.”

“ The House of Assembly does not concur in the Amendments made
“ by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, “ An
“ Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*,” for
the following Reasons :

1st. Because, it appears more expedient and consistent with the Laws and Usages of the Country, that the Choice of Administrators for superintending the Property and Interests of particular and local Corporations established under the authority of the Legislature, be left to those Corporations themselves, than that it should be committed to any other Body or Person less in the possession of the means of knowing, and less directly interested in selecting such Persons as are best fitted by their qualifications and inclinations to be such Administrators.

2d. Because, in the case in question (and in every case analogous to it) it is more within the power of the Wardens of the House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*, to chuse as their Successors such of the Citizens of that City as are best fitted and inclined by their leisure, assiduity, disinterestedness and acquaintance with the condition of the Poor of that City, to take upon themselves the attentive and gratuitous administration of the Property destined to the support of certain classes
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of the Poor of that City, than it can be within that of the Person at the head of the Administration of this extensive Colony, whose attention cannot at one and the same time be directed to the Administration of particular Corporations, whereof the number will continually increase, and also to the Government of the Province at large.

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

ORDERED, That the Reasons of the Assembly be taken into consideration on the next sitting day.

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for applying a further sum of Money towards the erecting a Common Gaol with a Court Hall at *New Carlisle*, in the Inferior District of *Gaspé*."

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

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province."

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

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, 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*."

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 House of Assembly.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled,
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“ An Act to repeal part of, and amend an Act passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ An Act to grant certain Duties to His Majesty, towards supplying the wants of the Province during the present war with the United States of *America*, and for other purposes.”

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 several amendments.

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

Prefs 1, line 17. Leave out from “ so much” inclusive, to “ that” also inclusive, in the thirty-fifth line of same Prefs.

Prefs 2, line 23, Leave out the word “ wherein” and in lieu thereof, insert “ whether.”

Prefs 3, line 18. Leave out from “ either” inclusive, to “ Montreal” also inclusive, in the nineteenth line of same Prefs.

ORDERED, That the said Amendments be engrossed.

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

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Lee*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act further to continue for a limited time the levying of the duties imposed by the Act of the fifty-first of His Majesty, Chapter 1st, and for applying certain sums of Money 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 a second time, on the next sitting day.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Lee*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act further to extend the provisions of two several Acts therein mentioned, for facilitating the Circulation of Army Bills,” 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.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Cuthbert*, to return the Bill, 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 acquaint this House, that the House of Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to that Bill.

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 a further sum of Money, for the more effectual attainment of the purposes of the Act of the fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, which provides for the Relief of Insane Persons and the support of Foundlings and others therein mentioned."

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 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, An Act to grant a further sum of Money for the more effectual attainment of the purposes of the Act of the fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, which provides for the relief of Insane Persons and the support of Foundlings, and others 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.

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The Honorable Mr. *Hale* declared this Assembly continued to tomorrow, at half past Twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY, 12th MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

Messrs. Baby.

Hale.

Duchefnay.

Caldwell.

Ryland.

Cuthbert.

Blackwood..

M^cGillivray.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

The House was adjourned during pleasure, to wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Speaker reported, that this House did this day present their Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, and with it the Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and the Resolutions of this House of the Second of March instant; to which His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer:

“ I shall comply with your wishes, by transmitting to His Majesty's Ministers your Resolutions, and your Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.”

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to repeal part of, “ and amend an Act passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's reign, “ intituled, “ An Act to grant certain duties to His Majesty, towards “ supplying the wants of the Province during the present War with “ the United States of *America*, and for other purposes.”

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill, with the Amendments, shall pass ?

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It was Resolved it 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 House of Assembly.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Reasons of the Assembly for not concurring in the amendments made to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the "City of *Montreal*:"

RESOLVED, That this House doth insist on their amendments.

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 applying a further sum of Money towards the erecting a Common Gaol with a Court Hall, at *New Carlisle*, in the Inferior District of *Gaspé*."

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Baby* 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 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act for applying a further sum of Money towards the erecting a Common Gaol with a Court Hall at *New Carlisle*, in the inferior District of *Gaspé*."

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 amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province."

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

Whereupon, it was Ordered,

That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, and that the Committee be, the Honorable Messrs. *Baby*, *Caldwell* and *Cuthbert*, and that they do meet and adjourn as they please.

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act further to continue for a limited time, the levying of the duties imposed by the Act of the fifty-first of His Majesty, Chapter 1st, and for applying certain sums of Money for the purposes therein mentioned."

It was moved,

That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House, and that the Committee do sit thereon immediately.

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 further to continue for a limited time the levying of the duties imposed by the Act of the fifty-first of His Majesty, chapter 1st, and for applying certain sums of Money for the purposes therein mentioned."

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 several Amendments.

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

Refs.

104 54 Geo. III. Journals of the Legislative Council, A. 1814.

Prefs 2, lines 38 & 47. Leave out from "Thirdly" inclusive, to "duty" also inclusive, in the 47th line of same Prefs.

Preamble, lines 6 & 12. Leave out from "also" inclusive, to "Esquires" also inclusive, in the twelfth line of "same Prefs."

ORDERED, That the said Amendments be engrossed.

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act further to continue
" for a limited time the levying of the Duties imposed by the Act of
" the fifty-first of His Majesty, chapter 1st, and for applying certain
" Sums of Money for the 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 House of Assembly.

Hodie 2a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act further to extend
" the provisions of two several Acts therein mentioned, for facilitating
" the circulation of Army Bills."

ORDERED, that this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House, and be taken into consideration 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. *Cutbbert* 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.

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

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery, do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that certain errors having been discovered in two several Bills which have passed both Houses, the Legislative Council desire to correct the same, and to have the concurrence of the House of Assembly for that purpose, viz.

In the Bill intituled, "An Act to continue two several Acts therein mentioned, for regulating the Fisheries in the District of *Gaspé*."

Prefs 1, line 14. Strike out the word "May" and insert "June."

Also, in the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for establishing regulations respecting Aliens and certain subjects of His Majesty, who have resided in *France*, coming into this Province or residing therein."

Prefs 1, line 6. Strike out "Fifty-second" and insert "Fifty-third."

Ibid. Insert the word "further" before the words "to continue."

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

MONDAY, 14th MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

Messrs. Baby.

Hale.

Duchefnay.

Caldwell.

Ryland.

Blackwood.

PRAYERS.

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The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, "An Act further to extend the provisions of two several Acts therein mentioned, for facilitating 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 Honorable Mr. *Baby* from the Select Committee, charged to take into consideration the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province," made a Report.

Which Report having been read,

ORDERED, That the said Report and Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House, and be taken into consideration 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. *Duchefnay* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments.

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

Press 1, line 22. Leave out from "such" inclusive, to "Reign" also inclusive, in the twenty-ninth line of same Press, and insert "whenever any Ballot or Commandment shall take place by virtue of the Laws already in force,
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“ one Field Officer at least of the Division shall be
“ present to superintend the same.”

Prefs 1, line 32. After “ lot” insert “ or commanded.”

Prefs 2, line 2. After “ lot” insert “ or commanded.”

— — 3. After “ Town” insert “ or be commanded.”

Prefs 3, line 9. Leave out from “ And be it” inclusive, to “ children”
also inclusive, in the fourteenth line of same Prefs.

ORDERED, That the said Amendments be engrossed.

ORDERED, That the Journals of the present Session be printed in both
languages.

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

TUESDAY, 15th MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

Messrs. Baby.

Hale.

Caldwell.

Blackwood.

M^r Gillivray.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Mili-
“ Acts now in force in this Province.”

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 House of Assembly.

The Clerk laid before the House the Accounts of Expences incurred by him for the use of the Legislative Council since the last Session.

ORDERED, That the said Accounts be examined by a Special Committee, and that the Committee be, the Honorable Messrs. *Ryland* and *Blackwood*.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* and himself had examined the Accounts of the Clerk of this House, and found the same just and true.

The same was approved by the House.

ORDERED, 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 *William Smith*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Council, for the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds Ten Shillings 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 also be pleased to issue a Letter of Credit in his favor, for the sum of One Hundred Pounds Currency, for his Expences during the Recets; to be accounted for by him at the ensuing Session of the Legislature.

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

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

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WEDNESDAY, 16th MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

<i>Messrs. Baby.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
<i>Duchesnay.</i>	<i>M'Gillivray.</i>
<i>Caldwell.</i>	

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Papineau*, to desire a Conference on the Amendments made by this House to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province;" which being read, was in the words following:

House of Assembly,

Wednesday, 16th March, 1814.

RESOLVED, That an immediate Conference be desired with the Legislative Council, upon the subject matter of the Amendments made by their Honors to the engrossed Bill, intituled; "An Act to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province," to which this House doth not agree.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Papineau* do go to the Legislative Council, and desire the said Conference.

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

The Messenger was called in, and was informed by the Speaker, that this House will answer by a Message of their own.

RESOLVED, That this House concur in the Request of a Conference.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council doth agree to

to the Conference desired by the House of Assembly on the Bill sent up by that House, intituled, "An Act to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province" and that the Managers on the part of this House are to be, the Honorable Messrs. *Duchesnay* and *Caldwell*, who are to meet as Managers for the Assembly the number required by Parliamentary Usage, and that the time of said Conference be this day, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, and the place, the Great Committee Room, in this Bishop's Palace.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Caldwell* and himself attended the Conference desired by the Assembly, as Managers for this House, and that they met Messrs. *Papineau*, *Taschereau*, *Irvine* and *Mure*, 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 at a Conference with the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the Amendments made by their Honors to the engrossed Bill sent up by the House of Assembly, intituled, "An Act to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province."

The House of Assembly does not concur in the Amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province," for the following Reasons:

First. Because, in point of fact, it is generally known, and it has, moreover, been incontrovertibly proved before a Committee of this House, that in the execution of that part of the Law as it now exists, many acts of partiality of the most unjust nature, have been committed. And in point of principle, it is at all times dangerous to leave such an arbitrary power in the hands of individuals, who, however respectable their situation in society, and however impartial they may be in the exercise of their official duty, will be generally or partially suspected of the contrary.

Secondly, Because, experience has shown, that in this Province, few persons under eighteen years of age have acquired sufficient strength to undergo the fatigues attendant on Military Life, and great numbers of
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fixteen and seventeen years of age were, in consequence thereof, last year, sent back to the Divisions whence they had been ordered to join the Embodied Battalions, and men of forty-five years of age and upwards, have much less facility of acquiring a knowledge of the use of arms, and the other duties of an Embodied Militia-man. Moreover, because Bachelors make a lesser sacrifice in quitting their homes, than men having families to bring up and support, and are also less burthensome to the Country.

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

The same being then taken into consideration,

ORDERED, That this House doth insist on their amendments.

ORDERED, That Two Hundred Copies of the Journals of the present Session be printed in both languages, for the use of the Members of this House, under the superintendance of the Clerk of this House, and that it is the opinion of this House, that a remuneration, not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, should be made to the Clerk of the Parliament, for his extra trouble in superintending the printing of the said Journals in both languages, and that he be authorised to procure such additional assistance as he shall find necessary, to enable him to cause the said Journals to be published as speedily as possible, and that he do charge the expence attending the same in the future Contingent Accounts of this House.

RESOLVED, That a Committee of three Members be appointed to determine upon, and superintend such Repairs and Improvements as may be required for the accommodation of this House at the next sitting of the Provincial Parliament, and that the said Committee be authorised to submit to His Excellency the Governor in Chief such Repairs and Improvements, for his approbation and concurrence.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay, Ryland* and *Blackwood* be the said Committee.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Journals of this House from the time when they were last printed, and that they

they report upon such parts thereof as they may think necessary to be hereafter printed for the use of the Members of this House.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay, Ryland & Blackwood* be the said Committee.

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

THURSDAY, 17th MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The Honorable

<i>Lord Bishop of Quebec.</i>	<i>Messrs. Baby.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
	<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
	<i>Duchefnay.</i>	<i>M'Gillivray.</i>
	<i>Caldwell.</i>	

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief, being seated in the Chair, on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the House of Assembly know, It is His Excellency's Pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.

Who being come with their Speaker.

Then the Deputy Clerk of the Crown read the Titles of the Bills to be passed, severally as follows :

An Act further to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to regulate
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“gulate the Trials of Controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*.”

An Act further to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “An Act for establishing Regulations respecting Aliens and certain Subjects of His Majesty, who have resided in *France*, coming into this Province or residing therein.”

An Act to continue two several Acts therein mentioned, for regulating the Fisheries in the inferior District of *Gaspé*.

An Act further to continue for a limited time an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “An Act to ratify and confirm the Provisional Articles of Agreement entered into by the respective Commissioners of this Province and of *Upper Canada*, at *Montreal*, on the fifth day of July one Thousand Eight Hundred and four, relative to Duties, and for carrying the same into effect,” and also further to continue an Act passed in the Thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

An Act to establish Post Houses in the different parts of this Province.

An Act further to continue for a limited time two several Acts therein mentioned, to provide temporary Houses of Correction in the several Districts of this Province.

An Act to exempt Salt imported for the use of the Fisheries in this Province from the Payment of certain Duties imposed thereon, and for other purposes.

An Act to grant to the Ladies of the Order of Charity of the City of *Montreal*, a sum of Money for the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to grant a further sum of Money for the more effectual attainment of the purposes of the Act of the fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, which provides for the relief of Insane Persons, and the support of Foundlings, and others therein mentioned.

An Act for applying a further sum of Money towards the erecting a
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common Gaol with a Court Hall, at *New Carlisle*, in the inferior District of *Gaspé*.

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 Deputy Clerk of the Crown read the Title of a Bill in the words following :

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*.

To this Bill, the Clerk of this House thereupon did say :

His Excellency the Governor in Chief doth withhold His Majesty's Assent from this Bill.

Then the Deputy Clerk of the Crown read the Title of another Bill, intituled, " An Act to repeal and amend certain parts of 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."

The Clerk of this House did thereupon say :

His Excellency the Governor in Chief doth reserve this Bill for the signification of His Majesty's Pleasure thereon.

Then the Speaker of the House of Assembly, on presenting a Bill, intituled, " An Act further to extend the provisions of two several Acts therein mentioned, for facilitating the circulation of Army Bills," made the following Speech :

May it Please Your Excellency,

The Assembly of this Province, having seriously considered Your Excellency's Message stating the expediency of extending the Provisions of the

the Act of the fifty-second of His Majesty, to facilitate the circulation of Army Bills, have given a latitude thereto, which they humbly hope, will enable Your Excellency to meet the encreasing and extraordinary demands of the times, and relieve His Majesty's Subjects in this Province from the difficulties they have lately laboured under.

The Bill which I have the honor to present to Your Excellency, is intitled, "An Act further to extend the Provisions of two several Acts therein mentioned, for facilitating the circulation of Army Bills."

To which the House of Assembly humbly desire Your Excellency to give, in His Majesty's Name, the Royal Assent.

Then the Clerk of this House, by His Excellency's Command, did thereupon say,

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 deliver the following Speech :

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

The different Subjects submitted to your consideration having been disposed of, I am happy to be enabled to close the Session, and to permit your return to your families and homes.

It would have afforded me sincere gratification to have witnessed that unanimity and dispatch amongst yourselves, and that liberal confidence in me, which the emergencies of the times, the situation of the Province, and the assurances contained in your Addresses, gave me a right to expect from you, and I have seen with regret, that my disappointment in this expectation has been attended with serious inconveniences to the public service.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I cannot but lament, that the course of proceeding adopted by you, has occasioned the loss of a productive Revenue Bill, and of the libe-

ral appropriations you had made for the defence of the Province, and for ameliorating the situation of the Militia; and I regret, that in sacrificing these desirable objects, you should have been swayed by any considerations which seemed to you of higher importance than the immediate security of the Country, or the comfort of those engaged in its protection.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

The pacific rumours which have prevailed since I last addressed you, not affording any certain ground for belief that Peace is at hand, our vigorous and united exertions will still be required to maintain the decided ascendancy with which the Divine Providence has been pleased to bless our efforts in the present contest; I therefore earnestly entreat you to impress by your precept and example, on all around you, a respect for the Laws by which they are governed, as well as a just confidence in those who administer and execute them, and to cherish and encourage that spirit of loyalty and attachment to His Majesty's Person and Government, which has hitherto proved the firmest barrier against all the attempts of the enemy.

As the period fixed by law for the duration of the Provincial Parliament will shortly expire, I shall avail myself of an early opportunity to recur to the sense of the people, for the election of a new House of Assembly. It is therefore my earnest recommendation to you, to endeavor in your several stations, to give to the Inhabitants of this Province, a true idea of the nature and value of the Constitution which they possess;—that in the choice of their Representatives, their attention may be directed to those, who, duly estimating its advantages, will endeavor faithfully to uphold it, and thereby effectually to promote the safety, welfare and prosperity of the Province.

Then the Honorable Mr. Hale said :

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

It is the Will and Pleasure of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, that this Provincial Parliament be Prorogued until Thursday the Seventh Day of April next, to be then here held, and this Provincial Parliament is hereby prorogued accordingly until Thursday the Seventh Day of April next.

