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To His Honour COL. SIR JOHN MORISON GIBSON, K.C.M.G., LL.D., K.C.

Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

I have the pleasure to present herewith for the consideration of Your Honour the Report of the Bureau of Archives of Ontario for 1913.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC BENSON LUCAS,

Provincial Treasurer.

Toronto, 1914.

The Honourable ISAAC BENSON LUCAS, K.C., M.P.P., Etc.

Treasurer of Ontario.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you the following Report in connection with the Bureau of Archives for the Province of Ontario.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

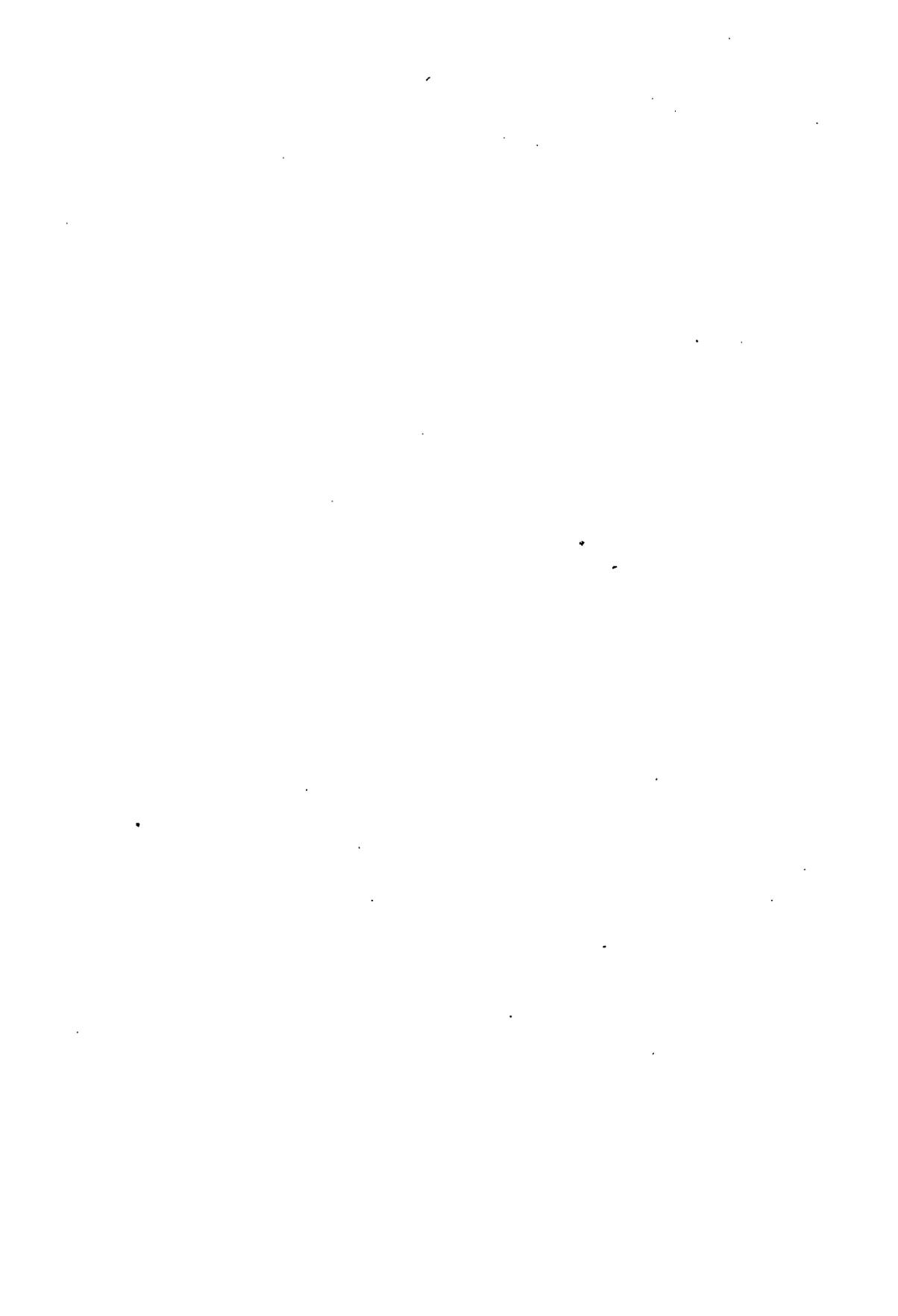
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Provincial Archivist.

Toronto, 31st December, 1913.

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Report

OF THE

Ontario Bureau of Archives

PREFATORY

Two sessions of the Legislature of Upper Canada were held in 1818. The Journals of the first of these, ending in April, were published in the last volume of this series (1912), and this volume opens with the Journals of the second session beginning in November of that year. It also contains the Journals for the years 1819, 1820 and 1821. As formerly, the original text has been reproduced, obvious errors of the copyist only being corrected where such correction was unquestionably possible.

The period covered is of unusual interest in the political history of Upper Canada. In 1818 Sir Peregrin Maitland became Lieutenant Governor of the Province. One of his first acts was to deal with the popular feeling fomented by Robert Gourlay, Bidwell and others, in connection with which repressive legislation was enacted and later on, repealed. The stream of immigration from Britain added materially to the population: expanding trade and commerce, and settlement of the land called for improved transportation and for extensive surveys. The Welland Canal project was advanced, colonization roads were extended; banks were chartered at Kingston and York, local markets were established at convenient centres, and district schools were organized. In a measure for increasing representation in the Legislative Assembly provision is made that whenever a university shall be established in the Province, it be represented by one member, the electors to be those entitled to vote in the convocation of the university. Echoes of the 1812-14 war are to be heard, and it is interesting to note that in those early days a friendly society known as The Kingston Benevolent Society, sought incorporation for the purpose of affording help in old age, sickness and infirmity, and for the relief of the widows and orphans of its members.

The abstracts of the Public Accounts, and the light thrown on the administration and legislation of the Province show steady progress and the gathering strength of the virile young country.

Alexander Fraser

Provincial Archivist.

The Journals

OF THE

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OF

Upper Canada

FOR THE YEARS

1818, 1819, 1820, 1821

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JOURNAL
OF THE
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
OF
UPPER CANADA

From the twelfth day of October to the twenty-seventh
day of November

1818,

Being the third session of the Seventh Provincial
Parliament, in the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth
years of the Reign of

KING GEORGE THE THIRD.

JOURNAL
OF THE
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
OF
UPPER CANADA
1818.

PROCLAMATION

UPPER CANADA.

SAMUEL SMITH, Administrator.

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 Legislative Councillors of Our Province of Upper Canada, and to Our Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of Our said Province to the Assembly at Our Town of York, on the first day of May next to be commenced, called and holden, and to every of you, Greeting.

Whereas by Our Proclamation bearing date the first day of April instant, we thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament on the First day of May next ensuing, at which time, at Our Town of York, you were held and constrained to appear.

But we, taking into Our Royal consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council, to relieve you and each of you of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you that on the fifth day of June next ensuing you meet us in Our Provincial Parliament in Our Town of York, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our Province of Upper Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness Our Trusty and Well Beloved Samuel Smith, Esquire, Our Administrator of Our said Province, at York, this Twenty-second day of April in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen, and in the Fifty-eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command of His Honor,

F. G.

D. Cameron, Secy.

By a further proclamation of His Honor, Samuel Smith, Administrator of the Government of the Province of Upper Canada, dated at York, the Twenty-seventh day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen, the Meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands prorogued to the eighth day of July next ensuing.

By a further Proclamation of His Honor Samuel Smith, Administrator of the Government of Upper Canada, dated at York, the thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen, the Meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further prorogued to the thirteenth day of August next ensuing.

By a further Proclamation of His Honor Samuel Smith, Esquire, Administrator of the Government of the Province of Upper Canada, dated at York the Fourth day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen; the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further prorogued to the Twenty-first day of September next ensuing.

PROCLAMATION.

UPPER CANADA.

P. MAITLAND, Lieutenant-Governor.

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 Legislative Councillors of Our Province of Upper Canada, and to Our Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of Our said Province to the Provincial Parliament at Our Town of York, on the twenty-first day of September next ensuing to be commenced, held, called and elected, and to every of you, Greeting.

Whereas by Our Proclamation bearing date the fifth day of August instant, we have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to prorogue the Provincial Parliament until the twenty-first day of September next ensuing, at which time, at Our Town of York, you were held and constrained to appear. But we, taking into Our Royal consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council, to relieve you and each of you of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Monday, the twelfth day of October next ensuing you meet us in Our Provincial Parliament in Our Town of York for the Actual dispatch of Public Business, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our Province of Upper Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness Our Trusty and Well Beloved Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable and Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding Our Forces therein, this Twenty-fifth day of August, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen, and in the Fifty-Eighth Year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

D. Cameron, Secy.

P. M.

Monday 12th October, 1818.

The House met: Prayers were read.

At two o'clock the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Mr. Lee, brought down the commands of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for the immediate

attendance of the Speaker and the House at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber.

The Speaker and the Members present then went up to the Legislative Council Chamber, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to open the Session with a Speech to both Houses, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy. Ordered that it be read, and it was read as follows:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: The total want of funds to meet the exigencies of the State has compelled me to call you together earlier than the usual period, but I hope at a season which interferes little with your inconvenience."

I have to announce to you that no alteration has taken place in the indisposition of Our venerable Sovereign.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent receives from the Foreign Powers the strongest assurances of their friendly disposition to the British Empire, and of their earnest desire to preserve the general tranquility.

The prospect of continued peace is peculiarly auspicious to this Country; your undivided interests will be given to its interests; you will inquire into its wants, and find remedies for its embarrassments.

In the course of your investigation you will, I doubt not, feel a just indignation at the attempts which have been made to excite discontent, and to organize sedition. Should it appear to you that a Convention of Delegates cannot exist without danger to the Constitution, in framing a law of prevention, your dispassionate wisdom will be careful that it shall not unwarily trespass on that sacred right of the subject, to such a redress of his grievances by petition.

A Treaty is on foot with our Indian Neighbours for the purchase of new Territory, including certain tracts which serve, by their intervention, to disconnect our Western Settlements.

It appears to me that no object can be of more intrinsic value to this Colony than an increased population; nor any on the acquirement of which a small expenditure of revenue is likely to present the State with a greater return. Whether it would not be advisable to tender assistance in some effectual manner to those poor emigrants who may seek to become your countrymen, is a subject I recommend to your serious consideration.

Your attention will be directed to certain laws which are expiring, and to others which have expired, that you may decide on the propriety of continuing the one or reviving the other. To carry any laws which you may enact for the comfort, safety, or morality of the subject, or for the general benefit of the Province, into full effect, you may depend on my hearty co-operation.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I shall direct the proper Officer to lay before you the accounts of the receipt and expenditure of the Provincial Revenue, with an estimate of what may be required for the support of the Civil Government.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen: Convened as you now are for the great purpose of elevating your country by the wisdom of your counsels, you feel, each of you, impressed with the responsibility and dignity which invest you. You recollect the celebrity of your proceedings. These considerations, enlightened manners, and the beneficial influence of religion, will no doubt regulate the intercourse between your august assemblies.

Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moved that Messrs. Durand, Robinson, Howard and Fraser be a Committee to draft an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech to both Houses. Which was carried.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, 13th October, 1818.

The House met. Present:—The Speaker, Messrs. Secord, Casey, Burnham, Howard, Cotter and Fraser, 7.

Adjourned for want of a quorum.

Wednesday, 14th October, 1818.

The House met. The Minutes of Monday and Tuesday were read.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that it be resolved that the Clerk of this House be authorized to engage such number of Copying Clerks as may be required to aid in the discharge of his duty, and to procure stationery, etc., for the use of his office during the present Session. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, Chairman of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Session, reported a draft, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the Address of this House in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne be read a second time to-morrow. Which was carried and ordered.

Mr. Jones gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province."

Mr. Jones gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent for this Province."

Mr. Jones gave notice that he will on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the laws now in force for granting Licenses to Innkeepers and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions Assembled for their respective Districts authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses.

Mr. Van Koughnet gave notice that he will, on Saturday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the Provisions of the same.

Mr. Van Koughnet gave notice that he will, on Friday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the laws now in force granting poundage to the Receiver General.

Mr. Durand gave notice that he will, on Friday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the law now in force for imposing a duty upon persons selling Wine, Brandy and other Spirituous Liquors by Wholesale.

Mr. Howard gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to ascertain and establish on a permanent

footing the boundary lines of the different Townships in this Province," and further to extend the provisions of the same.

The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 15th October, 1818.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of Yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech was read the second time.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the House do now go into Committee upon the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne. Which was carried, and the House went into Committee. Mr. McMartin reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a certain sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent for this Province." Which was granted, and the Bill read the first time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Bill to limit the duration of an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent for this Province," be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the laws now in force for granting Licenses to Innkeepers. Which was granted, and the Bill read the first time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the Innkeepers Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin gave notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill appropriating a sum of money to be expended in making, opening, and repairing the public highways within this Province.

Mr. Cotter gave notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill further to regulate the inspection of flour within this Province.

Mr. Van Koughnet gave notice that he will on to-morrow move that it be resolved that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to inform this House if any orders have been received from His Majesty's Government for granting lands to the Flank Companies Volunteer Corps, or to the Incorporated Militia, for their services during the late War with the United States of America.

Mr. Van Koughnet gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that a Select Committee be appointed to examine what Statutes have expired and are about to expire.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of Adam Dixon, of the Township of Cornwall. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Jones gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the expediency of imposing a Rate or Tax on the lands of non-residents within this Province.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 16th October, 1818.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of Yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Address to His Excellency, in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Session, Mr. McMartin in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported the Address as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Address to His Excellency in answer to his Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was carried and ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Provincial Agents' Repeal Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to repeal the law appointing a Provincial Agent for this Province. Which was carried, and the House went into Committee, Mr. Cameron in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported the Bill. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, that the Bill to repeal the law appointing a Provincial Agent for this Province be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Innkeepers Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Innkeepers Bill. Which was carried, and the House went into Committee, Mr. Van Koughnet in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the Innkeepers Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Chrysler, moved that it be resolved that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to inform this House if any orders have been received from His Majesty's Government, respecting a grant of lands to the Flank Companies Volunteer Corps, or to the Incorporated Militia, for their services during the late War, and that Messrs. Burwell and Cameron be a Committee to draft the same. Which was carried.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Chrysler, moved that Messrs. Howard, Nellis, Cotter and Burnham be a Committee to examine what Statutes have expired and are about to expire, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise. Which was carried.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the propriety of imposing a Rate or Assessment on the lands of non-residents within this Province. Which was carried, and the House went into Committee, Mr. Chrysler in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Chrysler reported that the Committee had agreed

to certain Resolutions, which he was directed to report for the adoption of the House. Ordered, That the Report be received, and that it be:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the vast Tracts of Uncultivated Lands owned by non-residents within this Province, and not in any manner rated or assessed, are a great bar to the improvement of the roads, and the settlement of the country.

Resolved, that it is necessary that a Bill should be framed for imposing a like rate or assessment on the lands of such non-residents as is now paid by actual residents with the least possible prejudice to the rights of such absentees.

Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized to employ legal counsel to frame such a Bill.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the civil administration of the Government of this Province." Which was granted, and the Bill read the first time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the Civil List Repeal Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the inquiry and trial of crimes and offences committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof.

Mr. Fraser gave notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the laws now in force for the laying out, amending and keeping in repair the Public Highways and Roads within this Province.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 17th October, 1818.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of Yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session was read the third time.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved that the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne be recommitted.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, in amendment, moved that after the word "moves" the whole of Mr. Durand's motion be expunged, and that the Address do now pass. Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays being taken were as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Fraser, Chrysler, Van Koughnet, Jones, Cameron, Robinson, Nellis, Burwell, Swayze.

Nays: Messrs. Howard, Durand, Burnham.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six, and the Address was signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency, Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada and Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg to offer to Your Excellency our sincere congratulations on your accession to the Government of this Province, and to return thanks for your most gracious Speech from the throne at the opening of the present Session.

While we regret to learn that no favorable change has taken place in the health of our beloved Sovereign, we view with much satisfaction the happy prospect of continued peace and prosperity to his subjects in the assurance of the friendly dispositions of Foreign Powers received by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent. We feel that to no portion of His Majesty's subjects can this prospect be more auspicious than to this Infant Colony, and our most anxious wish is to co-operate with Your Excellency in improving this period of tranquility by every measure than may tend to relieve the Province from any temporary embarrassment and to advance its general prosperity.

We feel a just indignation at the systematic attempts that have been made to excite discontent and organize sedition in this happy Colony, while the usual and constitutional mode of appeal for real or supposed grievances has ever been open to the people of this Province, never refused or even appealed to; and deeply lament that the insidious designs of one factious individual should have succeeded in drawing into the support of his vile machinations so many honest men and loyal subjects to His Majesty.

We remember that this favored land was assigned to our fathers as a retreat for suffering loyalty, and not a sanctuary for sedition. In the course of our investigation, should it appear to this House that a convention of Delegates cannot exist without danger to the Constitution, in framing a law of Prevention we will carefully distinguish between such conventions and the lawful act of the subject in petitioning for a redress of real or imaginary grievances, that sacred right of every British Subject which we will ever hold inviolable.

We perceive in Your Excellency's communication of the proposed purchase of new territory from the Indians, so important, and indeed so necessary to the growth of our Western Settlement, a flattering pledge of Your Excellency's sincere desire to benefit the Province, and will give our best consideration to Your Excellency's recommendation that some effectual assistance shall, if possible, be extended to those poor emigrants who seek to become our countrymen.

The laws that have expired or are about to expire shall receive our attention, and in reviving or continuing such of them as may be required, or devising new measures for the public good, we feel happy in relying upon Your Excellency's assurance of hearty co-operation.

The investigation of the Public Accounts, when submitted to us, and the provisions for the support of the Civil Government for the current year, will necessarily engage our care, and, impressed with a proper sense of the responsibility of our duties, and how important it is that we should faithfully discharge them; we trust that we shall be actuated in all our deliberations by a spirit most likely to lead to a happy result.

ALLAN McLEAN, Speaker.

Commons House of Assembly.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that Messrs. Jones and Van Koughnet be a Committee to inform His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, that this House have agreed to an Address, in answer to His most gracious Speech, and to request to know when His Excellency will be pleased to receive this House with the same. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Provincial Agent Repeal Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to limit the duration of an Act, passed in the fifty-

sixth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent for this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Jones and Robinson be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Provincial Agent Repeal Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Innkeepers Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to alter the laws now in force for granting Licenses to Innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace, in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective districts, authority to regulate the Duties hereafter to be paid on such Licenses." Which was carried and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Jones and Robinson be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Innkeepers' Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was carried.

Mr. Jones gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of, and amend the laws now in force for holding Debtors to Bail.

Mr. Jones gave notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration certain publications signed "Robert Gourlay."

Mr. Jones gave notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration that part of His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session which relates to the late meeting of a Convention of Delegates.

Mr. Secretary Cameron, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered at the Bar of the House the Public Accounts.

Mr. Jones, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to limit the duration of an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent for this Province,' and the Bill intituled 'An Act to alter the laws now in force granting Licenses to Innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace, in General Quarter Sessions Assembled for their respective Districts, authority to regulate the Duties hereafter to be paid on such Licenses,'" and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Jones, Durand, Robinson and Fraser be a Committee to investigate the Public Provincial Accounts and report thereon. Which was carried.

The House then adjourned.

Monday, 19th October, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of Saturday were read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend an Act, passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to ascertain and establish on a permanent footing the boundary lines of the different Townships of this Province," and further to extend the provisions of the same. Which was granted, and the Bill was read.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Boundary Line Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was carried and ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Civil List Repeal Bill was read a second time.

At one o'clock the House went on with the Address to His Excellency, in answer to His Speech at the opening of the Session, and having returned:

The Speaker reported the same to the House, and that His Excellency had made a reply thereto, which was read by order of the House, as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I am much gratified by the sentiments you have been pleased to express, and I doubt not your wisdom will give them efficacy in the enactment of salutary laws.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Civil List Repeal Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Howard took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Howard reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Gotter, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the inquiry and trial of crimes committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof. Which was granted, and the Bill was read.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moved that the Jurisdiction Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved in amendment, that in Mr. Fraser's motion after the words "be read" the remainder be expunged, and the words "this day three months" be inserted. Which was lost. The original question was then carried and ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same. Which was carried, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the District School Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was carried and ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the name of Mr. Hatt be added to the Committee on the Public Provincial Accounts. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Petition of Adam Dixson of the Township of Cornwall be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition was read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Adam Dixson, of the Township of Cornwall, in the Eastern District, Merchant,

Humbly Showeth: That Your Petitioner has resided for many years at Moulinette Rapids, on the River St. Lawrence, in the said district, where he has had daily opportunities of witnessing the very great difficulty and dangers encountered by boats ascending these Rapids with loads. That, with a view of affording assistance to such boats, and at the same time with an expectation of being remunerated, your Petitioner was induced to build locks at the said rapids, in the construction of which he has expended a large sum of money out of his private funds. That previous to the building of these locks Your Petitioner was encouraged to do so by

the owners of boats in the lower province, but that since the locks have been completed, though their great utility is acknowledged, some of the boats are reluctant in paying the small sum which your Petitioner has thought himself justifiable in asking for the attendance of his men in passing through the locks.

That many of Your Honorable Body have had opportunities of personally seeing and appreciating the advantages of these locks, and will, Your Petitioner trusts, see the propriety of encouraging undertakings of this kind by individuals. That Your Petitioner is prepared, should the prayer of this Petitioner be granted, to give security in any sum which may be required to keep the locks in the best possible state of repair, and to keep men in constant readiness to pass any boats through them.

He therefore prays that Your Honorable House, taking into Your wise consideration the ease and advantage afforded by these locks to boats ascending the River, and also the expense which has been incurred in building them, will be graciously pleased to grant him permission to hold the said locks exclusively for such a term of years, and under such regulations as to the price to be demanded for the passage of a boat, as to your Honorable House shall seem proper; and, as in duty bound, he will ever pray.

ADAM DIXSON.

Cornwall, September 30th, 1818.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of Thomas Mears and John McDonell, Esquires. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved for leave to bring in a bill for altering and amending the laws now in force for imposing a duty for selling Wine, Brandy, and other Spirituous Liquor by Wholesale. Which was granted, and the Bill was read.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the Duty Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was carried and ordered.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved for leave to bring in the Petition of the Heirs of the late Ruliph Ostrom, of Sidney. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Van Koughnet gave notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill founded upon the Petition of Adam Dixson, of the Township of Cornwall.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 20th October, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Boundary Line Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the Boundary Line Bill. Which was carried, and the House went into Committee, Mr. Casey in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that it be resolved, that no known member of the meeting of persons styling themselves Delegates from the different Districts of this Province shall be allowed a seat within the Bar of this House.

The House was cleared. The doors were opened. The question was then put, on which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Fraser, Jones, McMartin, Cotter, Cameron, Van Koughnet, Hatt, Nellis, Crysler, Howard, Burwell, Burnham, Robinson, Swayze.

Nays: Messrs. Secord, Casey.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved for leave to bring in a Bill further to regulate the manufacturing and inspection of Flour within this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill was read.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the Flour Inspection Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that it be resolved that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to inform this House what permanent appropriations have been made out of the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds, granted to His Majesty by an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province," and that Messrs Burwell and Van Koughnet be a Committee to draft the said Address. Which was carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Jurisdiction Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the Jurisdiction Bill. Which was carried, and the House went into Committee, Mr. Cotter in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported the Bill without amendment. Ordered, that the report be received.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Jurisdiction Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the School Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the House do now resolve into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the District School Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Jones took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Shop License Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the House do now go into a Committee on the Shop License Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Fraser took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Fraser reported the Bill without amendment. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the Shop License Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was carried, and ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved for leave to bring in a Bill, on to-morrow, to amend the laws now in force for arresting and holding to bail in Civil Cases. Which was granted.

Mr. Burwell, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of lands to the Incorporated Militia and Flank Companies, and also another Address on the Civil List Appropriation, re-

ported that the Committee had agreed to two drafts, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered, that the Report be received.

The Draft of the Address to His Excellency on the subject of lands to the Militia was then read the first time.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Casey, moved that the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Lands to the Incorporated Militia and Flank Companies, be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The draft of the Address to His Excellency, on the Civil List, was read the first time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the Address to His Excellency on the Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, granting a sum of money in aid of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province, be read a second time to-morrow. Which was carried, and ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of the Township of Lancaster in the Eastern District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moved for leave to bring in the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the Midland District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved for leave to bring in the Petition of the Grand Jury of the Midland District. Which was carried, and the Petition laid on the table.

The House then adjourned.

Wednesday 21st October, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Jurisdiction Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the Bill be recommitted.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Jones, in amendment, moved that after the word "Bill" in Mr. Burwell's motion, the whole be expunged, and that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to authorize the inquiry and trial of crimes and offences committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County to be had in any District thereof." On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays being taken were as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Casey, McMartin, Cameron, Crysler, Burnham, Cotter, Swayze, Nellis, Jones, Fraser.

Nays: Messrs. Durand, Van Koughnet, Hatt, Burwell, Secord.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moved that Messrs Fraser and Cameron be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the inquiry and trial of crimes and offences committed within this Province without the limits of any described Township or County to be had in any district thereof," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Merchants' License Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to amend the laws now in force for granting Wholesale Licenses." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that Messrs. Durand and Hatt be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the laws now in force for granting Wholesale Licenses," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was carried.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration that part of His Excellency's Speech, at the opening of the Present Session, which relates to the meeting of Delegates in Convention. Which was carried, and Mr. Burnham took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Flour Inspection Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Flour Inspection Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Nellis took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Civil Arrest Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the Civil Arrest Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency, on the subject of Lands to the Militia, was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Lands to the Militia. Which was carried, and Mr. Secord took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported the Address amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that the Militia Address be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency, on the Civil List Appropriation, was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Civil List Law. Which was carried, and Mr. Swayze took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported the Address amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Civil List Law, be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Petition of Thomas Mears and John McDonell, Esquires, be now read. Which was granted, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Upper Canada, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Thomas Mears and John McDonell, Esquires,
Humbly Sheweth; That Your Petitioners were, by His Excellency the late Lieutenant Governor, appointed Commissioners for the Branch Roads in the Dis-

trict of Ottawa in the year 1816. That in executing the duties thus entrusted to them, they gave out a number of contracts on the said roads, which were commenced upon by persons undertaking the same at various points remote the one from the other.

That from the extreme length and variety of roads Your Petitioners had to labour upon, according to the Act, the money allowed was insufficient to join and connect the whole.

That to remedy this difficulty, and to make the said roads useful to the public, Your Petitioners laid out the sum of two hundred and eight pounds, eighteen shillings and sevenpence currency of their own money, as may be seen by their accounts delivered into the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Wherefore Your Petitioners humbly request that they may be allowed the said sum of two hundred and eight pounds, eighteen shillings and sevenpence out of the first moneys granted for roads, and Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

THOMAS MEARS, by his Attorney, JOHN McDONELL.
JOHN McDONELL.

Hawksbury, September 2nd, 1818.

The House then adjourned.

Thursday 22nd October, 1818.

This House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Lands to the Militia, was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency, Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc.

May it Please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to inform this House if any orders have been received from His Majesty's Government respecting a Grant of Land to the Militia of this Province, for their services during the war with the United States of America.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Cameron be a Committee to carry up to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Address of this House respecting the Lands to the Militia, to know when he will be pleased to receive it, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Civil List Appropriation, was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc.

May it Please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to inform this House what annual appropriations have been made out of the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds, granted to His Majesty by an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum

of money towards defraying the expenses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province."

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Cameron be a Committee, to carry up to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Address of this House respecting permanent appropriation in the Civil List, to know when he will be pleased to receive it, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the laws now in force for granting Wholesale Licenses," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee, to take into consideration that part of His Excellency's Speech, at the opening of the present Session, which relates to the meeting of the Delegates in Convention, Mr. Burnham in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported that the Committee had agreed to some resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and the Resolutions were adopted, *nem. con.*, as follows:

Resolved, That the right of the people of this Province, individually or collectively, to petition our Gracious Sovereign for a redress of any public or private grievance is their birthright as British subjects, preserved to them by that free Constitution which they have received, and which, by the generous exertions of Our Mother Country, has, through an arduous contest, been maintained unimpaired.

Resolved, That the Commons House of Assembly are the only constitutional representatives of the people of this Province.

Resolved, That the electing, assembling, sitting, and proceedings of certain persons calling themselves representatives or Delegates from the different Districts of this Province, and met in general convention at York, for the purpose of deliberating upon matters of Public concern, is highly derogatory and repugnant to the spirit of the Constitution of this Province, and tends greatly to disturb the public tranquility.

Resolved, That while this House regret that some subjects of His Majesty, whose allegiance and fidelity are above suspicion, have been deluded by the unwearied and persevering attempts of the factious to lend their countenance to measures so disgraceful, they cannot admit that *their* example should give a sanction to proceedings manifestly dangerous to the peace and security of the Province; proceedings which it is painful and humiliating to observe have drawn upon this loyal Province the attention of other countries, and of our Sister Provinces, and even of our Parent State, as to a Colony impatient of its allegiance and ungrateful for the fostering care that looking anxiously to the period of its strength has cherished its infancy, as to the moment of its revolt.

Resolved, That to repel at once so foul an imputation, to undeceive the misguided, to stifle the hopes of the disturbers of public peace, and to give to our Parent State and to the world the best grounded assurance that the inhabitants of this Province know how to prize their happiness in belonging to the most exalted nation upon earth, and desire no more than the secure possession of that just liberty which her own more immediate children enjoy, it is the opinion of this House that some such Legislative provisions should be enacted as the wisdom of the Imperial Parliament has found it proper to provide to meet similar occasions,

which may hereafter put it out of the power of any designing persons to organize discontent and to degrade the character of the Province.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be communicated to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Present: Messrs. Burwell, McMartin, Van Koughnet, Cameron, Durand, Crysler, Nellis, Howard, Hatt, Jones, Cotter, Swayze, Burnham—13.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that Messrs. Jones and Robinson be a Committee, to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Resolutions of this House, on that part of His Excellency's Speech, at the opening of the Present Session, which relates to the Meeting of a Convention of Delegates. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the Speaker be authorized to employ legal counsel to draft a Bill in pursuance of the Resolutions of this House. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Flour Inspection Bill, Mr. Nellis in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Fraser, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Inquiry and Trial of Crimes and Offences committed within this Province without the limits of any described Township or County to be had in any District thereof," and request their concurrence thereto, reported that they had done so:

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Civil List Arrest Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Civil Arrest Bill. Which was carried, and the House went into Committee, Mr. Robinson in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the District School Bill, Mr. Jones in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the District School Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, of the Committee to communicate to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Resolutions of this House on the subject of the Convention of Delegates, reported that they had done so.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration a certain Address to the Land Owners of Upper Canada, dated at Niagara April 2nd, 1818, and signed Robert Gourlay. Which was carried, and Mr. Burwell took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Lancaster be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, etc.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Lancaster, in the County of Glengarry, Eastern District of the Province of Upper Canada,

Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioners labour under great disadvantages since the first settlement of the said Township of Lancaster, as the same extends from the River St. Lawrence or Lake St. Francis to the rear of the Eighteenth Concession of the said Township, where it bounds to the Ottawa District, a distance of upwards of twenty-four miles in a direct line, and in consequence of the said Township being so extensive Your Petitioners are deprived of holding but one town meeting, which is at a great distance from the front and rear of the said Township, and the Court of Request is also attended with great inconvenience, owing to the great distance, and is attended with great expenses in repairing to and from, which might be avoided had the said Township been divided to the limits of the adjoining Townships of Charlottenburg and Kenyon, which are confined to the limits of nine concessions.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray Your Honorable House will be pleased to take their case into your wise consideration, and pass a law to divide the said Township of Lancaster into two Townships, so as Your Petitioners may enjoy the happiness and advantage that is enjoyed in the other Townships in said District.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray,

ALEXR. McMILLAN and 26 others.

Lancaster, Sept. 26, 1818.

Mr. McMartin gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill founded on the Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of the Township of Lancaster.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the petition of the Grand Jury of the Midland District be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read.

To the Honorable the Legislative Council and the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Grand Jurors of Assize of the Midland District, convened at Kingston,

Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioners, Members of the Grand Jury for the Midland District, upon the information of the Treasurer as well as from the personal knowledge of some of Your Petitioners, have satisfactory evidence that the District is greatly involved in debt, and that the funds arising from the present rate of assessment have scarcely sufficient to meet the current expenses of the year, much less to liquidate the debt already contracted.

That this insufficiency has been occasioned by circumstances growing out of the late War with the United States; in particular, by the heavy expenses attending the maintenance of State Prisoners sent from the Upper Districts to Kingston, as a place of greater security; by the repairs necessarily made to the gaol, which being occupied by the military as a Guard House was thereby much injured; and by the provisions made for the support of the numerous paupers who, destitute of friends and relations, flocked into the district in the course of the war, and whose extreme distress the magistrates could not suffer to remain unrelieved.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that Your Honorable Body will be pleased to empower the Magistrates in Quarter Session assembled, to cause to be levied upon the inhabitants of the Midland District, for the term of four years, one penny in

the pound in addition to the present rate of assessment, for the purpose of discharging the debt already incurred, and making such further repairs to the Gaol and Court House as may be found necessary, since much still remains to be done in order to render that building comfortable for the Prisoners, and commodious for the Court; or that Your Honorable Body will be pleased to adopt such measures for the relief of the district as in your wisdom may be deemed sufficient.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray,

By order of the Grand Jury.

Kingston, 14th August, 1818.

JOHN FERGUSON, Foreman.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Petition of certain persons in the Midland District be now read, which was carried, and the Petition read.

To the Honorable the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Midland District,

Humbly sheweth: That the Front Road from Kingston to York, passing through Ernesttown, Fredericksburgh, Adolphustown, etc., between Coyle's Corner, at Lot No. 11, in said Fredericksburgh, and the Court House in said Adolphustown, is crooked, circuitous, uneven, and inconvenient at all seasons of the year, especially in the winter. That the public travel there which is already great and constantly increasing, may be more essentially facilitated by opening a new road from the said corner, nearly in a direct line, to the said Court House, by which a saving will be effected of nearly two miles in crossing ten lots in the distance. The old road as now travelled being about five miles, and the new proposed road not quite two miles and one-third from the said corner to the Court House. That the ground in the said new route is suitable for a good road, and that the private inconvenience which will accrue to individuals by this straightening and shortening the road, will be small, compared with the public accommodation to His Majesty's subjects in general who have occasion to travel that way. The Petitioners beg leave further to state that from local and other considerations such proceedings have been had that according to the construction given to the existing law on that subject, as they understand, the wished for improvement cannot be obtained without the interposition of the Legislature by an Act for that purpose. Wherefore, agreeably to Public Notice, advertised by a Committee of the Petitioners in the *Kingston Gazette*, they humbly pray that such an Act may be passed, directing or authorizing a public highway to be laid out and opened from Coyle's Corner aforesaid, in Fredericksburgh, in as direct a line as the nature of the ground will admit, to the Court House in Adolphustown, in such manner and upon such terms as Your Honors in Your Wisdom may judge reasonable; and as in duty bound will pray.

THOMAS COOK, and 113 others.

September 22nd, 1818.

Mr. Robinson gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land or inland navigation.

Mr. Howard gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the Profanation of the Lord's Day.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 23rd October, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the District School Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the District School Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing Public Schools in each and every District of this Province," and to extend the provisions of the same. Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that Messrs. Van Koughnet and McMartin be a Committee to take up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the District School Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Civil Arrest Bill, Mr. Robinson in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the Civil Arrest Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee, to take into consideration a certain Address to the Land Owners of Upper Canada, dated at Niagara, April 2nd, 1818, and signed by Robert Gourlay. Mr. Burwell in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to form and constitute a new Township of certain parts of the Township of Lancaster, in the Eastern District. Which was granted and the Bill read.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the Lancaster Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate the Trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land or inland navigation. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Bill to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America by land or inland navigation be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the Profanation of the Lord's Day. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Bill to prevent the Profanation of the Lord's Day be read a second time on Tuesday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Howard gave notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign; intituled, "An Act to make provision for the further appointment of parish and Town Officers throughout this Province."

Mr. Howard gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move the House go into Committee, to take into consideration the state of the Militia Fines collected in this Province.

Mr. Howard gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Wages of the Members of the House of Assembly. The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 24th October, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Civil Arrest Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Civil Arrest Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal the several laws now in force relative to arrests in Civil Actions, and to make further provisions for the same." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that Messrs. Jones and Hatt be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Civil Arrest Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to carry up to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the Address of this House on the subject to the Militia, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: Respecting a grant of lands to the Militia, I expect from His Majesty's Government an answer, having prayed to be put in possession of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's pleasure on that subject.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to carry up to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the Address of this House, on the subject of the Civil List Appropriation, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:—

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: The annual appropriations that have been made out of the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, granted to His Majesty by an Act of the Legislature are these:

To Mr. Scott, Late Chief Justice, Eight Hundred Pounds Sterling.

To Mr. Powell, as Speaker of the Legislative Council, Four Hundred Pounds currency.

And I understand a promise of Five Hundred Pounds currency has been made to Mr. McGill, who is retiring from the office of Receiver-General.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Lancaster Division Bill was read the second time.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the Bill for the division of the Township of Lancaster.

Which was carried, and Mr. Durand took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Durand reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Lancaster Division Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moved that the House do now go into Committee, to take into consideration the Bill to regulate the Trade between this Province and the United States of America by land or inland navigation. Which was carried, and Mr. Hatt took the chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Mr. Jones gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide by law for the payment of a Pension to the late Chief Justice Scott, and a Salary to the Speaker of the Hon. the Legislative Council.

Mr. Jones gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill upon the subject of the Meeting of Delegates, pursuant to the order of this House.

Mr. Fraser gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill founded on the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Midland District.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Home District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Secord, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that he have leave to withdraw the Petition of Rebecca Thompson of Niagara, widow, presented at the last Session, and that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with so far as regards this question. Which was granted.

The House then adjourned.

Monday, 26th October, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Lancaster Division Bill was read the third time.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act for the better division of the County of Glengarry into Townships." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that Messrs. McMartin and Cameron be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill for dividing the Township of Lancaster, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the House do resolve itself into a Committee on to-morrow, to take into consideration the state of the Militia Fines in this Province. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Boundary Bill. Mr. McMartin in the Chair.

The House resumed to receive a message from the Hon. Legislative Council.

Mr. Boulton, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Inquiry and Trial of Crimes and Offences committed within this Province without the limits of any described township or County to be had in any District thereof," sent up from this House, which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

Also the Bill intituled "An Act to alter the laws now in force for granting Licenses to Innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective Districts, authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such Licenses," which they had passed without amendment.

The amendments to the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Inquiry and Trial of Crimes and Offences committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof," were then read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the amendments made by the Hon. the Legislative Council to the Judicature Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House then again went into Committee on the Boundary Bill.

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

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Wages of the Members of the House of Assembly. Which was granted and the Bill read.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that the Members' Wages Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays being taken were as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Cotter, McMartin, Casey, Crysler, Van Koughnet, Burnham, Fraser, Nellis, Howard.

Nays: Messrs. Durand, Cameron, Hatt, Swayze, Burwell, Clench.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three, and ordered accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Duty Bill, Mr. Hatt in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of the people called British Wesleyan Methodists and others in this Province. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved for leave to bring up the petition of the Magistrates and Inhabitants of the District of Newcastle. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. McMartin gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill appropriating a sum of money to reimburse certain persons therein mentioned, moneys advanced by them for public purposes.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Eastern District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 27th October, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Secretary Villiers brought down, by Command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the Estimates for defraying the charges of the Civil Government, for the years one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, which are as follows:

Estimate of the Charges for defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice and the Civil Government of Upper Canada for the year 1818, not heretofore provided for by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain.

The Administration of Justice	£2,500
The Lieutenant-Governor's Office	900
The Receiver-General's Office	730
The Surveyor-General's Department	4,900
The Executive Council Office	680
The Crown Office	56

The Attorney-General's Office	90
The Secretary's Office	400
The Register of the Province	200
The Inspector-General's Office	900
Pensions to Wounded Militia Officers	750
Four Clergymen of the Established Church	700
One Minister of the Gospel	100
Repairs and Contingent Expenses of the Government House	200
The Government Printer	140
Casual and other expenses	500

£13,746

Inspector-General's Office,
12th October, 1818.

J. BABY, Inspector-General.

Estimate of the charges for defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice and the Civil Government of Upper Canada for the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen, not heretofore provided for by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain.

The Administration of Justice	£2,500
The Lieutenant-Governor's Office	900
The Receiver-General's Office	730
The Surveyor General's Office	4,900
The Executive Council Office	680
The Crown Office	56
The Attorney-General's Office	90
The Secretary's Office	400
The Register of the Provinces	200
The Inspector-General's Office	900
Pensions to Wounded Militia Officers	750
Four Clergymen of the Established Church	700
One Minister of the Gospel	100
Repairs and Contingent Expenses of the Government House	200
The Government Printer	140
Casual and other expenses	500

£13,746

Inspector-General's Office,
12th October, 1818.

J. BABY, Inspector-General.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the estimates submitted to the House by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, of moneys required in support of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province, for the years One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen and One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Profanation Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Sabbath Profanation Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Clench took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Clench reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the number of Path Masters in the several Townships throughout this Province. Which was granted and the Bill read.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Parish and Town Officers Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the subject of Militia Fines, Mr. McMartin in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and it was resolved that it is the opinion of this House that a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the state of the Militia Fines.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that Messrs. Howard, Nellis, Fraser, and Burwell be a Select Committee to examine the State of the Militia Fines and to report thereon, with power to send for persons and papers. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments to the Jurisdiction Bill were read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the amendments made by the Hon. the Legislative Council to the Judicature Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported the amendments.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Report be not received. Which was lost.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Fraser, Casey, Burnham, Howard, Cotter, Cameron, Nellis, Swayze, McMartin, Jones.

Nays: Messrs. Clench, Durand, Van Koughnet, Hatt, Burwell, Secord.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of four, and the Report was received and the amendments adopted.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Fraser and Burnham be a Committee to inform the Hon. the Legislative Council that this House has agreed to the amendments made to a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the inquiry and Trial of Crimes and Offences committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof." Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Boundary Bill, Mr. Casey in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the Boundary Line Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Thursday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Members' Wages Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the House do resolve itself into a Committee on to-morrow, on the Members' Wages Bill.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hatt, in amendment, moved that in Mr. Howard's motion the word "To-morrow" be expunged, and "three months" inserted. Which was lost. The original question was then put, carried and ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moved for leave to bring in a Bill founded on the petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Midland District, for altering the main road near the Court House in the Township of Adolphustown in the said District. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that the Bill to alter the road leading from Coil's to the Court House in Adolphustown be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved for leave to bring in a Bill founded on the Petition of Adam Dixon of the Township of Cornwall. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Dixson Relief Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Bill to repeal the laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of a Salary for the Receiver General as Provincial Treasurer of this Province.

The House then adjourned.

Wednesday, 28th October, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Estimates for the Civil Expenditure, Mr. Cameron in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Profanation Bill, Mr. Clench in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Clench reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Bill to Prevent the Profanation of the Lord's Day be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council a message, acquainting them that this House had adopted the amendments made by them in and to a Bill entitled "An Act to authorize the Inquiry and Trial of Crimes and Offences committed within this Province without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof," reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Pathmasters Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the Pathmasters Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Pathmasters Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

On the order of the day, for the House going into Committee on the Members Wages Bill being called, the question was carried in the negative.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Adolphustown Road Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the Adolphustown Road Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Van Koughnet took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing Public Schools in each and every District of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same;" also an Act entitled "An Act to repeal the several laws now in force relative to Arrests in Civil Actions, and to make further provision for the same," and the Bill, intituled "An Act for the better division of the County of Glengarry into Townships," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Poundage Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet; seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Receiver General's Poundage Repeal Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Jones took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Receiver General's Poundage Repeal Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones moved for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of the Salary of the Receiver General in lieu of Poundage on moneys passing through his hands. Which was granted, and the Bill was read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin; moved that the Receiver General's Salary Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Duty Bill, Mr. Hatt in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved for leave to bring in a Bill appropriating a sum of money, to reimburse certain persons therein mentioned moneys expended for public purposes. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Bill appropriating a sum of money to reimburse certain persons therein mentioned moneys expended for public purposes, be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cotter, in amendment, moved that in Mr. McMartin's Motion, the word "to-morrow" be expunged, and "this day three months" inserted. Which was lost. The original question was then carried and ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to provide by law for the payment of a Pension to the late Chief Justice, and a Salary for the Speaker of the Legislative Council. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Bill to provide for the payment of a Pension to the late Chief Justice and a Salary to the Speaker of the Legislative Council be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent in future certain meetings in this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Bill to prevent in future certain meetings in this Province be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the Petition of the British Wesleyan Methodists and others be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Legislature of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Subscribers, of that part of His Majesty's faithful subjects now known by the denomination of British Methodists, and those of their friends,

Most humbly sheweth: That Your Petitioners are subjects of His Britannic Majesty, either by being born in his dominions or having become such by virtue of their observance of the laws and forms for such purposes provided and established. That some have been for a long time of that sect or denomination of Christians called Methodists, who were formed into a society or societies in this Province, at the head of which were persons nominated and appointed by the institutions of a Foreign State and power. Although Your Petitioners as honest and faithful subjects of His Majesty could not but view this subjection to the dictates and control of a foreign Ecclesiastical Tribunal with jealousy, they yet found themselves under the necessity of submitting to it, or they would be compelled to forego the advantages of Christian instruction, and that general dispensation of the Holy Gospel so necessary to the attainment of their wishes. They always, however, entertained a fervent hope that the necessity of this subjection would one day be removed, by the kindly extension of the benefits of an institution established in their Mother Country. This period seems now to have arrived. A warm and charitable solicitude for the instruction and happiness of those who are seeking for information, as well as for that general dispensation of moral and religious influences so desirable in an Infant Colony, is now exercised by a society in England whose avowed object is to afford the means of inculcating the blessed precepts of the Holy Gospel upon the minds of those who need instruction, and who are remote from the means of acquiring information. Actuated by such motives, and for such purposes, the Conference of Methodists in England has sent to this Province Missionaries noted for their talents, information and exemplary

piety. They have entered upon the discharge of their important trust, but unhappily in many instances they found themselves shackled by prejudices and restraints, emanating from a want of countenance and protection by the laws of their country. Selected from all other denominations of Dissenters they found their sect unacknowledged by those laws. Lutherans, Calvinists, etc., etc., are recognized by the Provincial Laws, and receive through them almost every privilege and immunity they can desire; whilst Methodists, a sect so intimately connected as it were with the Established Church of England, and dissenting in no essential points from the doctrines of that church, are comparatively neglected and unacknowledged. We can only suppose that this apparent partiality arose from the want of a proper application on our part, and we therefore earnestly hope it may be removed. Your Petitioners now, therefore, beg leave to represent to Your Honorable House that they do not consider themselves under the government of the American Conference, they being British Subjects, and prefer that of the British, and humbly pray that they may be recognized by a law of the Province under the denomination of British Wesleyan Methodists, which shall confer upon the Ministers and Missionaries to be appointed by the British Conference, under such rules and regulations as to Your Honorable Body may appear meet and proper the power of solemnizing the banns of Matrimony between such persons of their congregation as may be disposed to enter them, by making such marriages and their issue valid, and legal, together with such other immunities as in the wisdom and charitable consideration of Your Honorable Body may be thought proper and expedient; and Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

N. McLEOD, and Two hundred and thirty-eight others.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of the Magistrates of the Home District in Quarter Sessions Assembled. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Home District be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament Assembled.

The Memorial of the Merchants and other respectable inhabitants of the District,

Humbly sheweth: That Your Memorialists, seeing the many advantages enjoyed by other countries from the establishment of Banks, by means of which the facility of Mercantile intercourse and the interest of the public in general is greatly promoted, as is evident from the rapidity with which all improvements in the internal economy of countries are carried into effect where such depositories have been in operation.

That Your Memorialists, in common with the inhabitants of the Province, were much inconvenienced before the issue of Army Bills; and are now daily sustaining a like inconvenience for want of a circulating medium.

Your Memorialists are therefore desirous that an establishment should be made upon a secure and permanent foundation, and that a Bank, incorporated by charter with a capital of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, to be held in shares of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings, Provincial Currency, each, would be of the most beneficial importance to the improvement of this Province, as well in its agricultural as commercial progress, Your Memorialists have every reason to believe, and ground to hope.

Wherefore Your Memorialists pray that Your Honorable House will be pleased to take this very necessary and important public measure into your serious consideration; and pass an Act to incorporate a Body within the Province under the style and title of "The Upper Canada Banking Company," with a Capital of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, to be held in shares of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings, Provincial Currency, each, under such regulations as Your Honorable House may deem wise and prudent.

And, as in duty bound, Your Memorialists will ever pray.

ALEX'R McDONELL, and Thirty-nine others.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Eastern District be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, etc.

The Petition of the Undersigned, Inhabitants of the Eastern District,

Humbly Showeth: That whereas it is expedient for the convenience of the inhabitants of the Eastern District aforesaid that a market should be established at Cornwall in the said District,

Wherefore Your Petitioners pray that a law may be enacted empowering the Commissioners of the Peace in the said Eastern District, in their Court of General Quarter Sessions, to fix upon and establish some convenient place in the Town of Cornwall as a Market, where Butcher's meat, eggs, poultry, fish and vegetables shall be exposed to sale, and to appoint such days and hours for that purpose, and to make such other orders and regulations relative thereto as they shall think expedient.

And Your Petitioners also pray that a Public Fair, may be established by Statute in the said Town of Cornwall, to be holden in the first week of May and the first week in the month of November, annually.

And Your Petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Cornwall, 9th Octr. 1818.

I. Y. COZENS, and 28 others.

Mr. Van Koughnet gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill founded upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Eastern District.

Mr. Robinson gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Bank in this Province.

The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 29th October, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read: The Minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Poundage Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that the Poundage Repeal Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General." Which was carried and the Bill signed.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Cameron be a committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Receiver General's Poundage Repeal Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Highway Overseer's Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act further to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to make provision for the further appointment of Parish and Town Officers throughout this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that Messrs. Howard and Burnham be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. Legislative Council the Bill to increase the number of Overseers of Roads and Highways in this Province," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Profanation Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to prevent the Profanation of the Lord's Day." On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Cotter, Nellis, McMartin, Cameron, Howard, Van Koughnet, Burnham, Casey, Swayze.

Nays: Messrs. Durand, Clench, Burwell, Secord.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five, and the Bill was signed.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that Messrs. Howard and Burnham be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill to prevent the Profanation of the Lord's Day, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Flour Inspection Bill, Mr. Nellis in the Chair.

The House resumed, Mr. Nellis reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Saturday.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Receiver General's Salary Bill was read a second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the Receiver General's Salary Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Casey took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that the Receiver General's Salary Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Remuneration Bill was read a second time.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on to-morrow, on the Commissioners Remuneration Bill.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, in amendment, moved that the words "on to-morrow" be expunged, and "now" inserted. Which was carried, and Mr. Burnham took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the estimates for the Civil Supply, Mr. Cameron in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Pension and Salary Bill was read a second time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Pension Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Frazer took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Fraser reported that the House had risen. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that so much of the order of the day as respects the Bill to repeal the law granting to His Majesty Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds be discharged. Which was lost.

Mr. Howard, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act further to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to make provision for the further appointment of Parish and Town Officers throughout this Province," and also the Bill intituled "An Act to prevent the Profanation of the Lord's Day," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Howard gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the laws now in force relative to the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this Province.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved for leave to bring in a Bill on Saturday next, to extend the provisions of the laws now in force granting Relief to Heirs and Devisees. Which was granted.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved for leave to bring in a Bill on Saturday next, respecting Ferries within this Province. Which was granted.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved for leave to bring in a Bill on Saturday next, to repeal an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to authorize the Lieutenant Governor to nominate and appoint certain Commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned." Which was granted.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 30th October, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Receiver General's Salary Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to provide for the payment of a salary to the Receiver General of this Province in lieu of Poundage upon money at the disposal of the Parliament of this Province passing through his hands." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Cameron be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the payment of a salary to the Receiver General of this Province in lieu of poundage on moneys at the disposal of the Parliament of this Province passing through his hands," and request their concurrence therein. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Boundary Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal an Ordinance of the Province of Quebec, passed in the twenty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign; intituled an Ordinance concerning Land Surveyors and the admeasurement of Lands, and also to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to ascertain and establish on a permanent footing the Boundary Lines of the different Townships of this Province, and further to regulate the manner in which lands are hereafter to be surveyed." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that Messrs. Howard and Burwell be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Boundary Line Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Duty Bill. Mr. Hatt in the Chair.

The House resumed to receive a message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Secretary brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor a message, which was read as follows.

P. MATTLAND, Lt. Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the Commons House of Assembly certain papers, including a Report of Commissioners relative to the improvement of the Navigation of the St. Lawrence.

York, 30th October, 1818.

P. M.

(Copy)

Niagara, October 6th, 1818.

Sir: In conformity to instructions from the Hon. Samuel Smith, late President administering the Government of Upper Canada, dated at York, the 7th day of August last, we proceeded to Quebec, and there reported ourselves to His Excellency the Governor General, and from him received instructions to meet the Commissioners appointed on behalf of Lower Canada under the authority of an Act of the Legislature of that Province (passed on the 1st April last) which we accordingly did at Montreal, on the 2nd day of last month, and we have now the honor to enclose to Your Excellency the Report of the Proceedings of the Commissioners on that and on the three following days.

This report, we beg leave to mention to Your Excellency, is not conformable to what the Commissioners from Upper Canada wished, neither do we think it according to the tenor of the Act of the Lower Province, one of the Commissioners insisting that the Five Hundred Pounds voted by Lower Canada was to commence the improvement of the Navigation, whereas it appears evident that the Commissioners had only to make a Report of the measures appearing necessary to be adopted hereafter.

As to the most effectual way of improving the Navigation, we beg leave to give Your Excellency our opinion, being also the opinion of the most intelligent men of the Legislature of the Lower Province, which is, that one or two persons should be appointed from each Province, with adequate means to act in conjunction, for procuring with all possible dispatch accurate surveys, both of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers, together with estimates of Canals and Locks for boats and vessels of different constructions, to be laid before the two Legislatures for their selection and approval.

We herewith send a copy of the law of Lower Canada, (Cap. X) relative to the improvement of the navigation between the two Provinces.

We have the honor to be Your Excellency's most obedient humble servants,
(True Copy, Geo. Hillier, P. Secy.)

(Signed) THOMAS CLARK,
JAS. CROOKS.

We, George Gordon and Joseph Papineau, Esquires, two of the Commissioners appointed by His Grace the Duke of Richmond, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Lower Canada, etc., etc., etc., under the Provincial Statute passed in the fifty-eighth year of the reign of His present Majesty, Chapter tenth, having met at Montreal on the 2nd day of September in the present year, the Hon. Thos. Clark and James Crooks, Esquire, two of the Commissioners appointed by His Honor Samuel Smith, Administrator of the Government of the Province of Upper Canada, in virtue of the Joint Address of the Hon. the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of said Province, bearing date the tenth day of March of this present year, and having communicated their respective powers, and deliberated upon the duty assigned them, have agreed to the following Resolutions, on which to found the Report to their respective Provinces, viz.:

First. That they are fully convinced that no Public undertaking will be more conducive to the progress and prosperity of the agriculture and commerce of both Provinces, to the augmentation of their wealth in the time of peace, and to their security and defence in time of war, than by facilitating the communication of their internal Navigation.

Second. To secure to these Provinces the advantages of Trade they already possess, it is urgent that no time should be lost in forwarding the work necessary to facilitate such water communication before the United States may have completed their grand Canal from Lake Erie to the Hudson River, in the State of New York; which canal when so completed will carry to New York the numerous and precious cargoes which would continue to be exported by the Province of Quebec if both Canadas availed themselves of the means they have to carry the same at a ——— expense and in a shorter time by the natural outlet of the St. Lawrence.

Third. The Navigation of the Saint Lawrence is impeded by the Rapids between Montreal and Lachine, being a distance of from six to nine miles, and also by the Rapids between the head of the Lake Saint Louis and the Lake St. François, being a distance of from twelve to fifteen miles; and by the Rapids above the Lake St. François in a distance of about forty-five miles, making in all about seventy miles. These impediments may be overcome by Canals and Locks, constructed in a proper manner.

Fourth. That for the greater utility and advantage of both Provinces, it is necessary that Canals and Locks should be constructed of the same dimensions in the one as in the other, so that vessels of the same description may pass through the whole.

Fifth. That it appears to the said Commissioners that the dimensions and proportions of these Canals and Locks ought to be of no less size than those of the Great Western Canals in the State of New York, which are rated at forty feet in width on the water service, twenty-eight feet at the bottom, and depth of water four feet; the length of each Lock ninety feet, and twelve feet wide in the clear, and for the first sixty-two miles of which from Buffalo to the eastern

extremity of the summit level is estimated at the expense of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and from Seneca River to Rome, a distance of seventy-seven miles, at the expense of eight hundred and fifty-three thousand, one hundred and eighty-six dollars; but as many items in these estimates would not be incurred in the contemplated one in this country, from the peculiarly favorable situation of the ground, and having an inexhaustible supply of water at the summit level, probably six hundred thousand dollars would suffice.

Sixth. That the Commissioners of the Lower Province are at the present time willing to cause a survey level and estimate of the expense of the work to be done within the limits of their Province, both by the Saint Lawrence and Ottawa; but the Commissioners of the Upper Province, having neither the means nor instructions to enter upon this measure, the undersigned Commissioners unanimously agree to recommend to their respective legislatures that provision may be made by law to prevent the construction of any public Canal at the places above mentioned of less dimensions than those stated in Number five, and to recommend the enactment of such laws as may be necessary for the immediate and prompt execution of the improvements contemplated.

In witness Whereof we have hereunto signed our names at Montreal, the fifth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and of His Majesty's Reign the fifty-eighth.

(Signed) JOS. PAPINEAU,
GEORGE GARDEN,
THOS. CLARK,
JAS. CROOKS.

A true copy.

GEORGE HILLIER, P. Secretary.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the subject of His Excellency's Message of this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Howard, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Ordinance of the Province of Quebec, passed in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Ordinance concerning Land Surveyors and the Ad-measurement of Land, and also to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to ascertain and establish on a permanent footing the Boundary Lines of the different Townships of this Province, and further to regulate the manner in which lands are to be hereafter surveyed," and request their concurrence thereto; reported they had done so.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the payment of a salary to the Receiver General of this Province in lieu of Poundage upon moneys at the disposal of the Parliament of this Province, passing through his hands," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

The House then again went into Committee on the Duty Bill.

The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Duty Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Combination Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill to prevent in future certain meetings in this Province. Which was carried, and Mr. Nellis took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, *nem. con.*, that the Report be received.

Present: Messrs. Durand, Hatt, Robinson, Jones, Clench, Fraser, Van Koughnet, Cotter, Cameron, Burnham, Swayze, Howard, Burwell, Nellis, Crysler, and McMartin, 16.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Bill to prevent certain meetings be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Market in the Town of Cornwall. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the Bill to establish a Market in the Town of Cornwall, be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that this House do, on to-morrow, go into Committee on the Civil List Repeal Bill. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken down as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Jones, Burwell, Van Koughnet, Crysler.

Nays: Messrs. Clench, Cotter, Swayze, Nellis, Durand, Robinson, Fraser, Burnham, Howard, McMartin, Cameron.

It was carried in the negative by a majority of seven.

Mr. Robinson gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in Commissioners the estates of certain Traitors, and also the Estates of persons declared Aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their Estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses to which His Majesty's Subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war; and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereon."

Mr. Fraser gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to constitute the Town of Bath in the Midland District.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved for leave to bring in a Bill, on to-morrow, to assess the lands within this Province. Which was granted.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved for leave to bring in a Bill, on to-morrow, appointing Commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned. Which was granted.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Petition of the Magistrates of the Home District in Quarter Sessions assembled, be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Magistrates of the Home District, in General-Quarter Sessions assembled,

Showeth: That owing to the destruction by the enemy during the late war of the buildings formerly used by the Courts of Justice, and the insecure and decayed state of the prison, there exists an extreme necessity for a Gaol and Court House in the Home District.

That the Revenue of the District applicable to that use is insufficient for the object. Your petitioners therefore pray that the same legislative aid may be extended to the Home District as hath been granted to others similarly situated; or in the event of its being deemed inexpedient to grant money from the Public Treasury for that purpose, that an Act may be passed for laying and collecting an additional rate upon real property in the said District until the sum required for building a Gaol and Court House is raised.

By order of the Court.

In Court,

26th October, 1818.

W. ALLAN, J.P.

D. CAMERON, J.P.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation in the Town and vicinity of Cornwall, in the Eastern District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Crysler gave notice that he will, on Monday, move for leave to make inquiry respecting the bonds entered into by Miles McDonell and John Cumming, for the payment of a sum of money for timber and lumber taken off the Crown Lands in the Midland District.

Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the Petition of the Magistrates and Inhabitants of the District of Newcastle be now read. Which was carried, and Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Members of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned, Magistrates and Inhabitants of the District of Newcastle,

Humbly Showeth: That owing to the want of a road from the settled parts of the Townships of Hope and Hamilton, in the said District of Newcastle, to the new settlements now forming in the Townships of Cavan and Monaghan and the other Townships thereunto adjoining, the inhabitants in those Townships suffer a great many privations and inconveniences.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that this Honorable House will take the case of the said settlements into their most serious consideration, and order such sum of money towards the opening of the said road, and building Bridges and Causeways thereon, as this Honorable House in their wisdom may think proper.

And Your Petitioners further suggest that the road left by His Majesty's Surveyors between the Townships of Hamilton and Hope will be the most convenient for the settlers on the said Townships of Cavan and Monaghan, and the other Townships thereunto adjoining.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

D. McG. ROGERS, and Seventy-four others.

Mr. Van Koughnet gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to lay an additional Duty on Stills.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 31st October, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Duty Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Duty Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade by Land or Inland Naviga-

tion between this Province and the United States of America." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that Messrs. Robinson and McMartin be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Duty Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to prevent certain meetings in this Province was read the third time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to Prevent Certain Meetings within this Province." On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Swayze, Fraser, Cotter, Clench, Hatt, Van Koughnet, Durand, Burnham, Cameron, Robinson, Howard, Nellis, Jones.

Nay: Mr. Casey.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve and the Bill was signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that Messrs. Robinson and McMartin be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to prevent certain Meetings within this Province," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Commissioners' Repeal Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with, as far as relates to the Commissioners' Repeal Bill, and that the said Bill be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Commissioners' Repeal Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Robinson took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported the Bill without amendments. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the Commissioners' Repeal Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that so much of the order of the day as relates to the first reading of the Ferry Bill be discharged. Which was carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for the Appointment of Commissioners was read the first time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with, as far as relates to the Bill appointing Commissioners for purposes therein mentioned, and that the said Bill be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read a second time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill appointing Commissioners for certain purposes therein mentioned. Which was carried, and Mr. Clench took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Clench reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the Bill appointing Commissioners for certain purposes therein mentioned be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative

Council the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade by Land and Inland Navigation between this Province and the United States of America," and the Bill intituled "An Act to prevent certain meetings within this Province," and to request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Message from His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Navigation of the Saint Lawrence, Mr. Swayze in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered, that the Report be received, and it was.

Resolved, That a Conference be requested with the Honorable the Legislative Council upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message on the subject of the improvement of the Navigation of the waters of the Saint Lawrence.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Howard and Burnham be a Committee to request a Conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council upon the subject of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message relative to the Improvement of the Navigation of the waters of the Saint Lawrence. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Heir and Devisee Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the Heir and Devisee Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was carried, and ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Cornwall Market Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, on Monday next, to take into consideration the Cornwall Market Bill. Which was ordered.

Mr. Howard, first named of the Committee to request a Conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council, upon the subject of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, relative to the improvement of the Navigation of the waters of the Saint Lawrence, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved for leave to bring up the Forfeiture Bill. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Forfeiture Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Boulton, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for the Better Division of the County of Glengarry into Townships," and the Bill intituled "An Act to prevent the Profanation of the Lord's Day," which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House. Also the Bill intituled "An Act further to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to make provision for the further appointment of Parish and Town officers throughout this Province," which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. Boulton, Master-in-Chancery, again came down from the Honorable the Legislative Council and delivered a Message therefrom to the Speaker, which was read as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council have appointed a Committee of two Members, who will be ready to confer with the Committee of the Commons House of Assembly upon the subject of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Gov-

ernor's Message, relative to the Navigation of the waters of the Saint Lawrence, in the Legislative Council Chamber, on Monday next, at the rising of this House.

Legislative Council Chamber, 31st October, 1818.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

The amendments to the Bill intituled "An Act for the better division of the County of Glengarry into Townships," were read the first time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with, as far as relates to the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Lancaster Division Bill, and that the said amendments be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the amendments were read a second time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the Lancaster Division Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Burwell took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported the amendments. Ordered that the Report be received, and the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that Messrs. Fraser and Cameron be a Committee to appoint the Hon. the Legislative Council that this House have adopted the amendments made by the Hon. House to the Lancaster Bill. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that Messrs. Durand, Robinson, Crysler, and Fraser be a Committee to confer with the Hon. the Legislative Council upon the subject of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message relative to the improvement of the Navigation of the Waters of the St. Lawrence. Which was ordered.

The Commissioners' Repeal Bill was then read the third time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign, intituled an Act to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor to nominate and appoint certain Commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned. Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that Messrs. Howard and Cameron be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Commissioners' Repeal Bill, and request their concurrence to the same. Which was ordered.

The Commissioners' Appointment Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to appoint Commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that Messrs. Howard and Cameron be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill appointing Commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assessment Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the Land Assessment Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Estimates, Mr. Cameron in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported that the House had agreed to a certain Resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and it was.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that a supply be granted to His Majesty amounting to Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-five Pounds Five Shillings sterling, to enable him to defray the undermentioned expenses for the present year, viz. :—

The Administration of Justice	£2,500
The Lieutenant-Governor's Office	900
The Receiver-General's Office	730
The Surveyor-General's Department	4,900
The Executive Council Office	680
The Crown Office	56
The Attorney-General's Office	90
The Secretary's Office	400
The Register of the Province	200
The Inspector-General's Office	699 5 0
Repairs and Contingent Expenses of the Government House	2,000
The Government Printer	140
Casual and other expenses	500

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House that a further supply be granted to His Majesty amounting to Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Five Shillings sterling, to defray the undermentioned expenses for the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen, viz. :—

The Administration of Justice	£2,500
The Lieutenant-Governor's Office	900
The Receiver-General's Office	730
The Crown Office	56
The Attorney-General's Office	90
The Inspector-General's Office	699 5 0
Expenses, Repairs and Contingent of the Government House	200
The Government Printer	140
Casual and other expenses	500

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the expenses of the different Offices of the Land Granting Department should not be defrayed from the Revenue of this Province, no part of the survey or other fees on Grants or Leases for lands being paid into the Provincial Treasury, and that after the present year it is the opinion of this House that no further sum should be advanced from the Provincial Funds towards defraying the expenses of the said Department.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the support of the Clergymen of the Established Church and Ministers of the Gospel might, and ought to be provided for, from and out of the proceeds of the rents reserved on Clergy Lands within this Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the payment of a salary to the Inspector-General was never intended by this House to be considered as part of the Contingent Expenses of that Office, and that consequently the sum of Two Hundred Pounds Fifteen Shillings Sterling, the amount heretofore charged to this Province for that purpose, be deducted from the grant in support of that Office for the present and ensuing year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the present state of the Government House requires for its necessary repairs a further sum than is estimated

for, and that the sum estimated for for that purpose be increased to Two Thousand Pounds.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the Wounded Militia Officers, already provided for by the laws of this Province where they shall receive no other Pension, ought not to be estimated for, or that Provision augmented from the Provincial Funds.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that a Bill be brought into this House pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved for leave to bring in a Bill on Petition of Robert Charles Horne, Government Printer. Which was granted, and Thursday next to continue the additional duty on Shop Licenses. Which was granted.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Carleton. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved for leave to bring up the the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that Messrs. Durand and Hatt be a Committee to draft a Bill and report the same to this House, pursuant to the resolutions of this House on the subject of the Estimates. Which was carried.

Mr. Clench gave notice that he will move for leave on Monday next to bring in a Bill to appropriate a certain sum of money for the erection of Lighthouses, one on the Isle called Isle Forest, in the Midland District, and one on Mississauga Point, at the entrance of the Niagara River, near the town of Niagara.

Mr. Clench gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move that the Petition of Mrs. Jane Jones, Mrs. Anne Hosteler, and Mrs. Margaret Darby, read in the last Session of Parliament, and then referred to a Select Committee, but not by them reported on, be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

The House then adjourned.

Monday, 2nd November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of Saturday were read.

The order of the day for the House going into Committee on the Remuneration Bill being called:

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the House do resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Remuneration Bill this day three months. Which was lost.

The original question was then put and carried, and the House went into Committee, Mr. Burnham in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Commissioners' Remuneration Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to lay an additional duty on Stills. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Still Duty Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cotter, in amendment, moved that the word "to-morrow" in the motion just made be expunged, and "this day three months" inserted. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:
Yeas: Messrs. Fraser, Cotter, Durand, Howard, Burwell, Secord, Casey, Swayze.

Nays: Messrs. Clench, Robinson, Cameron, Crysler, Hatt, Van Koughnet, Burnham.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of one.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Heir and Devisee Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the House do now go into Committee on the Heir and Devisee Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Hatt took the chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the Heir and Devisee Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved for leave to bring in a Bill for the purpose of Erecting and Building Lighthouses, one on the Isle Forest, in the Midland District, and one on Mississauga Point in the District of Niagara. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Bill for Erecting and Building Lighthouses on the Isle Forest in the Midland District, and on Mississauga Point, District of Niagara, be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Cornwall Market Bill, Mr. Crysler in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Crysler reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the Cornwall Market Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Forfeiture Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Forfeiture Estate Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Secord took the chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Fraser gave notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Magistrates of the Midland District in General Quarter Session, to adopt means for paying the debt of said District.

Mr. Fraser gave notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Court of Requests."

Mr. Fraser gave notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill founded on the Petition of the British Wesleyan Methodists.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of the Proprietors of the Steam Boat Frontenac. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Niagara. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of Hamilton Merritt, Esq. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of the Grand Jury for the Home District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of the Landed Proprietors of the Home District. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that there be a call of the House at half-past ten in the forenoon, during the remainder of the present Session. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts, reported thereon. The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 3rd November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Commissioners' Remuneration Bill was read the third time.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Casey, moved that the Bill be now re-committed.

Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Hatt, in amendment, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to remunerate certain persons therein mentioned."

Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that Messrs. McMartin and Howard be a Committee to take up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to remunerate certain persons therein mentioned," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, of the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Hon. the Legislative Council on the subject of the improvement of the Navigation of the Waters of the St. Lawrence, reported that the Joint Committee had met, and had agreed to certain Resolutions, which he was instructed to submit to the consideration of the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the Resolutions were approved.

The Committee appointed by the Hon. the Legislative Council and Commons House of Assembly to confer on the Report of the Commissioners of Upper and Lower Canada, relative to the improvement of the Water Communication between the two Provinces, have adopted the following Resolutions, to be submitted to their respective Houses.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the present state of the pecuniary resources of this Province is wholly inadequate to accomplish this important object without recourse to other means than are within the control of its Legislature.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that could a liberal grant of the Waste Lands of the Crown be obtained, say to the extent of one hundred thousand acres, they might be disposed of at public sale, and would furnish sufficient funds, added to the liberal Legislative appropriation, to carry this desirable project into effect.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that a Joint Address be transmitted to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, praying that he would be graciously pleased to direct that one hundred thousand acres of the waste lands of the Crown should be vested in Trustees, with instructions that the same may be disposed of at Public Sale, and the proceeds appropriated to assist in defraying the expenses of cutting a canal in the Province of Upper Canada to communicate with similar works in the Province of Lower Canada that will connect the same.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that in order to ascertain the best plans whereon to construct the proposed works, and to estimate the probable expense, a skilful Engineer should immediately be employed, to make the necessary surveys, and that a Joint Address be presented from both Houses to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to appoint a Civil Engineer for that purpose, to act in conjunction with such person as may be appointed by the Government of Lower Canada for the like duty.

The House then adjourned for one hour. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The House adjourned for want of a quorum.

Wednesday, 4th November, 1818.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of yesterday were read. The House was called. Absent: Messrs. Van Koughnet, Jones, (excused) McNabb, (excused).

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Heir and Devisee Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to afford relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs or Devises of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands, and further to extend the benefits of, the said Act, and also to continue an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to afford relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim lands as Heirs or Devises of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands, and further to extend the benefits of the said Act, and to continue part of the same." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that Messrs. Burwell and Cameron be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Heir and Devisee Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Heir and Devisee Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to empower the Commissioners of the Peace for the Eastern District, in their Court of General Quarter Sessions assembled, to establish and regulate the times for holding a Market in the Town of Cornwall in said District." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Crysler be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the

Bill intituled "An Act to empower the Commissioners of the Peace for the Eastern District to establish a Market in the Town of Cornwall," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that Messrs. Durand, Robinson, Hatt and Fraser be a Committee to meet a Committee of the Hon. the Legislative Council, to frame an Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent upon the subject of the proposed canal through this Province. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that Messrs Hatt and Fraser be appointed a Committee to acquaint the Hon. the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to the Report of their Committee of Conference upon the subject of the proposed canal through this Province, and have nominated four of their Members to meet a Committee of the Hon. the Legislative Council, to frame a Joint Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent upon that subject. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Lighthouse Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill for erecting and building Lighthouses, one on the Isle Forest in the Midland District, and one on Mississauga Point in the District of Niagara. Which was carried, and Mr. Durand took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Durand reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Forfeiture Bill, Mr. Secord in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved that the Forfeiture Bill be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assessment Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Land Assessment Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Burwell took the chair of the Committee.

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

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to prevent certain Meetings within this Province," sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. Burwell, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to afford relief to those persons who may be intituled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs or Devisees of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands, and further to extend the benefits of the said Act, and also to continue an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to afford relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim

lands in this Province as Heirs or Devisees of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands, and further to extend the benefits of the said Act, and to continue part of the same," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to empower the Commissioners of the Peace for the Eastern District, in their General Quarter Sessions assembled, to establish and regulate the times for holding a Market in the Town of Cornwall in said District," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to remunerate certain persons therein mentioned," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Fraser, of the Committee to acquaint the Hon. the Legislative Council that this House had concurred in the amendments made by them in and to the Bill intituled "An Act for the better division of the County of Glengarry into Townships," reported they had done so.

The House again went into Committee on the Assessment Bill.

The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the laws now in force for performing Statute Labor on the Roads. Which was granted and the Bill read.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Statute Labor Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Shop License Bill was read the first time.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the Shop License Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Bath Bill be discharged from the order of the day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act granting additional jurisdiction to the Courts of Requests. Which was granted and the Bill read.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Court of Requests Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved that the Petition of the proprietors of the Steamboat Frontenac be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Hon. the Legislative Council and the Hon. the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Proprietors of the Steamboat Frontenac,

Humbly Sheweth: That in undertaking the navigation of Lake Ontario by a Steam Vessel, Your Petitioners have embarked a large capital in an enterprise of very doubtful success. That this Vessel has already contributed essentially to the convenience, ease and comfort of travellers and the public generally, in facilitating the communication and in a manner shortening the distance between Ports naturally remote from each other, as the experience of two seasons has rendered indisputably manifest. That though an improvement has thus been effected in the Lake Navigation, productive of most important results to the Province at large, the prospects which Your Petitioners have of

deriving individual advantage therefrom are distant and precarious. That besides the heavy capital, (nearly sixteen thousand pounds), vested in the building and equipment of the vessel, and the current expenses attending the navigation, which, notwithstanding the strictest attention to economy, are necessarily great, Your Petitioners are also called on by the Collectors at each Port of Entry to pay tonnage duty, in conformity with an Act passed in the forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign to establish a fund for the erection and repairing of Lighthouses at certain points on the Lake; a tax which if exacted would fall beyond comparison more heavily on a Steamboat, of whose tonnage so great a proportion is occupied by the machinery, fuel etc., than any other description of vessels. Your Petitioners therefore, relying with full confidence on the known justice and public spirit of Your Honorable Body, entreat that their case may be taken into consideration, and that by a repeal of the above mentioned law, or by such modification of it as may be deemed expedient, you will exhibit your anxiety to promote the general welfare of the Province, and to cherish the spirit of private enterprise when it tends to the public improvement.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

Law'e Herchmer, John Kerby, Peter Smith, John Cumming, Managers.

Kingston, 23rd Oct, 1818.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that the Petition of Robert Charles Horne, Government Printer, be now read. Which was carried, and the petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Speaker and House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada.

The Petition of Robert Charles Horne, Government Printer,

Respectfully Sheweth: That the present mode of paying the printing of the annual Statutes of the Province is fixed by an Act of the Provincial Parliament at the sum of Eighty Pounds Currency per annum, whether the Acts are more or less numerous. By the sum being thus fixed sometimes it would be more than sufficient for the purpose, but generally Your Petitioner believes from the probable increase of Legislative business arising from the greater populousness of the Province, it would be less than anyone could afford to print them for, to avoid which Your Petitioner most respectfully submits to the wisdom of Your Honorable House, that in future the Government Printer be allowed to charge for the annual Statutes or other printing for the Legislature at the price *per sheet* which is directed by an order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, dated April 17th, 1817. as he would be thus paid in proportion to the work actually required; or in any other manner that Your Honorable House may judge proper.

And, as in duty bound, Your Petitioner will ever pray.

York, Oct. 21st, 1818.

R. C. HORNE, Govt. Printer.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to-morrow, founded on the Petition of Robert Charles Horne, Govt. Printer. Which was lost.

Mr. Durand, of the Committee to prepare a Bill granting to His Majesty a supply for the years one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, reported a draft of a Bill accordingly, which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Supply Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved for leave to bring up a Petition from Sarah Johnston of the Town of York. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that the Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation of the Town and vicinity of Cornwall in the Eastern District, be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled,

The Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation of the Town and Vicinity of Cornwall, in the Eastern District,

Humbly and Respectfully Sheweth: That at the commencement of the late war Your Petitioners, in common with most of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, felt a desire by every means within their power to render any aid to repeal the invasion of the enemy, or to contribute to the comfort of the Troops and Militia employed for that purpose. That seeing the great want of Barrack Room in the Town of Cornwall, Your Petitioners consented that their Church, a building erected at some considerable expense by them, should be occupied as such till such time as other quarters could be procured for the Troops. That as the number of Troops in the country increased, the demand for barracks became greater, in consequence of which their Church continued to be occupied by the Troops till the close of the War. That it is unnecessary for Your Petitioners to say anything as to the state in which it was when surrendered up to them by the barrack Department; as Your Hon. House must well know the injury which all houses sustain which have for any length of time been occupied as barracks. That Your Petitioners, however, deem it necessary to observe that the plastering and walls were completely destroyed, the windows broken and filled up with boards, the floors burnt in many places, and, in short, that the whole building was a mere wreck. That in order to afford them some aid in repairing this building or erecting a new one, Your Petitioners applied to the Commander of the forces for such allowance as rent as they might be thought entitled to, considering the building, as it really is, the private property of the individuals comprising the congregation. That in reply to this application, Your Petitioners were told that the building being public property, no rent could be allowed for it. That Your Petitioners being thus refused what they considered themselves equitably, if not legally, entitled to, have not been able, from the smallness of their number, to repair the building, as the expense of the repairs would nearly equal its present value. That under these circumstances they have it in contemplation to erect a new Church, if the means for that purpose can be obtained, and that though the congregation has subscribed according to its means and ability, the amount falls far short of the sum necessary for such an undertaking. That Your Petitioners feel persuaded that Your Honorable House will feel desirous to afford every facility to the advancement of true religion and its attendant blessings, and that they trust that Your Honorable House will look with a favorable eye upon their claim for assistance in this time of their need. They therefore humbly pray that Your Honorable House will graciously please to grant them such aid as to Your Honorable House may appear proper, for the purpose of erecting the said Church; and as in duty bound, they will ever pray, etc.

JOSEPH JOHNSTON, Minister, and 73 others.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved for leave to bring in a Bill, on to-morrow, founded on the Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation of

the Town and vicinity of Cornwall in the Eastern District. Which was not granted.

Mr. Robinson gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill, to declare the Law, passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to explain, amend, and reduce to one Act of Parliament the several laws now in being for the raising and training the Militia of this Province," and to be in force, and to confirm the proceedings that have been heretofore had under the authority of that Act.

Mr. Clench gave notice that he will move for leave, on to-morrow, to bring in a Bill to extend the benefit of an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to confirm and make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted in the Country now comprised within the Province of Upper Canada, and provide for the future Solemnization of Marriages within the same."

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of Rebecca Thompson. Which has granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the District of Niagara be now read. Which was granted, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the District of Niagara.

Humbly Showeth: That Your Petitioners, viewing the great benefits these provinces will derive from having a Canal made between Lakes Erie and Ontario, have examined the Report on levelling the land between Chippewa and the source of the Twelve Mile Creek, and have every reason to believe a communication can be effected at a trifling expense, from the accompanying plan which will be submitted to Your Honorable Body. From the source of the Twelve Mile Creek where the excavation will end, to the brow of the Mountain at Captain DuCoo's is a gentle descent, not a lock will be necessary; after descending the Falls it will be necessary to make Locks to pass four or five Milldams, and the navigation will be complete for boats to Lake Ontario.

The grand object of the American people appears to be opening a navigation with Lake Erie, which design our canal, if effected soon, would counteract; and take down the whole of the produce from the Western country.

Your Petitioners therefore beg that you will appoint some scientific men to view the country between Chippewa and Lake Ontario, and adopt such measures for carrying the above objects into effect as you in your wisdom may deem meet.

And, as in duty bound, Your Petitioners will every pray.

THOMAS DICKSON, Chairman of Quarter Sessions, in Sessions, and 74 others.
Niagara District, 14th October, 1818.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Petition of William Hamilton Merritt, Esquire, be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Parliament assembled.

The petition of William Hamilton Merritt, Esquire,

Humbly showeth: That Saline Springs, having been discovered on the lands of Your Petitioner two years since, in the Township of Grantham, he has, as well from a wish to promote the prosperity of the country, as his own private advantage,

penetrated to the depth of one hundred and seventy-six feet through a solid rock, obtained stronger water, and has erected works and fixed up kettles at a very great expense for manufacturing salt.

He therefore begs leave to express to Your Honorable Body that as well from private knowledge as public information sufficient salt can be made from these and other springs in the Province for its consumption.

Your Honorable Body will therefore be pleased to take it into consideration, and adopt such measures that himself and others may be enabled to manufacture salt on equal terms with the Americans, by either granting a bounty on salt made in the Province, or placing a duty on all imported into it.

And, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

St. Catharines, Niagara District, 22nd October, 1818.

WM. HAMILTON MERRITT.

The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 5th November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

The House was called; absent: Messrs. Van Koughnet and Robinson.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Forfeiture Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act for vesting in Commissioners the estates of certain Traitors, and also the Estates of persons declared Aliens by an Act, passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their Estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that Messrs. Robinson and Clench be a Committee, to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Forfeiture Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Lighthouse Bill, Mr. Durand in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Durand reported that the Committee had risen. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Shop License Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Shop License Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as relates to the Shop Keepers' License, and that the said Bill be engrossed; and read a third time this day. Which was carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Assessment Bill, Mr. Burwell in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Statute Labour Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the House do, on to-morrow, go into Committee of the Whole on the Statute Labour Bill. Which was carried, and ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Court of Requests Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Court of Requests Bill. Which was carried and Mr. Van Koughnet took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this day three months. Which was not granted.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors, and also the Estates of persons declared Aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their Estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating losses which His Majesty's Subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon," and to request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Court of Requests Bill.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Nellis, in amendment, moved that the question be not now put. Which was lost. The original question was then put, carried, and ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Supply Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Supply Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Crysler took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Crysler reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Supply Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The Shop License Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled, "An Act to continue the law now in force granting an additional Duty on Shop Licenses." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that Messrs. Crysler and Nellis be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Shop License Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was carried.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that so much of the order of the day as relates to bringing in a Bill respecting the Militia be discharged. Which was carried.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the benefits of an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to confirm and make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted in the country now comprised in the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Marriages within the same." Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moved that the Marriage Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that so much of the order of the day be discharged as relates to the inquiry relative to bond entered into by John Cumming, Esquire, and Miles McDonell, for the payment of lumber. Which was ordered.

On the order of the day for Mr. Robinson's motion on the Bank Bill being called:

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that it be resolved that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he would be pleased to inform this House whether any communication has been received from His Majesty's Government on the subject of an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of 'The President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada.'" Which was carried.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that Messrs. Robinson and Burwell be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to the Resolution of this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the Bank Bill, reported a draft, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered, that the Report be received, and the draft was read.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with, so far as relates to the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, on the Bank Bill, and that the said Address be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the draft read a second time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the Bank Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Jones took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported the Address. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the Bank Bill, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Clench, moved for leave to bring in a Bill founded on the Petition of the British Wesleyan Methodists. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Bill to allow certain Dissenters to Solemnize Matrimony be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Carleton be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Address and Petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the new settlement on the River Rideau, called Perth,

Humbly sheweth: That a part of Your Petitioners came to this settlement about two and a half years ago. That notwithstanding the liberality of Government which

they have hitherto experienced they have since endured numerous privations, partly owing to the failure of crops the first seasons, their entire ignorance of farming in a new country, and the severity of the climate, more sensibly felt from the want of sufficient means to guard against them which still unfortunately in a great measure exist.

Owing to the above disadvantages, they pray the Honorable House will take into consideration a greater evil under which they still labour, and by their humanity, wisdom, and liberality lessen their difficulties, placed as they are upwards of twenty miles from any inhabitants at the first formation of the settlement, compelled to open roads through a tract of country long since granted to non-residents, a great part of which land is owned by persons residing in almost every quarter of the Globe, without the least shadow of assistance for even ages to come, and owing to the non-existence of a law to compel persons labouring out of their respective Townships, the desired object cannot be accomplished.

Your Petitioners therefore pray the Honorable House will grant such a sum as will enable them to render their access to Brockville practicable, it being now utterly impossible, the more so as their extreme poverty scarcely allows them to make the necessary interior roads through so extensive a settlement.

They pray to remind the Honorable House that nearly three thousand inhabitants are placed in this secluded situation without even the prospect of this difficulty being removed, but through your kind interference, and beg further to state that the greatest part of this body of the people have devoted their best days to the service of their country, which country they will be ever ready to support and defend when occasion requires.

Trusting to the benevolence of the Honorable House, they confidently hope that every exertion will be used to grant them means sufficient to open a communication to the St. Lawrence, without which even their smallest wants cannot be supplied.

And they, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

ALEXR. THOM, J.P., and 105 others.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved for leave to bring in a Bill on to-morrow to appropriate a sum of money to be laid out on the roads leading to the new settlements in the Johnstown and Newcastle Districts. Which was granted.

Mr. Fraser gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to grant relief to the Proprietors of the Steamboat Frontenac on Tonnage and Lighthouse Duties, founded on their Petition.

Mr. Clench gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that this House do then resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into their consideration the Petition of William Hamilton Merritt, Esq.

Mr. Clench gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that this House do then resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into their consideration the Petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Niagara.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that Messrs. Jones and Hatt be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the Report of the Committee on the Public Accounts. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 6th November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. The House was called. Absent: Mr. Robinson.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Supply Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, for certain purposes therein mentioned." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved that Messrs. Hatt and Durand be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Supply Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the Bank Bill was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of the Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c.,

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to represent to Your Excellency that a Bill passed the two branches of the Legislature of this Province in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of The President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," which was referred by His Excellency Lieutenant-Governor Gore for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, and as during the present session a Petition was presented to this House, praying that a similar Institution should be established by law. That unwilling to take into consideration any other Bill for that purpose until acquainted with the decision of His Majesty's Government relative to that already passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, we beg Your Excellency will be pleased to inform this House whether any communication has been received from His Majesty's Government on the subject of the Bank Bill.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that Messrs. Robinson and Fraser be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address from this House on the subject of the Bank Bill, and present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the Public Accounts, reported that the Committee had agreed to a draft, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the draft was read.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with so far as relates to the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the Public Accounts, and that it be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Address was read the second time.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the Public Accounts. Which was carried, and Mr. McNabb took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. McNabb reported the address amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the Address to His Excellency

the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Public Accounts, be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into their consideration the Petition of William Hamilton Merritt, Esq. Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the Chair of the Committee.

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

Mr. Boulton, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade by land and inland navigation between this Province and the United States of America," also the Bill intituled "An Act to remunerate certain persons therein mentioned," also the Bill intituled "An Act to empower the Commissioners of the Peace for the Eastern District, in their Court of General Quarter Sessions assembled, to establish and regulate the times for holding a Market in the Town of Cornwall in the said District," and the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the laws now in force for granting Wholesale Licenses," which they had passed without amendment. Also a message as follows:

Mr. Speaker,—The Hon. the Legislative Council request a further conference with the House of Assembly upon the subject of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's message relative to the Navigation of the waters of the St. Lawrence, and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members who will be ready to meet the Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose in the Legislative Council Chamber at the rising of this House.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker. —

Legislative Council Chamber, 6th November, 1818.

The Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the Public Accounts was then read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc.:

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beg leave to submit to Your Excellency the following remarks on the Public Accounts transmitted to us during the present Session.

We perceive that no part of the arrearages of Duties due to this from our Sister Province of Lower Canada have as yet been paid into the hands of the Receiver-General of Upper Canada, and humbly beseech Your Excellency to adopt such measures as in your wisdom may seem meet to obtain this equitable demand from that Province.

The very large balances due from Public District Officers throughout the Province require the immediate attention, and the Commons House of Assembly regret that the amount due by several officers for some years has been allowed to pass unnoticed. We therefore pray Your Excellency to direct the proper Officer to require immediate payment of all outstanding moneys, and where such requisition shall not be complied with without delay recommend the dismissal of such Public Defaulters from Office.

Mr. Durand, of the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Hon. the Legislative Council on the subject of the improvement of the Navigation of the Waters of the St. Lawrence, reported that the Joint Committee had met, and agreed

to an amendment of their former Report, viz. that the word "reserved" should be expunged, and "waste" inserted, which the Committee recommended to the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that Messrs, Robinson and Fraser be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House on the subject of the Public Accounts, and to present the same. Which was carried.

The House went again into Committee on the Petition of William Hamilton Merritt, Esq.

The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported that the Committee had risen. Ordered that the Report be received.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Flour Inspection Bill, Mr. Nellis in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Flour Inspection Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the District of Niagara. Which was carried, and Mr. Casey took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered that the report be received, and it was.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the District of Niagara on the subject of connecting the navigation of the Lakes Ontario and Erie by a canal is entitled to the serious consideration of the Commons House of Assembly.

Resolved, That the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the District of Niagara, containing matter of great National importance, be referred to a select committee to report thereon.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that Messrs. Durand, Burwell, Hatt, and Robinson be a Select Committee to take into consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Niagara District on the subject of a canal, and to report thereon. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Statute Labour Bill, Mr. Burnham in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported that the Committee had risen. Ordered that the Report be received.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Methodist Relief Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the Bill for the Relief of the Wesleyan Methodists be referred to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Perth and Cavan Road Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Perth and Cavan Road Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved for leave

to bring in a Bill founded on the Petition of the Proprietors of the Steamboat Frontenac. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the Steamboat Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet gave notice that that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the rates that the Inspectors in the several Districts of this Province are allowed to take and retain to their own use upon moneys collected by them and paid into the hands of the Receiver General.

Mr. Van Koughnet gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to commute the Statute Labour throughout this Province.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 7th November, 1818.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of yesterday were read. The House was called: Absent, Messrs. Crysler, McNabb and Durand.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Address of this House on the subject of the Bank Bill, reported that they had done so; and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply thereto.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: No communication has been received from His Majesty's Government relating to the Bill which is the subject of your Address.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to present an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the Duties in arrear, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply thereto.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I have already applied to His Grace the Governor General upon the subject of the arrearages of Duties due to this Province from the Province of Lower Canada, and I have every reason to believe that a satisfactory adjustment only waits the meeting of the Legislature of that Province.

Gentlemen: I shall take measures to enforce the payment of balances due to the Public.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to continue the laws now in force for granting an additional duty on Shop Licenses," and the Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Flour Inspection Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Flour Inspection Bill be now re-committed. Which was carried, and Mr. Nellis took the Chair of the Committee.

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

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message, which he delivered to the Speaker, and having withdrawn it was read as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council have adopted the Report of their Committee of Conference on the Message from His Excellency the Lieu-

tenant Governor, on the subject of the improvement of the navigation of the waters of the Saint Lawrence, and have appointed a Committee of two Members, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the Legislative Council Chamber at the rising of this House this day, to prepare Joint Addresses to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in conformity to the said Report.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, *Speaker.*

Legislative Council Chamber,
7th November, 1818.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Hon. the Legislative Council for the purpose of drafting a Joint Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, reported that the Joint Committee had agreed to a draft, which he was directed to submit to the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

The House went again into Committee on the Flour Inspection Bill.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved for leave to withdraw the Petition on behalf of the Heirs of Rudolph Ostrom. Which was granted.

The House then adjourned.

Monday, 9th November, 1818.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of Saturday were read. The House was called. Absent: Messrs. Van Koughnet, Cotter, Casey, Fraser, McNabb, Robinson and Secord.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as relates to a Bill to alter the place of keeping the Public Schools in the Johnstown and London Districts, and that it be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the Johnstown and London District School Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Nellis took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the Johnstown District School Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Joint Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent on the Navigation was read the second time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the House do now go into Committee, to take into consideration the Joint Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the Navigation of the Saint Lawrence. Which was carried, and Mr. Clench took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Clench reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Perth and Cavan Road Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the House do now go into Committee on the Perth and Cavan Road Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Secord took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed, Mr. Secord reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the Perth and Cavan Road Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Flour Inspection Bill, Mr. Nellis in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that the Flour Inspection Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Howard, of the Select Committee on Militia Fines, delivered a Report thereon, which was read as follows.

The Committee appointed to examine the state of the Militia Fines have investigated the same so far as the Returns have come to hand, and find outstanding in the hands of the several Officers hereinafter mentioned, viz.:

In the hands of Adiel Sherwood, Treasurer of the District of Johnstown, for exemption money received by him		£30	0	0
Your Committee find an Acct. rendered by Joel Stone, Lt. Col. of the 2nd Regt. of Leeds Militia of	£483	14	9	
There appears by his own rect. given to Dan'l Brown for £16. 5. 0 only £8. 15. accounted for, leaves to be carried to his acct.		7	10	0
And by his second rect. from Benj. Slack, Wm. Church, Benj. Nuttalls and Wm. Woolley of £56. 10. 0. and only accounted for of that sum £27. 10. 0, leaves to be carried to his acct.		29	0	0
And of Gerstrom Wing's Fine of £16 or £17 only £5 accounted for, leaves carried to his account		11	0	0
Also an acknowledged rect. of money from Abner Chapin, and no acct. rendered of it.		6	5	0
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Making in all	£537	9	9	
There appears of the above sum of £537 9 9, only £124 16 0, paid into the hands of the Receiver General	£124	16	0	
Remaining due		412	13	9
Your Committee find outstanding in the hands of Lt. Col. John Peters, of the 1st Regt. of the Northumberland Militia..		80	12	0
Also outstanding in the hands of Samuel Wilmot, Major of the 1st Regt. of York Militia for disbursements made and not authorized by Law		52	8	7

Also outstanding in the hands of Lt. Col. Wm. Chewett, 3rd Regt. of York Mil. for disbursements made and not authorized by law	17 8 8
Also outstanding in the hands of Henry Van Allen, Treas- urer of the London District	60 14 6
Also outstanding in the hands of Major Salmon, of the 2nd Regt. of Norfolk Militia	165 0 0
Also outstanding in the hands of Lt. Col. Jno. Warren, 3rd Regt. of Lincoln Militia	80 17 6
Also outstanding in the hands of Lt. Col. Bradt, of the 5th Regt. of Lincoln Militia	300 0 0
Also outstanding in the hands of the late Col. Richd. Cart- wright, 1st Regt. Frontenac Militia	96 15 7
Also outstanding in the hands of Lt. Col. Thos. Fraser, 1st Regt. Dundas Militia	28 0 0
Also outstanding in the hands of Col. Wm. Fraser, 1st Regt. Grenville Militia	13 10 0
Total	£1338 0 7

The total amount outstanding Your Committee find to be One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Eight Pounds and Sevenpence, and which they submit to Your Honorable House.

PETER HOWARD, *First named of the Com.*

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on the state of the Militia Fines. Which was carried, and Mr. Clench took the chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Clench reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and it was.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that by the Abstracts and accounts before them it appears that the sums specified in the Report of the Select Committee of this House on the subject of Militia Fines, and Exempt moneys are due, and that an Humble Address with a copy of said Report be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to direct the proper Officer to enforce the payment of the same.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that Messrs. Howard and Nellis be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor pursuant to a Resolution of this House on the subject of the Report of the Select Committee on the Militia Fines and Exempt moneys. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Methodist Relief Bill, Mr. Swayze in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Assessment Bill, Mr. Burwell in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 10th November, 1818.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of yesterday were read. The House then adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 11th November, 1818.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of yesterday were read. The House was called. Absent: Messrs. McMartin, Jones, McNabb and Robinson. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Flour Inspection Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Flour Inspection Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal part of and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to authorize the Governor, Lt. Governor or person administering the Government, to appoint Inspectors of Flour, Pot and Pearl ashes within this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that Messrs. Cotter and Fraser be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Flour inspection Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Johnstown District School Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing the Public Schools in the District of Johnstown and alter the place for keeping the same." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that Messrs. Howard and Crysler be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the School Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Methodist Relief Bill, Mr. Swayze in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported progress and obtained leave to sit again this day.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Perth and Cavan Road Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned. Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that Messrs. Howard and Crysler be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to appropriate a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Cotter, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to authorize the Governor, Lt. Governor or person administering the Government to appoint Inspectors of Flour, Pot and Pearl Ashes within this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

The House went again into Committee on the Methodist Bill, Mr. Swayze in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that the Wesleyan Methodist Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Assessment Bill, Mr. Burwell in the Chair.

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

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to continue the laws now in force for granting an additional duty on Shop Licenses," and the Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned," also the Bill intituled "An Act for vesting in Commissioners the estates of certain Traitors, and also the estates of persons declared Aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign intituled an Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's Subjects have sustained in consequence of the late War, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon," which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

The Messenger having withdrawn, the House went again into Committee on the Assessment Bill.

The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Howard, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lt. Governor on the subject of Militia Fines, reported that the Committee had prepared a draft, which he was ready to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that the fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the Address to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor on the subject of Militia Fines, and that the said Address be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Address read the second time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the Address to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, on the subject of Militia Fines. Which was carried, and Mr. Hatt took the chair of the Committee.

The House resumed, Mr. Hatt reported the Address. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of Militia Fines be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Steamboat Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the House do now go into Committee to take into consideration the Steamboat Relief Bill.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, in amendment, moved that after the word "do" in Mr. Robinson's motion, the whole be expunged, and "go into Committee on this day three months" be inserted. Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Secord, Nellis, Cameron, Hatt, Van Koughnet, McMartin, Crysler.

Nays: Messrs. Cotter, Fraser, McNabb, Howard, Burnham, Durand, Swayze, Robinson, Casey, Burwell.

It was carried in the negative by a majority of three.

The original question was then put and carried, and Mr. McMartin took the chair of the Committee.

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

The Address to His Excellency the Lieut Governor on Militia Fines was then read the third time. Passed and signed by the Speaker as follows.

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the Most honorable Military order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to submit to Your Excellency the Report of a Committee of their House, on the state of the Militia Fines, and the several sums that now remain outstanding.

The House of Assembly are fully convinced from the accounts rendered that the several sums stated in the said Report of their Committee are still due and unpaid; they therefore pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to take such measures for the due payment of the several sums still outstanding as shall appear to Your Excellency most proper.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that Messrs Hatt and Howard be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of this House on the subject of Militia Fines, to know when he will be pleased to receive it, and to present the same. - Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 12th November, 1818.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of yesterday were read. The House was called. Absent: Messrs. McMartin, Crysler, Casey and McNabb.

Mr. Howard, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing the Public School in the District of Johnstown, and to alter the place for keeping the same," and the Bill intituled "An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of this House on the subject of Militia Fines, reported they had presented the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I shall lose no time in taking the necessary measures to procure the payment of the moneys outstanding of Militia Fines.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Wesleyan Methodists Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act for the Relief of the British Methodists." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that Messrs. Fraser and

Burwell be a Committee, to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the British Methodists Relief Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Marriage Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Marriage Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Crysler took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Crysler reported the Bill without amendment. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the Marriage Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Rates which the Inspectors in each and every District of this Province are allowed to take and retain to their own use upon moneys collected by them and paid into the hands of the Receiver General. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the Inspectors Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Court of Requests Bill, Mr. Van Koughnet in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported that the Committee had risen. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Adolphustown Road Bill, Mr. Van Koughnet in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Casey, moved that the Adolphustown Road Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery in this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Physic and Surgery Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 13th November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. The House was called. Absent: Messrs. McMartin, Jones, Howard, Cotter, Casey, McNabb, Robinson and Burwell.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Marriage Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act further to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the second-session of the first Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, intituled An Act to confirm and make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted in the country now comprised within the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Matrimony within the same." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that Messrs. Clench and Nellis be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Marriage Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Adolphustown Road Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to alter the Road leading from Coyle's Corner in the Township of Fredericksburg to the Court House in the Township of Adolphustown in the Midland District." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that Messrs. Fraser and Nellis be a Committee to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the Adolphustown Road Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Assessment Bill, Mr. Burwell in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Casey, moved that the Assessment Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Steamboat Bill, Mr. McMartin in the Chair.

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

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that he have leave, on to-morrow, to bring in a Bill for the Relief of the Heirs of Thomas R. Johnstone, deceased, late Door-keeper of the House of Assembly. Which was granted.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that he have leave, on to-morrow, to bring in a Bill for the more ample providing for the Clerk of Commissioners under the Devisee Act. Which was granted.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 14th November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. The House was called. Absent: Messrs. McMartin, Jones, Casey, McNabb, Robinson, Secord and Burwell.

Mr. Clench, of the Committee to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act further to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the second session of the first Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, intituled An Act to confirm and make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted in the country now comprised within the limits of the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Marriages within the same," and request their concurrence thereto, reported that they had done so.

Mr. Fraser, of the Committee to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for the Relief of the British Methodists," and the Bill intituled "An Act to alter the Road leading from Coyle's Corner in the Township of Fredericksburgh to the Court House in the Township of Adolphustown in the Midland District," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

The amendments made by the Honourable the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act for vesting in Commissioners the estates of Certain Traitors, and also the Estates of persons declared Aliens, by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to declare certain persons therein

described Aliens, and to vest their estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's Subjects have sustained in consequence of the late War, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon," were read the first time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the amendments to the Forfeiture Bill be now read a second time, and that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same. Which was carried, and the amendments were read the second time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the House do now go into Committee, to take into consideration the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Forfeiture Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported the amendments. On the question for receiving the Report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Swayze, Fraser, Cotter, Clench, Burnham, Burwell, Robinson, Casey, Nellis, Cameron, Crysler.

Nays: Messrs. Durand, Van Koughnet, Hatt, McMartin.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and the Report was received, and the amendments signed.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that Messrs. Robinson and Crysler be a Committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to the amendments made by them to the Forfeiture Bill. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that so much of the order of the day as relates to bringing in a Bill to commute the Statute Labour be discharged. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Inspectors Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Inspectors Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Fraser took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Fraser reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day three months.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Physic and Surgery Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the Physic and Surgery Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Crysler took the chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Crysler reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assessment Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Assessment Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to alter and amend the laws now in force for Assessing, Levying and Collecting Rates on Real Estate within this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Robinson and Crysler be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Assessment Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the joint Address to His Royal Highness, the Prince Regent, on the subject of granting Land for the improvement of the Navigation of the Saint Lawrence, and also to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to transmit the same, Mr. Nellis in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported that the Committee had agreed to the Drafts of the Addresses reported by the Concurrence of the House. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Clerk of Commissioners Salary Bill was read the first time.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the Clerk of Commissioners Salary Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved for leave to bring in a Bill on Monday next for defraying the expenses of surveying the Waters of the River Saint Lawrence. Which was granted.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the House do, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the expediency of addressing His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, relative to the alterations and restrictions under which Land is Granted to the sons and daughters of U. E. Loyalists. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Monday, 16th November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of Saturday were read. The House was called. Absent: Messrs. McMartin, Van Koughnet, Crysler, Jones, McNabb and Hatt.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that Mr. Jones have leave of absence during the remainder of the Session. Which was granted.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Physic and Surgery Bill, Mr. Secord in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Physic and Surgery Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Clerk to Commissioners Bill was read the second time.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Clerk of Commissioners Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Howard took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Howard reported that the Committee had risen. On the question for receiving the Report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Clench, Burwell, Robinson, Van Koughnet, Hatt, Swayze, Nellis, Cameron, Burnham.

Nays: Messrs. Durand, McMartin, Crysler, Fraser, Howard, McNabb, Cotter. It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of two.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Civil Engineers' Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the fifth Rule of the House

be dispensed with, so far as it relates to the Civil Engineers' Bill, and that it be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moved that the House do now go into Committee on the Engineers' Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported the Bill without amendment. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Civil Engineers' Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a Message, which he delivered to the Speaker, and having withdrawn, it was read as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a Conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of a Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an ordinance of the Province of Quebec, passed in the twenty-fifth year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Ordinance concerning Land Surveyors and the Admeasurement of Lands, and also to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to ascertain and establish on a permanent footing the boundary lines of the different Townships of this Province; and further to regulate the manner in which Lands are hereafter to be surveyed,'" and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose in the Legislative Council Chamber at the rising of this House this day.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, *Speaker.*

Legislative Council Chamber,
16th November, 1818.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that Messrs. Howard, Burwell, Hatt and Robinson be a Committee to meet the Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council upon the subject of their message of this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Steamboat Relief Bill, Mr. McMartin in the Chair.

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

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Legislative Council a Message, which he delivered to the Speaker, and having withdrawn, it was read as follows.

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a Conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject of their Joint Resolutions respecting the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence; and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose in the Legislative Council Chamber at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, *Speaker.*

Legislative Council Chamber,
16th November, 1818.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that Messrs. Durand, Robinson, Hatt and Fraser be a Committee, to meet the Committee of the Honorable the

Legislative Council, on the subject of the Resolutions respecting the Navigation of the Saint Lawrence. Which was ordered.

The House then again went into Committee on the Steamboat Bill.

The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Lighthouse and Tonnage Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moved that the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Contingent Expenses of the present Session. Which was ordered.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved for leave to bring in, on to-morrow, a Bill to make good certain moneys advanced by Mr. Administrator Smith. Which was granted.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that he have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the exportation of Gypsum or Plaster of Paris, and that the fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with so far as regards the same. Which was not granted.

Mr. Robinson gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit the purchase of Indian Presents. The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 17th November, 1818.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of yesterday were read. The House was called. Absent, Mr. Secord.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Civil Engineers' Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Civil Engineers' Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to authorize the employment of a Civil Engineer to make surveys of the waters of the River Saint Lawrence for the improvement of the Navigation of this Province, and to provide for the expenses thereof. Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moved that Messrs. Durand and Burnham be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Civil Engineers' Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Lighthouse Tonnage Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to alter and amend the laws now in force for levying and collecting Lighthouse and Tonnage Duties" and to relieve vessels propelled by Steam from paying the said Duty on the space occupied by the engine, machinery and fuel. Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moved that Messrs. Robinson and Cameron be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Tonnage and Lighthouse Duty Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Physic and Surgery Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His

Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to License Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for licensing such Practitioners." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that Messrs. Durand and Burnham be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Physic and Surgery Bill, and to request there concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to make good certain moneys advanced by Mr. Administrator Smith was read the first time.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the Bill to make good certain moneys advanced by Mr. Administrator Smith, be now read a second time, and that the fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the same. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into their consideration the Bill to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by Mr. President Smith. Which was carried, and Mr. Crysler took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Crysler reported the Bill. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moved that the Bill to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by Mr. Administrator Smith be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act further to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the second session of the first Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, intituled an Act to confirm and make valid certain marriages heretofore contracted in the Country now comprised within the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future solemnization of marriages within the same," sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. Durand, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the employment of a Civil Engineer to make the surveys of the waters of the River Saint Lawrence, for the improvement of the navigation of this Province, and to provide for the expenses thereof," and the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to License Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for licensing such Practitioners," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled an Act to alter and amend the laws now in force for levying and collecting Lighthouse and Tonnage Duties, and to relieve vessels propelled by steam from paying the said duties on the space occupied by the engine, machinery and fuel," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee, to take into consideration the Contingent Expenses of the present Session, Mr. Fraser in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Fraser reported progress and obtained leave to sit again this day.

The Bill to make good certain moneys advanced by Mr. Administrator Smith was then read the third time.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Secord, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Honor Mr. Administrator Smith in pursuance of an Address of the Commons House of Assembly." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Nellis and Crysler be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by Mr. Administrator Smith in pursuance of an Address," and to request their concurrence to the same. Which was ordered.

The House went again into Committee on the Contingent Accounts.

The House resumed. Mr. Fraser reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and it was resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that there is due to Mr. William Lee, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, for certain contingent expenses of the Hon. the Legislative Council during the present Session, the sum of Ninety Six Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Sevenpence.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that there be advanced to John Powell, Esq., Clerk of the Honorable the Legislative Council, the sum of Seventy Five Pounds Five Shillings and Ninepence, for certain contingent expenses thereof during the present session.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House that there be advanced to Grant Powell, Esq., Clerk of the House of Assembly, for the payment of the contingencies of his Office for the present Session, and to enable him to pay Ten Pounds to the Heirs of Thomas R. Johnstone, the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-six Pounds, Three Shillings and Three pence Halfpenny.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House that there be advanced to the Sergeant at Arms, to enable him to discharge sundry contingent expenses for the present Session, the sum of Seventy seven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Threepence, which said sum shall be applied by him as follows:

To John Beikie, Clerk of Land Commissioners, the Sum of Five Pounds.

To Hugh Carfrae, as Messenger to Land Commissioners, the sum of Five Pounds.

To John Hunter, as Messenger to the Commons House of Assembly, Forty Pounds.

To William Hallowell, as extra Messenger, Nine Pounds Five Shillings.

To George Shaw, for firewood furnished, Twelve Pounds.

To Simon Goodwin, Eleven Shillings and Threepence.

To Philip Clinger, One Pound.

To Colin Drummond One Pound Four Shillings and Sixpence.

To Elizabeth Bright, Three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to order the several sums voted in the preceding Resolutions to be paid agreeably thereto.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that Messrs Howard and Fraser be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor pursuant to the Resolution of this House. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved for leave

to bring in a Bill to prevent the purchase of Indian presents. Which was granted and the Bill read.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved that the Bill to prevent the purchase of Indian Presents be read a second time this day, and that the fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the House do now go into Committee to take into consideration the Bill to prevent the purchase of Indian Presents. Which was carried, and Mr. McNabb took the chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. McNabb reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the Bill to prevent the purchase of Indian Presents be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, of the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Niagara reported that they had taken the same into consideration, and prepared a Report thereon, which he was ready to submit to the House when it should be pleased to receive it. Ordered that the Report be received, and it was read as follows:

Your Committee, appointed to consider and report upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of the District of Niagara, upon the subject of cutting a canal to connect the waters of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario by the Chippewa and Twelve Mile Creek, respectfully submit the following Report for the approbation of Your Honorable House.

That it is the opinion of Your Committee that a canal cut agreeably to the plan proposed by the Petitioners alluded to would be of great benefit to the Commercial Interests of this Province, and ought to be encouraged by every means of furtherance by Your Honorable House.

And Your Committee are further of opinion that should any number of persons be disposed to associate themselves for the purpose of carrying such a project into execution, it would comport with the true interests of this Province to give to such an incorporated body the authority and sanction of law, and to provide for their obtaining the use of such lands as may be required for the cutting of the said canal in a manner similar to that already pointed out by the Statute for the improvement and altering of Highways and Roads throughout this Province.

JAMES DURAND, Chairman.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of James McMillan, an unfortunate prisoner now in the Common Gaol of the Home District, which was granted, and the Petition was laid on the Table.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of the Magistrates and Grand Jury of the District of Gore. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table. —

The House then adjourned.

Wednesday, 18th November, 1818.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of yesterday were read. The House was called. Absent: Messrs. McMartin, Casey, McNabb, Burnham, and Durand.

Mr. Howard, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the Contingent Expenses of the present

Session, reported that the Committee had agreed to a draft, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the Contingent Accounts be adopted. Which was carried, and the Address signed as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the most honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, etc.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to issue your Warrant to the Receiver General of this Province in favour of John Powell, Esq., Clerk of the Honorable the Legislative Council, for the sum of Seventy-Five Pounds, Five Shillings and Ninepence, for certain contingencies during the present Session.

Also in favour of William Lee, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, for certain contingent expenses of the Honorable the Legislative Council during the present Session, the sum of Ninety-Six Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Sevenpence.

Also in favour of Grant Powell, Esq., Clerk of the House of Assembly, for the payment of the contingencies of his Office for the present Session, and to enable him to pay Ten Pounds to the Heirs of the late Thomas R. Johnstone, the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-Six Pounds, Three Shillings and Threepence Halfpenny.

Also in favour of Mr. Allan McNabb, Sergeant at Arms, to enable him to discharge sundry contingencies for the present Session, the sum of Seventy-Seven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Threepence.

Which sums His Majesty's Faithful Commons will make good during the next Session of the Provincial Legislature.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that Messrs. Howard and Cameron be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of this House on the Contingent Accounts of the present Session, to know when he will be pleased to receive it, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nellis, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to make good certain moneys issued by His Honor Mr. Administrator Smith, in pursuance of an Address of the Commons House of Assembly," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that so much of the order of the day as relates to the Committee on the U. E. Lands, be discharged. Which was carried.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that so much of the order of the day as respects the Petitions of Mrs. Jane Jones, Mrs. Ann Hostetter and Mrs. Margaret Darby be now discharged, and that the said Petitions be referred to a Committee of the whole House on the Third day of the next Session of this Parliament, the necessary proof and vouchers not being now forthcoming. Which was ordered.

Mr. Crysler gave notice that he will bring in a Bill on the meeting of the next Session of Parliament to grant relief to teamsters, for service rendered during the late War, which remains unpaid.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that it be resolved that

an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to communicate with His Grace the Governor General upon the propriety and expediency of opening a road from the Front Settlement at Coteau du-Lac, in the Lower Province, to the Division Line of the two Provinces. Which was carried.

Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Burwell be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to the Resolution of this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as relates to the Petition of James McMillan, and that it be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada in Parliament assembled at York,

The Petition of James McMillan, of the Town of York, late Sergeant in His Majesty's 89th Regt. of foot, now imprisoned in the Common Gaol at York.

Humbly Sheweth: That Your Humble Petitioner is a natural born Subject of His Majesty, and a native of Ireland. That he served his King and Country faithfully through all the perils of War for the space of ten years, and was legally discharged therefrom in the Town of York in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen. That Your Humble Petitioner, in the month of January One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen obtained a License for keeping a Public House of Entertainment on Yonge Street, at which period he was recommended to D'Arcy Boulton, Merchant, of the Town of York, as a person that was beginning business, and one that merited any indulgence that was usually given by Merchants to Trading People. That in consequence thereof the said D'Arcy Boulton credited Your Petitioner with sundries to the amount of Thirty-seven Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Ninepence, and particularly agreed that he would credit him for the space of nine months. That notwithstanding the said agreement Your Humble Petitioner was arrested on the 2nd of April following by the said D'Arcy Boulton swearing a *capias ad respondendum* against him although in less space of time than one hour prior to arresting him Your Humble Petitioner offered him responsible security. That in consequence of the said arrest Your Humble Petitioner's affairs were so disarranged that to meet and prevent any further exigency he parted with the whole of his property, and paid off his creditors as far as his circumstances admitted of; but particularly paid off to the said D'Arcy Boulton the full amount of what he owed him, which sum was included in a note of hand which Your Petitioner gave him on the 26th of March prior to the period on which he was arrested, the receipt whereof Your Humble Petitioner begs leave to enclose, as it has been witnessed by a gentleman of Your Honorable Assembly, who was present at the time of payment. That Your Humble Petitioner also paid off all costs on the said suit presented to him by his lawyers, and obtained his receipt for the same; whereby he considered himself wholly discharged from all further demands on that head. That notwithstanding Your Humble Petitioner was then reduced to the lowest state of poverty through the said D'Arcy Boulton breaking his agreement, and wantonly, without the smallest foundation, swearing a *capias* against him, a further demand of Thirty Dollars was made by the Plaintiff's Attorney as costs on the said Suit, although it had not been tried. That Your Humble Petitioner, considering himself grossly imposed upon by such an unwarrantable demand, refused to comply, whereon the aforesaid Suit was continued as if Your Petitioner had not discharged the debt. That Your Humble Petitioner obtained judgment after a just and impartial in-

vestigation by a respectable Jury, and that the same was set aside and a new trial granted to the Plaintiff by the Court of King's Bench. That on the second trial judgment was given to the Plaintiff without any hearing on the side of Your Petitioner whatever. That Your Humble Petitioner, being given to understand that an American Soldier, which came into this country since the late War, was empanelled as a juror, on the said trial, he petitioned the Judge of the King's Bench for a new Trial, as he considered the verdict illegal, it not being given by twelve of His Majesty's Subjects composing a Jury, which Your Petitioner believes is expressly contrary to the laws of England. That Your Petitioner's Lawyer presented a precedent in point, expressly showing the practice in England on that head, wherein it is stated that if an Alien is empanelled as a Juror, the Plaintiff or Defendant not knowing at the time that such Juror was an Alien, and after judgment given either Plaintiff or Defendant as the case might be on an appeal made by either party a new trial should be granted. That a Provincial Statute was produced by the Plaintiff's Attorney, intituled An Act for the Regulation of Juries, wherein it is stated that all names on the Assessment Roll given by the Clerk of the Peace to the Sheriff shall be considered as qualified to serve on Juries, in consequence of which Your Humble Petitioner was refused a new Trial. That Your Humble Petitioner does not believe that the genuine sense of that Statute comprehends Foreigners and Aliens who may be sojourners in this Province as competent Jurors in cases of Jurisprudence in this Colony; and as no mention is made of either Foreigners or Aliens in that Statute, Your Petitioner humbly conceives that the admission of such is straining the sense of the Statute, foreign to its just intention. That in consequence of being refused a new Trial, which Your Humble Petitioner conceives himself entitled to, he has been thrown into prison by the Plaintiff, D'Arcy Boulton, for the sum of Twenty-three Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Ninepence, costs, and that Your Petitioner is now nearly four months in prison, and himself and his family reduced to the greatest necessity.

That Your Humble Petitioner conceives the costs and charges on the said Suit are not just, wherein no evidence was called but one person on the first Trial, and none on the second. That they could have amounted to so enormous a charge appears to Your Petitioner quite inconsistent with the costs and charges allowed by the Provincial Statutes. That on Monday the second instant, Your Petitioner presented an Humble Petition to the Judges of the King's Bench, begging to be admitted to take the Oath prescribed by law for Insolvent Debtors to obtain the weekly allowance granted on such occasions. That on Wednesday, the fourth instant, the Clerk of the Crown attended and administered the Insolvent Oath, by order of the said Court.

That Your Humble Petitioner on the Monday ensuing has not received from the Plaintiff the usual allowance granted by law for his weekly maintenance, and that he conceives himself entitled to his enlargement from prison, and that he is falsely confined since that period. That he humbly conceives that the Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors clearly specifies that the Court should order the Rule to be served on the Plaintiff or His Attorney, and that a neglect on the side of the Court is not admissible by allowing it to redound to the injury of the unfortunate debtor. That Your Humble Petitioner implores Your Honorable House will be pleased to take into consideration the merits of his unfortunate situation. that he has been unjustly deprived of his liberty by the artful machinations of the Plaintiff and his brother, Henry Boulton, who has been his Lawyer on the occasion, is evidently demonstrated, as the aforesaid sum of Twenty-Three Pounds, Fifteen

Shillings and Ninepence has arisen from their own Acts, and not from any fault of Your Humble Petitioner, who paid the debt two months prior to the opening of the Court of Nisi Prius.

That from the rank, quality, situation and connections of the Plaintiff in life, and particularly from his ill-disposed disposition towards Your humble Petitioner, it is clearly demonstrative that he intends Your Petitioner's ruin; his riches enabling him to pay for years the weekly sum of five shillings without the smallest injury to his own family, whilst Your Petitioner, after his long and faithful services to his King and Country, is torn from the bosom of his family and left to languish in a prison; whilst his wife and tender infant are left to the precarious charity of well disposed individuals;—through the rancour and malice of a man who, presumptive of his riches to effect the base purpose of extorting a sum of money from Your humble Petitioner (Who was at that time deeply indebted to other people, and in the utmost poverty) has trampled on laws both human and Divine.

Your humble Petitioner being therefore through his poverty rendered unable to obtain justice, but by appeal to Your Honorable House, which he believes is ever ready to hear the just complaints of the subject individually as well as collectively; and redress the same; humbly implores your interference as it may seem meet to Your Honorable House; and Your humble Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JAMES McMILLAN.

N.B. That Your humble Petitioner also begs leave to state that the Plaintiff, D'Arcy Boulton, called at the Prison on the afternoon of the sixteenth instant, at half-past two o'clock, and tendered to Your Petitioner the sum of five shillings. That Your Petitioner refused accepting the same, it being tendered to him at a period contrary to all custom and precedent. That Your humble Petitioner begs leave to state that payment of weekly maintenance to debtors has at all times been paid sufficient time in the forenoon to enable the debtor to market his weekly provisions. That any period after twelve o'clock has ever been considered as improper, the day from the beginning of time and until time shall be no more having ended when the sun enters the meridian. That Your Petitioner in consequence thereof made application to the Sheriff and the Honorable the Judges of the Court of King's Bench for his release, he being entitled thereto, and no notice appears to be taken thereof.—J. McM.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Howard, Clench, Durand and McMartin be a Select Committee, to inquire into the grievances stated in the Petition of James McMillan, with power to send for persons and papers, and thereon to report to this Honorable House accordingly. Which was carried.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of opening a road from the Province Line to Coteau du Lac, reported that the Committee had agreed to a draft, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with, as far as relates to the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and that the said Address be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the draft was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the House do now

resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of opening a Road from the Province Line to Coteau du Lac. Which was carried, and Mr. Robinson took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported the Address. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of opening a Road from the Province Line to Coteau du Lac, be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Clench, moved that it be resolved that this House will not receive any petitions for Private Bills after the first fifteen days of this Session.

Resolved, That this House will not receive any Private Bills except in the first Twenty days of each Session.

Resolved, That the said Resolutions be printed during six months in the Upper Canada Gazette, after the present Session, and also one month before each Session during three years.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Fraser, in amendment, moved that the question be not put. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Howard, Van Koughnet, Fraser, Cotter, Burwell, Secord, McNabb, Casey, Swayze.

Nays: Messrs. Durand, Hatt, Nellis, McMartin, Clench.

The amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five, and the question was not put.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the Sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as relates to the Petition of the Magistrates and Grand Jury of the District of Gore, and that the Petition be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Memorial of the Magistrates and Grand Jury of the District of Gore, in General Quarter Sessions of the Peace assembled,

Respectfully sheweth: That since the formation of their District the current expenses thereof have amounted to so large a proportion of the sums collected by the assessments that a very small residue remains for the purpose of erecting a Gaol and Court House; and the provisions of the laws of England enabling the Magistrates to borrow money on the credit of the District not extending to this Province,—

Your Memorialists humbly pray that Your Honorable House will take the same into Your consideration, and enact such laws as the exigency of the case seems to require.

And Your Memorialists, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

JAMES CROOKS, Chairman.

ABNER EVERETT, Foreman.

Hamilton, 15th October, 1818.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved for leave to bring in a Bill, on to-morrow, founded on the Memorial of the Magistrates of the District of Gore. Which was not granted.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to License Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for licensing such Practitioners," sent up from this House, which they passed without amendment.

The Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of opening a Road from the Province Line to Coteau du Lac, was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces, therein, &c.,

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament Assembled, humbly beg leave to represent to Your Excellency the great inconvenience that His Majesty's Subjects have experienced since the first Settlement of this Province for the want of a Road from the Province Line to the settlement of Coteau du Lac, a distance of about six miles, that the road in this Province to the division line of the two Provinces has been opened and made partly by Legislative aid and partly by voluntary contributions of the inhabitants of the Eastern District, passable for carriages; but which is of very little use in consequence of the road not being opened from that place to the settlement of Coteau du Lac. Wherefore His Majesty's faithful Commons humbly beg that Your Excellency will be pleased to represent this great inconvenience to His Grace, the Governor-General, in order that His Grace may be induced to adopt such measures as will remove the inconvenience pointed out.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Cameron be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Address of this House on the subject of a Road to Coteau du Lac, to know when he will be pleased to receive it, and to present the same. Which was ordered. The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 19th November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. The House was called. Absent: Messrs. Cotter, Casey, and McNabb.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Honor Mr. Administrator Smith, in pursuance of an Address of the Commons House of Assembly," sent up from this House; which they had passed without amendment.

Also the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Ordinance of the Province of Quebec, passed in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Ordinance concerning Land Surveyors, and the Admeasurement of Lands, and also to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to ascertain and establish on a permanent footing the Boundary Lines of the different Townships of this Province; and further to regulate the manner in which Lands are hereafter to be Surveyed."

And the Bill intituled "An Act for the relief of the British Methodists," sent up from this House; which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

Also a Joint Address to His Royal Highness, the Prince Regent, and a Joint Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of granting lands for the improvement of the navigation of the Waters of the Saint Lawrence, which were recommended to the adoption of this House.

The Messenger, having withdrawn, the amendments made to the Bill intituled "An Act for the Relief of the British Methodists," were read the first time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill, sent up from this House, for the Relief of the British Wesleyan Methodists, be now read a second time, and that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same. Which was carried, and the amendments were read the second time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the House do now go into Committee on the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Methodists' Relief Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Nellis took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported the amendments. Ordered that the Report be received, and the amendments adopted.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that Messrs. Fraser and Howard be a Committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to the amendments made to the Bill intituled "An Act for the relief of the Wesleyan Methodists." Which was ordered.

The amendments made to the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Ordinance of the Province of Quebec, passed in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Ordinance concerning Land Surveyors and the Admeasurement of Lands, and also to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to ascertain and establish on a permanent footing the Boundary Lines of the different Townships in this Province, and further to regulate the manner in which lands are hereafter to be surveyed," were read the first time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Ordinance of the Province of Quebec, passed in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Ordinance concerning Land Surveyors and the Admeasurement of lands, and also to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to ascertain and establish on a permanent footing the Boundary Lines of the different Townships of this Province, and further to regulate the manner in which Lands are hereafter to be surveyed," be read a second time this day, and that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same. Which was carried, and the amendments read the second time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that the House do now go into Committee on the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Ordinance of the Province of Quebec, passed in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Ordinance concerning Land Surveyors and the Admeasurement of Lands, and also to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to ascertain and establish on a permanent footing the Boundary lines of the different Townships of this Province, and further to regulate the manner in which Lands are hereafter to be Surveyed," Which was carried, and Mr. Robinson took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported the amendments. Ordered, that the Report be received, and the amendments adopted.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that Messrs. Howard and Burnham be a Committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to the amendments made to the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Ordinance of the Province of Quebec, passed in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Ordinance concerning Land Surveyors, and the Admeasurement of Lands, and also to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to ascertain and establish on a permanent footing the Boundary Lines of the different Townships of this Province, and further to regulate the manner in which Lands are hereafter to be Surveyed." Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to prevent the Purchase of Indian Presents was read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Bill to prevent the Purchase of Indian Presents be now recommitted. Which was carried, and Mr. Nellis took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the Bill to prevent the Purchase of Indian Presents be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Howard, of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the Petition of James McMillan, and to report thereon, reported as follows:

Your Committee, appointed to examine into and report upon the Petition of James McMillan, respectfully submit to Your Honorable House that after diligent inquiry they are of opinion that the subject matter of the Petitioner's prayer is not of a description to which relief can be extended by the interference of Your Honorable House.

P. HOWARD, Chairman.

Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that they now have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the temporary accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province, and that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with as relates to the same. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the Bill to provide temporary accommodation for the Legislative Council and House of Assembly be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the House do now go into Committee, to take into consideration the Bill to provide temporary accommodation for the Legislative Council and House of Assembly. Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the Public Building Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

The Joint Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the subject of a Grant of Land, and to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to transmit the same, were then read, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Royal Highness, George, Prince of Wales, Regent of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

May it please Your Royal Highness: The importance of the navigation of the River Saint Lawrence, the chief communication to Quebec, the only seaport in His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada and Lower Canada, having been under consideration of their respective Legislatures, they have concurred to attempt its amelioration by Locks and Canals.

His Majesty's Faithful Subjects, the Legislative Council and Assembly of Upper Canada, humbly represent to Your Royal Highness the inadequacy of the means under their control to effect a purpose so advantageous to the National Commerce, as well as the prosperity of this extensive and growing Colony, and respectfully solicit that such a grant of the waste lands of the Crown in this Province as Your Royal Highness, in behalf of His Majesty, may be pleased to bestow; by the sale whereof to aid the efforts of His Majesty's Faithful subjects in so useful an undertaking.

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c.

May it please Your Excellency,—We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to inform Your Excellency that we have agreed upon an Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, praying him that he would be graciously pleased to appropriate a certain portion of the waste lands of the Crown for the purpose of improving the navigation of the River St. Lawrence, and cutting canals through this Province.

We therefore humbly request that Your Excellency will cause the said Address to be transmitted so that it may be laid at the feet of His Royal Highness.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Burwell and Secord be a Committee to acquaint the Legislative Council that this House has concurred in the Joint Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent relative to a grant of lands, and also to the Joint Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor praying him to transmit the same. Which was ordered.

The Bill to prevent the purchase of Indian Presents was then read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to prevent the purchase of Indian Presents." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clench, moved that Messrs. Burwell and Secord be a Committee to take up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill to prevent the purchase of Indian Presents, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was carried.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Hon. Legislative Council a message, which he delivered to the Speaker, and having withdrawn the Speaker read the message as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Legislative Council have appointed two of its Members to wait with a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Joint Addresses of both Houses of the Legislature to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent and himself.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 19th November, 1818.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Secord, moved that Messrs. Durand, Robinson, Fraser and Hatt be a Committee to accompany a Committee of the Hon. Legislative Council, to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he will receive the Joint Addresses of the two Houses on the subject of the Navigation of the St. Lawrence. Which was ordered.

Mr. Howard, of the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Address of this House on the Contingent Expenses of the present Session, and to present the same, reported they had done so, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following reply:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,—I will take care that the Warrants for the payment of the sums in question shall be duly issued.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Address of this House on the subject of opening a Road from the Province Line to Coteau du Lac, and to present the same, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following reply:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,—I shall recommend the object of your Address to His Grace the Governor-General.

The Public Building Appropriation Bill was then read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to provide for the temporary accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province." Which was carried and the Bill signed.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that Messrs. Robinson and Swayze be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill to provide for the temporary accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 20th November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

The House was called. Absent: Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the temporary accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported that they had done so.

Agreeably to appointment, the House joined the Hon. the Legislative Council, and waited on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Joint Addresses of the two Houses to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the subject of a grant of land, for the improvement of the Navigation, of the Waters of the St. Lawrence; and a Joint Address to His Excellency, praying that he would transmit the same.

And being returned: The Speaker reported that both Houses had waited upon His Excellency and presented the Addresses accordingly, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,—I shall lose no time in forwarding your Joint Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent through the proper channel.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 21st November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. The House was called. Absent: Mr. Burnham.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that Messrs. Crysler, Cameron, and McMartin have leave of absence during the remainder of the Session of Parliament. Which was granted.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Sixth Rule of the House be so far dispensed with as to enable him to bring up the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Town and Township of Kingston, and that it be now read. Which was granted, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned, Inhabitants of the said Province, residing in the Township and Town of Kingston,

Humbly shews: That from the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of the Legislature at the opening of the present Session, and from the answer of the two Houses thereto, we understand it is in contemplation to frame a law for preventing a Convention of Delegates, as dangerous to the Constitution. The occasion of this contemplated measure appears to be taken from a Convention holden at York last Summer, for the purpose of petitioning the proper authority for an inquiry into the state of the Province, with a view to the redress of grievances believed to exist in some departments of the administration of Government in this Province. The sole object was to apply by petition, although there was a difference of opinion respecting the most suitable manner of directing and transmitting the application. The intention was certainly fair—it was laudable. The proceedings were open, peaceful, lawful. To seek redress by petition is the right of British Subjects. When occasion requires it is their duty, an unpleasant one at all times, and frequently attended with offence; because it supposes the existence of evil requiring a remedy. These evils must be more or less tangibly stated, and the statement of them generally imputes blame to somebody. They who are thus complained of for errors or abuses are often offended, and naturally feel an interest to stigmatize as factitious and seditious every effort to obtain relief. If they can succeed in fixing such a stigma upon those who petition for redress, they prevent investigation, screen themselves from censure, and may continue in their errors or abuses with impunity. Unpleasant, however, as the act of petitioning is, the right is nevertheless dear to British Subjects. It is second in political importance to none but that of electing their representatives in Parliament. But if they are to be restrained in its exercise, to petitioning singly, without consent or communication with their Fellow Subjects, this boasted privilege will become little more than a name. To render it effectual they must be allowed to unite in their petitions, and the necessary means of framing such union. If two persons may meet and confer together on the subject of a petition in which they have a common interest, why may not ten do the same? Why not all the inhabitants of a Township? Upon the same principle, why not the inhabitants of two or more townships or districts? Where is the line to be drawn? And instead of assembling personally in large meetings which are inconvenient, and apt to be tumultuous, if they meet by Committees or Delegates, where is the danger to the Constitution, provided they confine themselves to the object of petitioning. We see none. On the contrary, we apprehend very serious danger to Public Liberty from any law preventing such meetings. As Loyal Subjects, therefore, interested alike in the preservation of

liberty and the support of order and government, we would humbly pray that no such law of prevention may be passed.

And as in duty bound, will ever pray.

ANTHONY MCGUIRE, J.P., and 119 others.

Kingston, October 24th, 1818.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that it be resolved that as the Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Town and Township of Kingston refers to a subject already disposed of by this House during the present Session it cannot be now discussed, but it appearing to this house that unnecessary delay had occurred in the Post Office Department in forwarding the letter containing such Petition before it reached the Town of York, it be recommended as a subject of inquiry in the ensuing Session of Parliament. Which was carried.

The House then adjourned till Monday.

Monday, 23rd November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of Saturday were read. The House was called.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the House do now go into Committee, to take into consideration a question of Privilege. Which was carried and Mr. Cotter took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned," sent up from this House; which they had passed without amendment.

The House again went into Committee of Privilege. The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported that the Committee had risen, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Mr. Van Koughnet have leave of absence during the remainder of this Session. Which was granted.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 24th November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. The House was called. Absent: Messrs. Secord, Durand, Hatt and Clench, who were sent for, and appeared in their places accordingly.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message which he delivered to the Speaker and withdrew, when it was read as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable the Legislative Council having resolved that it is the opinion of this House that the Resolutions of the two branches of the Legislature during the last Session, and certain other Resolutions passed in both Houses since the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen, appear in their tendency to interfere with and prevent that harmony and intercourse that should prevail between both branches of the Legislature for the welfare of the Province,—

It is therefore resolved, that a Conference be requested with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject of the said Resolutions, and do therefore request a Conference on the subject matter thereof; and have appointed a Committee of

two of its Members, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the Legislative Council Chamber, at the rising of this House this day.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 24th November, 1818.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that it be resolved, That the Commons House of Assembly concur with the Honorable the Legislative Council upon the subject of their communication of this day, as expressed in their Resolution sent down by the Master-in-Chancery. Which was carried *nem. con.*

Present: Messrs. Cotter, Casey, Fraser, McNabb, Burnham, Howard, Robinson, Nellis, Clench, Secord, Swayze, Burwell, Durand and Hatt.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Robinson, Burwell, Howard, and Durand, be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Hon. the Legislative Council on the subject of their message of this day. Which was carried.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that Messrs. Nellis and Fraser be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have appointed a Committee of four of its Members to confer with a Committee of the Hon. the Legislative Council on the subject of their Resolution of this day, and also that they have concurred in the subject matter of their said Resolutions. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nellis, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council a message on the subject of a Conference, reported that they had done so.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Hon. Legislative Council, reported that the Joint Committee had met, and agreed to a Report, which he was directed to submit to the House.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the House do, on to-morrow, go into Committee, to take into consideration the Report of the Committee of Conference with the Hon. the Legislative Council this day. Which was carried.

The House then adjourned.

Wednesday, 25th November, 1818.

The House met. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message, which he delivered to the Speaker, and having withdrawn, it was read as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. the Legislative Council have adopted the Report of their Committee of Conference of yesterday.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 25th November, 1818.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee, to take into consideration the Report of the Committee of Conference of yesterday on the subject of Privilege. Mr. Secord took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

The Report was received, and the Regulations adopted, *nem. con.*, and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the Report of the Committee of Conference on the subject of certain Resolutions of both Houses be adopted.

At the Conference of the Honorable the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, held in the Legislative Council Chamber this day, it was agreed:

That to preserve harmony in the future deliberations of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly in their communications on Public business, it be recommended to their respective Houses mutually to expunge from their Journals all Resolutions upon the subject of Privilege since the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Present: Messrs. Howard, Fraser, Robinson, Hatt, Burwell, Burnham, Nellis, Casey, Swayze, Cotter, Secord, and Clench.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Howard and Nellis be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to the Report of their Committee of Conference, on the subject of certain Resolutions of both Houses. Which was ordered.

Mr. Howard, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council a message acquainting them that this House had adopted the Report of the Committee of Conference on the subject of certain Resolutions of both Houses, reported they had done so.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Hon. the Legislative Council a message, which he delivered to the Speaker, and having withdrawn, it was read as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a Conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject matter of a Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing Public Schools in each and every District of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same," and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the Legislative Council Chamber, at the rising of this House this day.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 25th November, 1818.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that Messrs. Durand, Hatt, Burwell, and Fraser be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing Public Schools in each and every District of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same." Which was carried.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Burwell and Burnham be a Committee to acquaint the Hon. the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to a conference on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing Public Schools in each and every District of this Province, and to extend the Provisions of the same," and have appointed a Committee of four of its Members for that purpose. Which was carried.

Mr. Burwell, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council a message acquainting them that this House had agreed to a conference on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing Public Schools in each and every District of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same," reported they had done so.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Hon. the Legisla-

tive Council a message, which he delivered and withdrew, when the Speaker read the same as follows :

Mr. Speaker : The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the employment of a Civil Engineer to make surveys of the Waters of the River St. Lawrence, for the improvement of the Navigation in this Province, and to provide for the expenses thereof," and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose, in the Legislative Council Chamber, at the rising of the Committee of Conference on the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing Public Schools in each and every District of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same."

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 25th November, 1818.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Casey, moved that Messrs. Durand, Hatt, Burwell, and Fraser be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Hon. the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the employment of a Civil Engineer to make surveys of the Waters of the River St. Lawrence for the improvement of the navigation in this Province, and to provide for the expenses thereof." Which was carried.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Durand, moved that Messrs. Cotter and Swayze be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to a Conference on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the employment of a Civil Engineer to make surveys of the River St. Lawrence for the improvement of the Navigation in this Province, and to provide for the expenses thereof," and have appointed a Committee of four of its Members for that purpose. Which was carried.

Mr. Cotter of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council a message, acquainting them that this House had agreed to a conference on the subject of a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the employment of a Civil Engineer to make surveys of the Waters of the River St. Lawrence for the improvement of the navigation of this Province, and to provide for the expenses thereof," reported they had done so.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message which he delivered to the Speaker, and having withdrawn, it was read as follows :

Mr. Speaker : The Honorable the Legislative Council request a Conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject matter of a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the temporary accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province," and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose in the Legislative Council Chamber at the rising of the Committee of Conference on the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the employment of a Civil Engineer to make surveys of the Waters of the River St. Lawrence for the Improvement of the Navigation in this Province, and to provide for the expenses thereof."

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 25th November, 1818.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Durand, Hatt, Robinson, and Fraser be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Hon. the

Legislative Council on the subject matter of the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the temporary accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province." Which was carried.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that Messrs. Nellis and Casey be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to a Conference on the subject of a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the temporary accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province," and have appointed a Committee of four of its Members for that purpose. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nellis, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council a message acquainting them that this House had agreed to a conference on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the temporary accommodation of the Legislative Council and Assembly of this Province," reported they had done so.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Hon. the Legislative Council a message, which he delivered and withdrew, when the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a Conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject matter of a Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, intituled an Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government, to appoint Inspectors of Flour, Pot and Pearl Ashes within this Province," and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose in the Legislative Council Chamber at the rising of the Committee of Conference on the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the temporary accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province."

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 25th November, 1818.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Casey, moved that Messrs. Durand, Hatt, Burwell, and Fraser be a Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject matter of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government to appoint Inspectors of Flour, Pot and Pearl Ashes within this Province." Which was carried.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Casey, moved that Messrs. Cotter and Fraser be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to a conference on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government, to appoint Inspectors of Flour, Pot and Pearl Ashes within this Province," and have appointed a Committee of four of its members for that purpose. Which was ordered.

Mr. Cotter, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council a message, acquainting them that this House had agreed to a conference on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act

to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government, to appoint Inspectors of Flour, Pot and Pearl Ashes within this Province," reported they had done so.

The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 26th November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Durand, of the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, reported that they had met, and that the Conference still remained open.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with, so far as relates to a Bill granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the survey of the Waters of the River Saint Lawrence, and that he have leave to bring in the same. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Survey Bill be read a second time this day. Which was granted, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the House do now go into Committee upon the Survey Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Swayze took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Survey Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

The Bill to provide for the appointment of a Civil Engineer was then the third time.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Survey Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the survey of the Waters of the Saint Lawrence, and for other purposes therein mentioned." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Casey, moved that Messrs. Durand and Hatt be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the survey of the Waters of the Saint Lawrence and for other purposes therein mentioned," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of Money for the Survey of the Waters of the Saint Lawrence and for other purposes therein mentioned," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the Survey of the Waters of the Saint Lawrence, and for other purposes therein mentioned," sent up from this House; which they had passed without amendment.

Also the Bill intituled "An Act to alter and amend the laws now in force for Levying and Collecting Lighthouse and Tonnage Duties, and to relieve vessels propelled by Steam from paying the said Duty on the space occupied by the engine, machinery, and fuel," sent up from this House; which they had passed without amendment.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 27th November, 1818.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Lee, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, delivered a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor at the Bar of the House in the following words:

Mr. Speaker: His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands the immediate attendance of this House at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, and withdrew.

Mr. Speaker, and the Members then present, accordingly went up to the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to give his assent, in His Majesty's name, to the following Bills, viz.:

An Act to alter the laws now in force for granting Licenses to Innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective Districts, authority to regulate the Duties hereafter to be paid on such Licenses.

An Act to authorize the Inquiry and Trial of Crimes and Offences committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof.

An Act to amend the laws now in force for granting Wholesale Licenses.

An Act for the better Division of the County of Glengarry into Townships.

An Act further to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to make further provision for the further appointment of Parish and Town Officers throughout this Province.

An Act to repeal an Ordinance of the Province of Quebec, passed in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Ordinance concerning Land Surveyors and the Admeasurements of Lands, and also to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to ascertain and establish on a permanent footing the Boundary Lines of the different Townships of this Province; and further to regulate the manner in which the lands are hereafter to be Surveyed.

An Act to regulate the Trade by Land and Inland Navigation between this Province and the United States of America.

An Act to prevent certain Meetings within this Province.

An Act to remunerate certain persons therein mentioned.

An Act to empower the Commissioners of the Peace for the Eastern District, in their Court of General Quarter Sessions assembled, to establish and regulate the times for holding a Market in the Town of Cornwall, in said District.

An Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors, and also the Estates of Persons declared Aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their Estates in His Majesty; and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating losses which His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late War, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon.

An Act to continue the laws now in force for granting an additional Duty upon Shop Licenses.

An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act further to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the second session of the first Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, intituled An Act to confirm and make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted in the country now comprised within the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Marriage within the same.

An Act to alter and amend the laws now in force for levying and collecting Lighthouse and Tonnage Duty, and to relieve Vessels propelled by Steam Power from paying the said duty on the space occupied by the engine, machinery and fuel.

An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to License Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for Licensing such Practitioners.

An Act to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Honor Mr. Administrator Smith, in pursuance of an Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for the Survey of the Waters of the Saint Lawrence, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

And His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to reserve, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, the following Bill.

An Act for the Relief of the Wesleyan Methodists.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to close the Session with the following Speech to both Houses:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: It does not appear that any alteration has occurred in the state of His Majesty's indisposition.

I am satisfied that the Public Business has received a due share of your diligent attention.

You have afforded seasonable aid to the Constitution by your Bill intituled "An Act for preventing certain Meetings within this Province." It is a subject for deep regret that the Constitution should have stood in need of such aid, but let us hope that the good disposition of His Majesty's subjects will put an early period to this unhappy necessity.

If any portion of the people of this Province be indeed aggrieved they are well aware that a dutiful Petition proceeding from themselves would find easy access to the foot of His Majesty's Throne.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.—I thank you in the name of His Majesty for the Supplies you have granted for the service of the current and of the ensuing year.

In future I hope to relieve you from the annual demand for the support of the Surveyor General's Department. You have added to the character of the Province by the unanimous expression of sentiments which are highly worthy of the enlightened representatives of a free and generous people. I could not refuse myself the pleasure of transmitting your Resolutions to His Majesty's Government, well convinced that they would prove grateful to the Royal personage who presides over it, and confident that they will be received with affectionate approbation by every description of your fellow subjects in the Mother Country.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,—There are a few objects of general importance which, had the public mind been tranquil, I should have brought before you early in the Session. Of these I shall mention one which appears to me to

require in a peculiar degree your calm and deliberate consideration. I mean the providing of a remedy for the unequal pressure of the Road Laws. By offering at present this subject to your notice, I hope to benefit by the attention you will be pleased to bestow upon it during the Recess.

After which the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council said:

It is His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued till Saturday, the Second day of January next, to be then and here holden, and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly prorogued till Saturday, the twenty-second day of January next.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the Journals of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly during the third Session of the Seventh Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth years of the Reign of King George the Third.

GRANT POWELL, Clerk of the Assembly, Upper Canada.

Upper Canada, York, 27th November, 1818.

(Certified to be true copies from the Records in the Colonial Office.

GEORGE MAYER, Librarian and Keeper of the Records.

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PROCLAMATION.

UPPER CANADA.

SIR P. MAITLAND, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor.

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 Legislative Councillors of Our Province of Upper Canada, and to Our Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of Our said Province, to the Assembly at Our Town of York, on the Second day of January, One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, to be commenced, held, called and elected, and to every one of you, Greeting.

Whereas on the Twenty-seventh day of November last, we thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the Second day of January, One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, at which time, at Our Town of York, you were held and constrained to appear.

Now Know Ye that We, taking into Our Royal consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you and each of you at your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you that on Monday, the Eighth day of February next ensuing, you meet us in Our Provincial Parliament in our Town of York, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our Province of Upper Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein Fail Not.

In Testimony Whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness Our trusty and well beloved Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General commanding Our Forces therein, at York, this Twenty-sixth day of December, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and in the fifty-ninth year of Our Reign.

P. M.

By Command of His Excellency.

D. CAMERON, Secretary.

By a further Proclamation of His Excellency SIR PEREGRINE MAITLAND, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, dated at York, the Thirtieth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, the meeting of the Legislative

Council and House of Assembly stands further prorogued to the Sixteenth day of March, next ensuing.

By a further Proclamation of His Excellency SIR P. MAITLAND, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, dated at York, the Ninth day of March, One Thousand eight hundred and nineteen, the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further prorogued to the twenty-second day of April next ensuing.

By a further Proclamation of His Excellency SIR P. MAITLAND, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, dated at York, the Thirteenth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, the Meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further prorogued to the Thirty-first day of May next ensuing.

PROCLAMATION.

UPPER CANADA.

SIR P. MAITLAND, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor.

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 Legislative Councillors of Our Province of Upper Canada, and to Our Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses to Our Provincial Parliament at Our Town of York, on the Thirty-first day of May instant, to be commenced, held, called, and elected, and to every of you, Greeting.

Whereas by Our Proclamation, bearing date the Thirteenth day of April last, we thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the Thirty-first day of May instant, at which time, at Our Town of York, you were held and constrained to appear.

Now Know Ye that We, taking into Our Royal consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you and each of you of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Monday, the Seventh day of June next ensuing, you meet us in Our Provincial Parliament at Our Town of York, for the actual dispatch of public business, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our Province of Upper Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein Fail Not.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness Our Trusty and Well Beloved Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding Our Forces therein, at York, this Seventh day of May, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and in the Fifty-ninth year of Our Reign.

P.M.

By Command of His Excellency.

D. CAMERON, Secretary.

Monday, 7th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read.

At two o'clock the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Mr. Lee, brought down the commands of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the immediate attendance of the Speaker and the House at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker and the Members present then went up to the Legislative Council Chamber, and being returned, Mr. Speaker then reported that His Excellency had been pleased to open the Session with a Speech to both Houses, of which to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy. Ordered that it be read, and it was read as follows:

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

Many considerations having determined me to call you together before the close of the year, I decided on the present season as probably more convenient to you than a later period.

Since you were last assembled in this place little alteration appears to have taken place in the state of His Majesty's indisposition.

In that interval his August Consort, the Queen of the United Kingdom, has closed a life illustrious for the exemplary discharge of every public and private duty.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in behalf of His Majesty, has authorized the Governors of both Canadas to bestow lands on certain of the Provincial Navy and of the Militia which served during the late War.

Recent purchases from the natives have been so far effected as will enable me to set apart adequate tracts in the several Districts to accommodate such of their respective inhabitants as are within the limit of the Royal instructions.

I do not consider myself justified in extending this mark of approbation to any of the individuals who composed the late Convention of Delegates, the proceedings of which were probably the subject of your severe animadversions.

The Royal assent has been given to the Bill for the establishment of a Provincial Bank, but from some delay it did not arrive in time for promulgation within the period limited by law; the form of a re-enactment will therefore be necessary to render it available.

At the termination of the last Session it was recommended you to bestow your attention on an amendment of the Road Law. At present, after a nearer state of the country, I am more deeply impressed with the importance of that subject. It is painful to observe how serious an evil the neglected grants of an early date are presenting to the actual inhabitants of the Province.

The exemption of any land belonging to individuals from the operation of the Assessment Law is found to be detrimental. A new Bill so modified as to protect the land from sale by distress until due notice can be given to the proprietor, will receive His Majesty's assent.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I shall direct the proper Officer to lay before you the Public Accounts of Receipt and Expenditure, with estimates for the service of the ensuing year.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen: The growth of the Province in population and wealth justifies a reasonable expectation that the measures adopted to encourage it will receive your fullest support. And I must suggest for your con-

sideration the expediency of affording the new settler, unavoidably situated more remote from the great lakes and rivers, an easy approach to market.

Your attention will doubtless be given to such laws about to expire as may require to be continued. Some parts of the Province not accessible by land it is my purpose to visit during the present season of navigation, that I may become personally acquainted with every part of the population committed to my care.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that Messrs. Nicholl, Hatt, Durand, and Robinson be a Committee to draft an Address in answer to the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech. Which was carried.

Mr. Nicholl gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the death of Her late Majesty the Queen.

Mr. McNabb gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to assess wild lands within this Province, to be appropriated and applied for the improvement of the roads in the Province.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 8th June, 1819.

The House met. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Nicholl, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Session, reported a draft, which was ordered to be received, and was read the first time.

Mr. Nicholl, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be now read a second time, and that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with as far as relates to the said Address. Which was carried and the Address was read the second time.

Mr. Nicholl, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor. Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported the Address amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Nicholl, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Address be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nicholl, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the propriety of presenting an Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the death of the Queen. Which was carried, and Mr. Casey took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the Resolution adopted.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that in order to testify the respect of this House for the memory and virtues of Her late Majesty the Queen, an Address of condolence be presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved that Messrs. Nicholls, Durand, Hatt, and Robinson be a Committee to draft an Address of condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent on the death of the Queen. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved for leave to bring in on Thursday next a Bill to assess certain uncultivated lands within the Province, for the express purpose of amending and keeping in repair the Public Highways therein. Which was granted.

Mr. Nicholl gives notice that he will, on Wednesday se'night, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act intituled "An Act for the better securing the Province against all seditious attempts to disturb the tranquillity thereof."

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of sundry inhabitants residing upon the lands of the Six Nation Indians, in the District of Gore. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

The House then adjourned.

Wednesday, 9th June, 1819.

The House met. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech was read the third time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Address be now re-committed. Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported the Address amended. On the question for receiving the Report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Swayze, Nellis, Robinson, McNabb, Fraser, Cotter.

Nays: Messrs. Nicholl, Durand, Hatt, Secord, Casey, Burnham.

The question was carried in the affirmative by the casting vote of the Speaker, and the Report was received.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Address be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, of the Committee to draft an Address of Condolence with His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the death of her late Majesty the Queen, reported that the Committee had agreed to a draft, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received and the draft read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the House do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Address of condolence. Which was carried, and Mr. Fraser took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Fraser reported the Address without amendment. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Nicholl, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Address of condolence be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was carried and ordered.

The Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorary Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer to Your Excellency our most humble and hearty thanks for your gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session.

We are persuaded that under the circumstances which have rendered it necessary for Your Excellency to call us together before the close of the year, you have chosen the most convenient period.

We feelingly lament the continuance of the indisposition with which His Majesty has been so long afflicted, and in common with all His Faithful Subjects, deplore the recent calamity which, in the death of the Queen, has bereaved the nation of so illustrious an example in the discharge of every public and private duty.

We are gratefully impressed with the gracious intentions of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in authorizing the Governors of both Canadas to bestow land on certain of the Provincial Navy and Militia, who served during the late war, and with your Excellency's considerate attention in setting apart adequate tracts in the several districts for the accommodation of such of their respective inhabitants as are within the limit of the Royal instructions; and we lament that any portion of His Majesty's subjects should have forfeited their claim upon the bounty of their Government.

We regret that the Royal assent to the Bill for the establishment of a Provincial Bank did not reach this country in time for its being promulgated within the period limited by law, and will give every facility to the re-enacting of so salutary and useful a Bill.

Sensible of the necessity for good roads and of the expediency of amending the Road Law, we shall give to that subject all the consideration which its importance requires. We shall not fail to bestow our attention on that most serious evil to the actual Inhabitants of the Province, the neglected grants of an early date, and shall endeavour to frame such regulations as will subject those grants to the operation of the Assessment Law; in doing which it will be our care to protect the land from sale by distress until due notice can be given to the proprietor.

When the Public Accounts and Estimates are laid before us we shall give them every attention.

We are fully sensible of Your Excellency's anxiety to promote the wealth and population of the Province, and that all your measures have been adopted with that view. We shall give every consideration to the expediency of affording to the new settler unavoidably situated more remote from the great lakes and rivers, an easy approach to market.

Our attention will be given to such laws as are about to expire.

The intention expressed by Your Excellency of visiting certain parts of the Province during the present season's navigation, that you may become personally acquainted with the population committed to your care, cannot fail to prove highly gratifying to all His Majesty's Subjects in this Province.

(Signed) ALLAN McLEAN, Speaker.

Commons House of Assembly, 9th June, 1819.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that Messrs. Durand and Cotter be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Address in answer to his Speech at the opening of the present Session. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of Aleda Dorland and Cynthia Van Dyck, of the Midland District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring

in a Bill to alter and amend the laws now in force for laying out, amending and keeping in repair the public highways and roads in this Province.

Mr. Nicholl gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill for the more equal and general assessment of lands in this Province.

The Address of condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was read the third time, passed and signed by the Speaker as follows:

May it please Your Royal Highness: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, penetrated with the most profound grief, beg leave to approach and to condole with Your Royal Highness on the lamented death of Her Majesty the Queen, whose virtuous example during a long and illustrious reign had justly endeared her to all ranks of His Majesty's subjects in every part of the British Empire.

We entreat Your Royal Highness to receive the homage of our dutiful attachment to Your Royal House, and the assurance of the deep interest which we take in every occurrence involving the domestic happiness of your august family.

ALLAN McLEAN, Speaker.

Commons House of Assembly, 9th June, 1819.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Secord, moved that Messrs. Hatt and Durand be a Committee to request a conference with the Hon. the Legislative Council on the subject of an Address of condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent on the death of Her Majesty the Queen. Which was carried.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council a message requesting a conference on the subject of an Address of condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, reported they had done so.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that Messrs. Robinson, McNabb, Nellis, and Cotter be appointed a Committee to enquire what laws are about to expire, and report the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill for the better and more effectual training and regulating the Militia of this Province.

The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 10th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Durand, of the Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive this House with the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported that His Excellency was pleased to name the hour of one o'clock this day.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that he have leave to bring in a Bill for the more equal and general assessment of lands in this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Nicholl, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Assessment Bill be printed, and it be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Hon. the Legislative Council a message, which he delivered to the Speaker and withdrew, when it was read as follows:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council have appointed a Committee of two of its Members to confer with the Committee of the Commons House

of Assembly on the subject of an Address of condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent on the death of Her Majesty the Queen.

The Committee will be ready to meet the Committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the Legislative Council Chamber at the rising of this House this day.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, June 10th, 1819.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that Messrs. Nichol, Durand, Hatt and Van Koughnet be a Committee to confer with the Committee appointed by the Hon. the Legislative Council, on the subject of an Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent on the death of Her Majesty the Queen. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Committee to carry to the said Conference the Address of condolence agreed to by this House, and that they be instructed to communicate the same to the Managers on the part of the Hon. the Legislative Council, and through them request the concurrence therein of that Honorable House. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the laws now in force for laying out, amending and keeping in repair the Public Highways and Roads in this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Road Bill be read a second time on Saturday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill for repealing an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to authorise the Inquiry and Trial of Crimes and Offences committed within this Province, without the limit of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof."

At one o'clock the House went up with the Address to His Excellency, in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Session, and having returned:

The Speaker reported the same to the House, and that His Excellency had made a reply thereto, which was read by order of the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I thank you for condoling in common with the rest of His Majesty's Subjects, in the affliction which His Royal Highness the Prince Regent and the United Empire have experienced in the continuance of your Sovereign's indisposition, and in the death of our lamented Queen.

The attention you promise to bestow on the Road Law and on other subjects connected with the interests of the loyal people you represent, will, I have no doubt, be productive of results advantageous to the country.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee to manage the Conference with the Committee of the Hon. the Legislative Council reported that they had met the same, and delivered to them the Address of this House agreeably to their instructions on that subject.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that in order to expedite the public business the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with for the remainder of the Session. Which was ordered.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that so much of the order of the day as relates to his motion for an assessment upon wild lands for improvements of roads, &c., throughout this Province be discharged. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the Township of Toronto. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the table.

The House then adjourned.

Friday 11th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to authorize the Inquiry and Trial of Crimes and Offences committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof."

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that Mr. Nichol's motion for repeal of the Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to authorize the Inquiry and Trial of Crimes and Offences committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County, to be tried within any District thereof" be read this day three months. Which was lost.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Swayze, Durand, Van Koughnet, Hatt, Secord, Nichol, Casey.

Nays: Messrs. Fraser, Robinson, Cotter, Burnham, Nellis, McNabb.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of one, and the Bill was read.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the following messages and estimates, which he delivered, and having withdrawn they were read as follows:

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant-Governor on transmitting the Public Accounts and Estimates for the expenditure and supply for the ensuing year, is happy to find that the grant for the present year will, with the other sources of Revenue applicable to the support of the Civil Government, rather exceed its wants.

That the Legislature may have a clear view of the charge of the Civil Government, and what proportion of it is required to be defrayed from the Provincial Revenue, the Lieutenant-Governor has directed to be laid before you two Estimates, amounting together to Twenty Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds Sterling, of which sum the Parliament of the United Kingdom provides Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds, and the further sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Pounds proceeding from the Crown Revenue in the Province, or from its share of that received from Lower Canada, leaving a balance only of Five Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Pounds to be required from the Provincial Revenue.

11th June, 1819.

No. 1.

Amount of Estimate annually laid before the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of Upper Canada.

£10,825 Sterling.

J. BABY, Inspector General.

Inspector-General's Office, 8th June, 1819.

No. 1.

Schedule of distribution of the sum of £10,825 sterling, granted by the Imperial Parliament on account of the Civil Establishment of Upper Canada.

Salary of the Lieutenant-Governor	£2,000
Salary of Chief Justice	1,100
Salary of Attorney-General	300
Salary Solicitor-General	100
Two Judges of Court of King's Bench at £750 each.....	1,500
Clerk of the Crown and Pleas	100
Two Sheriffs at £100 each per annum	200
Secretary and Register	300
Clerk of the Council	100
Receiver-General of the Revenues	200
Five Executive Councillors, at £100 each per annum...	500
Surveyor-General of Lands	300
Naval Officer	100
Salary of the Bishop's Commissary	150
Allowance to the Widow of the late Col. Campbell....	250
Allowance to Mr. Smith, late Surveyor-General	200
Allowance to Widow of late Major-General Shaw	100
Agent	200
To the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in aid of the expenses of the Society in Canada	2,800
On Account of Fees for Receipt of Audit	325
	£10,825

J. BABY, Inspector-General.

Inspector-General's Office, 8th June, 1819.

No. 2.

Estimated annual amount required to defray the expenses of the Civil Government of Upper Canada, exclusive of the sum annually granted by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain.

£9,300 sterling.

J. BABY, Inspector-General.

Inspector-General's Office, 8th June, 1819.

No. 2.

Estimates of the Expense of the Civil Government of Upper Canada, exclusive of what is provided by the Imperial Parliament paid in England.

For the Administration of Justice	£2,500
For the Lieutenant-Governor's Office	1,000
For Receiver-General's Office	550
For Surveyor-General's Office	964
For Executive Council Office	650
For Crown Office	56
For Attorney-General's Office	90
For Secretary's Office	400
For Register of the Province	200
For Inspector-General's Office, including his salary	800
For Pensions to Wounded Militia Officers	750

For Clergymen of the Established Church, and One Minister of the Gospel	500
For Repairs and Contingencies of the Government House	200
For Government Printer	140
For Casual and other Expenses	500

Note.

Sterling £9,300

The expenses of surveys, amounting in the year 1818 to £4,514 17s. 9d. currency, is not included, but only the expenses of the Office, which is an Office of Public Reference.

J. BABY, Inspector-General.

Inspector-General's Office, 8th June, 1819.

No. 3.

Estimate of the amount required to defray the expenses of the Civil Government of Upper Canada, for the year 1820, as per schedules No. 1 and 2.
£20,125 sterling.

Provided by the Imperial Parliament	£10,825
Provided by the Statute of 14th, Geo. III., from duties on Imports into Lower Canada and Licenses in Upper Canada, being the Crown Revenue estimated	3,620
	£14,445
To be provided for by the Provincial Legislature.....	5,680
	£20,125

J. BABY, Inspector-General.

Inspector-General's Office, 8th June, 1819.

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant-Governor, in transmitting the Public Accounts and Estimates for the expenditure and supply for the ensuing year, omitted to notice the proceeds of certain casualties and territorial Revenue, which had on a former occasion been erroneously stated as applicable to defray the charge of the Administration of Justice and the Civil Government of the Province.

The Lieutenant-Governor herewith transmits, for the information and satisfaction of the Legislature, details of that branch of the King's Revenue subject exclusively to the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, noting the appropriation already authorized.

11th June, 1819.

P. M.

Casualties and Territorial Revenues on an average of the last three years:	
1st. Rent of Ferries, &c., and Crown Lands	£529
2nd. Fines not appropriated by Statute	371
3rd. Reserved on grants of land	870
	£1,770

No. 1.—These casualties are so exclusively at the disposal of the King that

he may grant them for ever at pleasure, without reservation of rent or other consideration, therefore it was obviously improper to submit them to the appropriation of the Legislature as applicable to defray the charges of the Civil Government.

No. 2.—This class of casualties is also exclusively dependent upon the prerogative to remit or grant *ad libitum* without account to the Legislature, and this prerogative His Majesty's Government are sworn to maintain.

No. 3.—His Majesty grants lands to whom and on what conditions he pleases, an unquestionable prerogative.

Out of the small fund accumulated from the casualties in this Province, amounting on an average of the last three years to £1,770, but for the present year probably not amounting to £1,000, His Majesty has made an appropriation of £1,000 to the Lieutenant-Governor, in lieu of fees of office, heretofore received by him in detail.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Bill for repealing the Jurisdiction Act be now read a second time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the word "now" in Mr. Nichol's motion, be expunged, and "Monday next" be added. Which was carried, and ordered.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the House do, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Messages of this day. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that he have leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Midland District of this Province. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Robinson read the Report of the Managers of Public Buildings, which is as follows:

The undersigned beg leave to submit to the Honorable House of Assembly their proceedings as Managers to carry into effect the wishes of the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament, expressed by their respective Speakers to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the erection of suitable buildings for their accommodation.

The accompanying letter from Mr. Secretary Hillier will show the authority under which they have engaged in the undertaking, and they have to state that in compliance with the request therein conveyed they proceeded without delay to close with the lowest proposals for such a building as, together with the old brick buildings repaired, would in their opinion afford all the accommodation at present actually required for the convenience of the Legislature, at the same time keeping in view the probability of more extensive provision for that purpose being necessary at some future day.

The contract was closed with Mr. Jonathan Cassels, who immediately proceeded to lay in material, and has already made some progress in the repair of the old building.

The contract, with the plan of the building in detail, is herewith submitted, in which it will be seen that no prejudice will accrue to the contracting parties by any deviation from the plan there agreed on.

If the Legislature should not approve of the plan herewith shown, it is suggested that no time should be lost in deciding on another, as delay may occasion unnecessary expense in the alteration.

All which is successfully submitted.

P. ROBINSON,
GRANT POWELL.

York, 11th June, 1819.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the report of the Managers for providing accommodation for the Provincial Legislature be referred to a Committee of five members, and that Messrs. Hatt, Durand, Burnham, Van Koughnet and Secord be appointed for that purpose, and to report their opinion thereon to this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Casey, moved for leave to bring up a Petition from the Inhabitants of Amherstburgh. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a Message, which he delivered, and having withdrawn, the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council have adopted the Report of their Committee of Conference on the subject of a joint Address of Condolence with His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the death of Her Majesty the Queen, in which this House have concurred.

W. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, June 11th, 1819.

Mr. Robinson gave notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America by Land and Inland Navigation.

Mr. Robinson gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the abatement of any action against a Joint Obligor, Contractor or Partner, on account of the other joint parties not being made defendants.

Mr. Robinson gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to supply in certain cases the want of County Courts in this Province, and to make further provision for proceeding to Outlawry in certain cases therein mentioned," and to extend the same in civil cases throughout this Province.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, passed in the forty-third year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act the more conveniently to collect the compensation to the Members of the House of Assembly, for their attendance on their duty in Parliament; and to repeal part of an Act, passed in the Parliament of this Province in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act to authorize and direct the laying and collecting of assessments and rates within this Province, and to provide for the payment of wages to the House of Assembly.'"

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the regulation of said Common Schools."

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Magistrates of the several Districts to build, erect, and complete the Gaol and Court House therein.

Mr. McNabb gives notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the representation in Parliament for this Province. The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 12th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Road Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday next, to take into consideration the Road Bill. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill, to make further and more effectual provision for the building, erecting, and completing Gaols and Court Houses in the several Districts now or hereafter to be formed and erected within this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Gaol and Court House Bill be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take the Gaol and Court House Bill into consideration. Which was carried, and Mr. Burnham took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Midland District be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned, Inhabitants of the Town of Kingston, in behalf of themselves and the Inhabitants of the said Province generally,

Humbly Sheweth: That the establishment of a Bank in this Province upon general and liberal principles would conduce to the prosperity of Commerce and Agriculture, for which purpose Your Petitioners are desirous of obtaining an Act of Incorporation.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Honors would be pleased to pass an Act for that purpose, agreeably to the Bill accompanying this Petition, subject, nevertheless, to such modifications, alterations and restrictions as the Legislature of the said Province in their wisdom may deem expedient. And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed by THOMAS MARKLAND and 35 others.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that he have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons and others therein mentioned as a Banking Company, under the style of the Bank of Upper Canada. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Bank Bill be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Bank Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Hatt be a Committee to request a conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council, to frame an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying

him to transmit the Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent. Which was carried.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to request a Conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to transmit the Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, reported they had done so.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down a message from the Honorable the Legislative Council, which he delivered, and being withdrawn the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. the Legislative Council have appointed a Committee of two of its Members to prepare, with a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly, an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to transmit the Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the Legislative Council Chamber, at the rising of this House this day.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 12th June, 1819.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that Messrs. Nichol, Hatt, Robinson, and Burnham be a Committee, to meet the Committee of the Hon. the Legislative Council to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to transmit the Address of condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent. Which was carried.

The House was called. Present: Messrs. Nichol, Cotter, Casey, Robinson, Burnham, Hatt, Fraser, Nellis and Secord.

The House adjourned for want of a quorum.

Monday, 14th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of Saturday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the second reading of the Jurisdiction Bill was called.

Then Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that the Bill to repeal the Jurisdiction Bill be read a second time this day three months.

Mr. Nichol, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the words "three months" be struck out of the original motion.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Secord, Van Koughnet, Durand, Hatt, Swayze, Nichol.

Nays: Messrs. Fraser, Casey, Cotter, Robinson, Cameron, Burnham, McNabb, Jones, Nellis.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of three. The original question was then put and carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Estimates, Mr. Casey in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the Resolution adopted as follows: Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and other documents accompanying it be referred to a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee to meet a Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, to frame an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to transmit the Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness

the Prince Regent, reported the draft of an Address, which was adopted by the House.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that a message be sent to the Hon. the Legislative Council, to inform them that this House has agreed to the Joint Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to transmit the Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, as reported by their Committee, and that Messrs. Hatt and Durand do carry up the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council a message to inform them that this House had agreed to the Joint Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the Address of Condolence, reported that they had done so.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message which he delivered, and after he withdrew the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council have adopted the Report of their Committee of Conference on the subject of the Joint Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to transmit the Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and have concurred thereto.

The Legislative Council have appointed a Committee of two of its Members, to wait with a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive their Address.

W. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 14th June, 1819.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that Messrs. Durand, Nellis, and Casey be a Committee to wait with the Committee appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive their Address on the subject of transmitting to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent their Address of Condolence on the death of Her Majesty the late Queen. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that Messrs. Hatt and Durand be a Committee to acquaint the Hon. Legislative Council that this House have appointed four of its Members to wait with the Committee of that House on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of both Houses with the Address of Condolence. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council to inform them that this House had appointed a Committee of four to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the Joint Addresses, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Gaol and Court House Bill, Mr. Burnham in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported the Bill as amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Gaol and Court House Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the abatement of any action against a joint obligor, contractor, or partner on account of the other joint parties not being made defendants. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Joint Obligor Bill be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do now go into Committee, to take into consideration the Joint Obligor Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Van Koughnet took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported the Bill without amendment. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Joint Obligor Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's reign, intitled "An Act to authorize the Inquiry and Trial of Crimes and Offences committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof."

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Township of York. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants residing upon the Indian Lands in the District of Gore be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned, residents within the territory of the Six Nations of Indians on the Grand River,

Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioners have, for a great length of time been actual settlers on the lands belonging to the Six Nations on the Grand River, from twenty to thirty years and upwards, under actual leases granted by the late Joseph Brant, Principal Chief and Agent for the said Six Nations.

That in consequence of the great encouragement and liberality displayed from time to time by the Executive Government of this Province towards the said Six Nations, in meeting their wishes as to the disposal of their land (as will more fully appear by the copies of letters annexed), induced the said Capt. Joseph Brant, as Agent, to parcel out certain tracts of the said lands, and grant the same under lease to such persons as had faithfully and without wages engaged and served His Majesty with the Warriors of the Six Nations under the immediate command and direction of the said Joseph Brant, in the great War between Britain and America. And further, he, the said Captain Joseph Brant, was moreover induced to lease other parcels or tracts of the said lands to another description of settlers, viz.: to some whom the said Capt. Jos. Brant conceived or knew to be good, wholesome, loyal, and industrious men. A copy of one of these leases Your Petitioners have hereunto annexed, for the perusal and inspection of this Honorable House.

That Your Petitioners wish respectfully to observe that they pay the usual taxes in common with other subjects of this Province. That under an existing Provincial Statute they hold annual meetings for the election of what is generally denominated Town Officers. That they are organized in the Militia, and during the late War with the United States of America Your Petitioners were all, or most of them, on actual duty; some wounded, while others who then resided on the said land under titles equivalent to those now held by Your Petitioners, were slain in battle, or died while on actual service.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that this Honorable House will take their situation into consideration, and grant them the full enjoyment of the right of a free suffrage, and that they may freely and fully participate in all the Privi-

leges enjoyed by His Majesty's Freehold Subjects of this Province; and Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed by) FREDERICK YERWARD and 63 others.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the District of Niagara. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the table.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 15th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Nichol, of the Joint Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the two Houses with their Addresses of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and to His Excellency, praying him to transmit the same, reported they had waited on His Excellency accordingly, and that he was pleased to name the hour of twelve this day.

At twelve o'clock the two Houses went to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and having returned: The Speaker reported that the Address of Condolence with His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered, and that His Excellency was pleased to make to the latter Address a reply, which the Speaker read as follows:

Honourable Gentlemen and Gentlemen: I shall take the earliest opportunity of transmitting to His Majesty's Government Your Address of Condolence, in order that it may be duly presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

15th June, 1819.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Gaol and Court House Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moved that the Gaol and Court House Bill be re-committed. Which was carried, and Mr. Burnham took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported that the Committee had risen.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Joint Obligor Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Joint Obligor Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to prevent the abatement of any Action against a Joint Obligor, Contractor or Partner on account of the other Joint Parties not being made defendants." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Burnham be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Joint Obligor Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that he have leave to bring in on Thursday next a Bill to make further and more effectual provision for raising and training the Militia of this Province. Which was granted.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assessment Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Assessment Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Nellis took the chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of, amend, and extend the provisions of an

Act passed in the forty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to establish Public Schools in each and every District of this Province." Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the District School Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the regulation of said Common Schools." Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Common School Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves for leave to bring up the Petitions of Abner Chapin, Silas Smith, and Henry Deeming. Which was granted, and the Petitions brought up.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the Petitions of Abner Chapin, Henry Deeming, and Silas Smith, and that the said Petitions be now read. Which was carried, and the Petitions read as follows:

To the Honorable the House of Assembly:

Your Petitioner, father of ten children, purchased and improved a farm in Bastard, wherein he resided at the commencement of the late war with the United States of America, having served his first tour of duty as a Militiaman, for six months, in Capt. Schofield's Company; when discharged was desirous to unite his whole family, and having a daughter engaged with her relations in the United States until of age, Your Petitioner went to bring her in, leaving the rest of his family on his farm. He returned in a short time with his daughter, and reported himself to his Captain as ready for duty, ignorant, at that time, of the offence committed by his temporary absence from the Province without License; and so excusing his conduct to the satisfaction of his Officers, as may appear from the respective certificates hereunto annexed. In March last an inquisition found the facts required by law to declare Your Petitioner an Alien under an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, and his farm, by the operation of that Act, is vested in the King. Your Petitioner humbly submits that the intent and meaning of that law was to declare Aliens only such as by withdrawing to the United States manifested an intention to abandon the defence of the Province, and the property they had acquired in it; that far from manifesting such intention Your Petitioner sought only to re-unite his family in its defence, and hoping such a construction of his conduct as might impeach the equity of the return of the inquisition, he presented to the Commissioners within the limited time his application for his relief from forfeiture or the penalty declared by the Act; but it is found that the Commissioners and all other jurisdiction of the Legislature want competence to restore to Your Petitioner his estate. He therefore humbly intreats that his case may derive the favorable consideration of the Legislature, and such relief may be afforded to him as it shall find just. As in duty bound will ever pray.

ABNER CHAPIN.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The Petition of Henry Deeming, of Osnabruck, in the Eastern District, Merchant,

Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioner, on the 15th day of May, 1815, purchased the east half of Lot 14 in the 1st Concession of the said Township of Osnabruck, at a Sheriff's sale, for the consideration of £230, as will appear by the conveyance from Neil McLean, Esq., then Sheriff, and his receipt thereon; that the said parcel of land was seized by the said Sheriff and sold at public sale in obedience to and by virtue of an execution issuing out of the Court of King's Bench against the lands and tenements of Asahel Geraldts, in the said District, at the suit of William Wells, on a judgment in the said Court, entered on the 23rd day of June, 1812, for £66 17s. 3d., an execution against the goods and chattels having previously been returned. That the said Asahel Geraldts, long after the said judgment was obtained, during the War, left the Province without leave, and that on the 19th of May, 1818, three years after Your Petitioner had purchased the said parcel of land, the same was returned in an inquisition taken before Joseph Anderson, Esq., one of the Commissioners in the Eastern District, under the fifty-fourth of Geo. III., relative to the estates of aliens as having been in the possession of the said Geraldts in the month of July, 1812. That Your Petitioner, having paid a full and fair consideration for the said parcel of land, and conscious of the equity and justice of his title, claimed the same before the Commissioners appointed under an Act passed at the last Session of the Legislature, relative to the estates of Aliens and Traitors, and produced to the Commissioners the execution under which the Sheriff acted in the sale of the said parcel of land, the conveyance from the Sheriff, duly proved and recorded, and the receipt for the consideration money; but that the Commissioners did not, under the existing laws, feel themselves authorized to decide favorably on the claim of Your Petitioner. That the lands sold under the authority of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench by an Officer of the Crown, after due notice to all persons interested therein, and fully paid for by Your Petitioner, have thus become vested in the Crown; and Your Petitioner must be deprived of the same, and thereby ruined in his circumstances, unless Your Honorable House will afford him the necessary relief. That Your Petitioner cannot perceive that any absconding debtor has it in his power to deprive a creditor who has obtained a judgment of the right of carrying that judgment into effect by the sale of the goods and chattels of such debtor, or of the lands and tenements if necessary. That there is now in the hands of the Sheriff of the Eastern District, who sold the said parcel of land to Your Petitioner, a sum of money amounting to upwards of One Hundred and Sixty Pounds, being the balance remaining in his hands after satisfying the said Execution. That an action has been brought by the said Asahel Geraldts to recover from the said Sheriff the amount now in his hands, which action is defended on the part of the Government in order that the same may be paid into the hands of the Receiver-General or some person authorized to receive it.

That Your Petitioner has, since his purchase of the said parcel of land, divided the front into small lots for a village, and that a number of good Houses have been erected thereon under titles derived from your Petitioner, and that in the event of the said parcel of land being taken from him Your Petitioner would be ruined by the parties to whom he has sold, and to whom he has become responsible.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that, as he made a fair and regular purchase of the lands, and all the transactions relative to his purchase are founded on what was then considered legal authority, as also the balance of the consideration money

now in the hands of the said Sheriff may still be recovered to the use of His Majesty's Government, Your Honorable House will be pleased to take his case into consideration, and afford him that relief which his circumstances require, and to which he feels himself entitled, and, as in duty bound, he will ever pray, &c.

HENRY DEMING, by ARCH. MCLEAN, his Agent.

York, June 16th, 1819.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The Petition of Silas Smith, of the Township of Bastard, in the District of Johnstown, Yeoman,

Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioner, in the month of November, 1818, purchased at a Sheriff's sale the whole of Lot No. 13, in the 7th Concession of the Township of Bastard, for the consideration of One Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds Ten Shillings and Threepence currency, the said Lot of land having been seized and sold under two executions, issuing out of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, at the suits of Josiah Simonds and Billa Flint, against Jehiel Smith and Jehiel Smith the younger, due notice having been given of such sale. That the said Execution issued against the lands and tenements of the said defendant in the District of Johnstown on the 16th day of April, 1814, on judgments in the said Court, entered on the 1st November, 1811, and on the 9th day of March, 1813; as will appear by the annexed certificate from the Clerk of the Crown. That subsequent to the declaration of war the said Jehiel Smith and Jehiel Smith, Jr., left the Province and went to the United States without having obtained leave, in consequence of which, and by virtue of an Act of the Legislature passed in the 54th year of His Majesty's Reign, the lands in their possession in July, 1812, are considered as vested in His Majesty, and returned as such in an inquisition taken before Joel Stone, Esq., one of the Commissioners appointed in the District of Johnstown for that purpose. That Your Petitioner, having made bona fide purchase of the land, and not conceiving it possible that His Majesty's Court of King's Bench could sanction the issuing of executions against lands over which the Court has no jurisdiction, could not entertain a doubt of the validity of the same, and the legality of the title under which he held, till after the passing of the Act of the last Session of Parliament, under which he found it necessary to claim the lands before Commissioners therein authorized to be appointed. That Your Petitioner, at a great expense, has come to York for the purpose of claiming the said lands before the said Commissioners, but now finds that a claim under the same circumstances has been decided against the claimant, Henry Deming, in consequence of which any application to the said Commissioners must be unnecessary. That there is now in the hands of the Sheriff of the District of Johnstown a sum of money arising from the sale of the said lands, being a balance after said judgments were satisfied which Your Petitioner conceives of right ought to belong to His Majesty. That Your Petitioner cannot believe that it was the intention of the Legislature to deprive any individual of the usual remedy against the lands of a debtor (no matter what the conduct of that debtor might be), subsequent to a judgment being obtained against him. Your Petitioner therefore prays that Your Honourable House will be pleased to take his case into consideration, and afford him that relief which his case requires. And, as in duty bound, he will ever pray.

SILAS SMITH.

York, 16th May, 1819.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Petitions of Silas Smith, Henry Deming and Abner Chapin be referred to Messrs. Durand, Clench, Hatt, Van Koughnet and Fraser, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Kingston. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Counties of Lennox and Addington. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves for leave to bring up the Petitions of Samuel Street, Esq., of Samuel Fish, and of Sundry Inhabitants of the Town of Niagara. Which was granted, and the Petitions laid on the Table.

The House then adjourned.

Wednesday, 16th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts to disturb the tranquillity thereof." Which was carried and the Bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Bill to limit the duration of the Sedition Act be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the District School Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the District School Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Robinson took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Bank Bill, Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Common School Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the Common School Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Clench took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Clench reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Common School Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Road Bill. Mr. Secord took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to motion, Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the representation of the Province in the Commons House of Assembly. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Bill to increase the representation of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Secretary Cameron delivered at the Bar of the House, by Command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the Public Accounts, which were read. Also the Accounts for the payment of Militia Pensions.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the Public Accounts be referred to a Select Committee, and that Messrs. Nichol, Durand, Hatt, Fraser, and Nellis compose the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to prevent the abatement of any action against a Joint Obligor, Contractor or Partner on account of the other Joint Parties not being made Defendants," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to take into consideration the Report of the Managers for providing accommodation for the Provincial Legislature, reported as follows: Your Committee, to whom the Report of the Managers for providing accommodation for the Provincial Legislature has been referred for examination, by Your Honorable House, respectfully beg leave to report: That in obedience to their instructions they have examined the Report of the said Managers, and are of opinion that the plan and contract entered into are judicious, and calculated to meet the object contemplated.

RICHARD HATT, Chairman.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on the Report of the Managers appointed to provide buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to afford relief to persons who may be entitled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs, Devisees or Assignees of the Nominees of the Crown, and to afford relief to persons to claim lands under the original Nominees of the Crown when no patent hath issued for such lands. Which was carried and the Bill read.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moved that the Bill to afford relief to persons entitled to claim lands in this Province, be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring up the petition of sundry Merchants and Inhabitants of the Home District. Which was granted and the Petition brought up.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Sixth Rule of the House be dispensed with as far as relates to the Petition of Sundry Merchants and Inhabitants of the Home District, and that it be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Memorial of the Merchants and other respectable Inhabitants of the Home District,

Humbly Sheweth: That Your Memorialists, seeing the many advantages enjoyed by other countries from the establishment of Banks, by means of which the

facility of Mercantile Intercourse and the interest of the Public in general is greatly promoted, as is evident from the rapidity with which all improvements in countries' internal economy is carried into effect where such depositories have been in operation.

That Your Memorialists, in common with the Inhabitants of the Province, experienced great inconvenience previous to the issuing of Army Bills, from the want of a circulation medium, and like disadvantages will soon again become oppressive unless some such accommodation is established upon a secure and permanent foundation; that a Bank incorporated by Charter with a Capital of One Hundred Thousand Pounds to be held in shares of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings Provincial Currency each would be of the most beneficent importance to the improvement of the Province, as well in its agricultural as commercial progress. Your Memorialists have every reason to believe and ground to hope. Wherefore Your Memorialists pray that Your Honorable House will be pleased to take this very necessary and important public measure into your serious consideration, and pass an Act to incorporate a body within the Province under the style and title of the Upper Canada Banking Company, with a Capital of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, to be held in shares of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings each, Provincial Currency, under such regulations as to Your Honorable House may seem wise and prudent, and as in duty bound Your Memorialists will ever pray.

(Signed by) W. ALLAN and 22 others.

Mr. Secord, seconded by Mr. Casey, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the District of Niagara. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved for leave to bring up the Petition of John Wagstaff, of the Town of Niagara. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Fraser gives notice that he will, on Saturday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to form the incorporated Counties of Lennox and Addington into two ridings, each to represent by one Member in Parliament, and also to define the limits of each of the said Counties.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to appropriate a sum of money for the erecting of Gaols and Court Houses in the several Districts of this Province.

Thursday, 17th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Common School Bill was called for a third reading, when:

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Common School Bill be read a third time on Monday sennight. Which was lost, and the Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Common School Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the regulation of the said Common Schools."

In amendment, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the question be not now put. Which was lost.

The original question was then put and carried, and the Bill signed by the Speaker.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Cameron be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the School Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Sedition Law Limitation Bill was then read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do now go into a Committee of the Whole, to take the Bill for limiting the duration of the Sedition Act into consideration. Which was carried, and Mr. Swayze took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Nichol moves, seconded by Mr. Hatt, that the Sedition Law Limitation Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the District School Bill, Mr. Robinson in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the District School Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House adjourned till three o'clock.

The House reassembled. Present: The Speaker, Messrs. Van Koughnet, Hatt, and Nellis.

The House adjourned for want of a quorum.

Friday, 18th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the District School Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the District School Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Robinson be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the District School Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The order of the day for the third reading of the Sedition Law Limitation Bill being called:

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Bill for limiting the duration of the Sedition Law be read this day three months.

In amendment to which Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the words "three months" be expunged, and the words "Monday next" be inserted. Which was lost.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Swayze, Fraser, Robinson, Nellis, Burnham, McNabb, Cotter, Cameron.

Nays: Messrs. Clench, Casey, Nichol, Durand, Hatt.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring

in a Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts to disturb the tranquillity thereof."

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Bank Bill, Mr. Cameron in the Chair. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to prevent the abatement of any Action against a Joint Obligor, Contractor or Partner on account of the other Joint Parties not being made Defendants," sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. Cameron again took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to be applied for the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the regulation of the said Common Schools," and the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same," and request their concurrence thereto, reported that they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Assessment Bill, Mr. Nellis in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Representation Bill was read the second time.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the House do on Monday resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill to increase the representation of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Devisee Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that the House do on Monday next go into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Devisee Bill. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Petition of John Wagstaffe, of the Town of Niagara, be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The Petition of John Wagstaffe, of the Town of Niagara,

Humbly Sheweth: That at the time the enemy during the late war captured Fort George, and took possession of the Town of Niagara, of which Your Petitioner was an inhabitant, and exempt from Militia Duty in consequence of the bad state of his health, produced by disease of the liver, to which he had been long before, and still is subject, that suffering under this complaint in the most prosperous time of his trade of tinsmith he was barely able to subsist his large family, consisting of nine persons, by the little labour that he could perform, and that the capture of Niagara entirely ruined his business and left them without the means of support, that it was impossible for Your Petitioner to get into the interior of the Province with his family, the enemy being in possession of the country around Niagara, he was therefore obliged to seek subsistence and safety for his family

in the only place open for him, consequently removed from the seat of war on or about the 20th day of June, 1813, to the interior of the State of New York, where he had relatives in circumstances which justified his expectations of their liberality to alleviate his peculiar distress, for taking this step (which was actuated by paternal affection, poverty and disease) Your Petitioner has been included with those who voluntarily abandoned the Province. Your Petitioner at the close of the war returned to the District of Niagara, and in order fully to demonstrate the justness of his views in departing the Province in time of War he went before the first Court of Oyer and Terminer that was holden in the District aforesaid, and no person or persons appearing to impeach him with any species of treason was in consequence thereof discharged by Proclamation. Your Petitioner then returned to the Town of Niagara (where he had long resided, respected as an honest, sober, and industrious member of the community) and took possession of his lot, built thereon a dwelling house, shop, &c., and pursued his usual avocations in the best manner his health would permit, and firmly persuaded that his property, consisting of thirty-three acres of land in the District of Gore, and the lot in the Town of Niagara aforesaid, were as free from public incumbrance as his person was from the reach of the criminal laws of his country. Under these impressions, and with legal advice, he was induced to dispose of the first and improve the latter, but to his surprise and sorrow the aforesaid property has been confiscated under the Provincial Act of this Province, passed in the fifty-fourth year of His present Majesty's Reign. Your Petitioner begs leave further to state that the Commissioners who proceeded against the property aforesaid assembled in the District of Gore, in consequence of which he had no opportunity of shewing the facts as before stated, and the time for traversing the inquisition against him was suffered to pass away without fault on his part. He therefore humbly prays that Your Honorable House will be pleased to consider the hardships of his case, and pass such a law in his behalf as will restore to him the land herein before mentioned.

And Your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever Pray.

JOHN WAGSTAFF.

12th June, 1819.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Petition of John Wagstaff be referred to the Select Committee on the Petitions of Henry Deming and others. Which was carried.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of John Beikie, Esq. Which was granted, and the Petition brought up.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that the Sixth Rule of the House be dispensed with as far as relates to the Petition of John Beikie, Esq., and that the said Petition be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Speaker and the Members of the House of Upper Canada in Parliament assembled.

The Memorial of John Beikie Respectfully Sheweth: That Your Memorialist was appointed 30th April, 1805, Clerk to the Commissioners appointed under an Act passed in the same year, intituled "An Act to afford relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs or Devisees of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands," which law has been continued and amended under several Acts since that time.

That Your Memorialist has continued under the said appointment to do the duties of Clerk to the said Commissioners up to the present time.

That many difficult cases have presented themselves during so long a period which has oftentimes occupied the attention of Your Memorialist during his leisure hours in giving his best advice without fee or reward.

That year after year Your Memorialist reasonably expected that some remuneration would be allowed by the Legislature to the Clerk of a Board so respectable and so creditable to Upper Canada, but those expectations, though often spoken of, have not yet been realized.

Wherefore Your Memorialist prays that his case may be taken into consideration, and that such remuneration may be allowed to him as in the wisdom of the House may be considered meet.

All of which is humbly and respectfully submitted.

JOHN BEIKIE, Clerk to the Commissioners.

York, 17th June, 1819.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that the Petition of John Beikie, Esq., be referred to the Committee of Supply. Which was ordered.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Louth, and other parts of the Niagara District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the laws now in force for granting pensions to persons disabled, and to the widows and children of persons killed in the Service.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the duty on Stills used for distillation in this Province.

The House then adjourned till Monday at 12 o'clock.

Monday, 21st June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Devisee Bill, Mr. Hatt in the Chair. The House resumed to receive a message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the following messages, which the Speaker read by order of the House:

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the House of Assembly copies of four letters from then Provincial Agent resident in London, together with plans for Government Buildings procured by that Officer in consequence of the Joint Address of the two branches of Legislature to the late Administrator.

21st June, 1819.

P. M.

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits the copy of a Memorial from Robert Charles Horne, His Majesty's Printer, relative to payment for printing the Provincial Statutes, which he recommends to the consideration of the House of Assembly.

June 21st, 1819.

P. M.

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces, &c.

The Memorial of Robert Charles Horne, Most Respectfully Sheweth: That in consequence of there being only an annual provision for printing the Statutes of each Session of Parliament, and there being two Sessions during the last year, he has not been able to procure printing for the Acts of the last Session.

For remedy whereof, and to avoid a similar difficulty in future Your Memorialist most respectfully prays that the said Statutes for the last Session and in future be paid in proportion only to the work performed, in the same manner as the other printing for the Government is now done.

Hoping the above will obtain Your Excellency's approbation, Your Memorialist, as in duty bound, will every pray.

(Signed) R. C. HORNE.

York, 18th June, 1819.

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the House of Assembly a copy of a Memorial from Samuel Peters Jarvis, Esq., Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, which he recommends to their consideration.

York, 21st June, 1819.

P. M.

(Copy)

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c.

The Memorial of Samuel P. Jarvis, Esquire, Humbly Representeth: That in the month of March, 1817, His Excellency the then Lieutenant-Governor of this Province was pleased to honor Your Memorialist with the appointment of Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, under the Seal of the Province, as Your Memorialist then understood, upon an Address from the House of Assembly for such appointment, in order legally to issue Writs of Election for the Representatives in the House.

That the duties of that Office have been since performed without fee or stipulated salary of One Hundred Pounds Sterling per annum.

That the departure of the Lieutenant-Governor before the expiration of the first half-year, and the sudden prorogation of the Legislature at the ensuing Session without provision being made for the payment of the salary of Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, induces Your Memorialist respectfully to submit to Your Excellency that two years' salary is now due, and to pray for such relief as Your Excellency may deem fit.

And Your Memorialist, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) SAMUEL P. JARVIS, Clerk C. Chancery.

York, 12th March, 1819.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the messages received this day from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee of Supply. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hatt again took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Assessment Bill, Mr. Nellis took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves that the Petition of Samuel Street, Esquire, of William Fish, of the Inhabitants of the Town of Niagara, and of the

Inhabitants of the Township of Louth, be now read. Which was carried, and the Petitions read as follows:

To the Honorable the House of Assembly and the Honorable the Legislative Council in Legislature assembled.

The Petition of Samuel Street, of Stamford, in the District of Niagara, Esquire,

Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioner, in the year 1816, built and erected a framed bridge over the Chippewa Creek, on the main road leading from the Town of Niagara to Fort Erie, and the Upper part of the District. That this bridge has been useful and accommodating all travellers and others, as must be known to many of Your Honorable Members. Your Petitioner, at the time when the District could not afford it (having then to build a new Gaol and Court House, which has left the District largely in debt) although the utility and absolute necessity for such a bridge was well known, the former bridge built by the public being destroyed during the war, and the moneys appropriated by Your Honorable House for improving the Highways in this District from Niagara to Fort Erie only providing for the Road to Chippewa, and from Chippewa to Fort Erie, leaving the Creek, a large stream, between the divisions unprovided for—undertook and advanced what was necessary in completion of a work without which the public was at a serious loss. Your Petitioner having some time since sent to the Legislature an Account and Fair Statement of the disbursements, which is now in the Office of the Honorable the House of Assembly:

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly prays that his case may be taken into consideration, and that the Honorable the House of Assembly may be pleased to inspect his accounts and allow such fair and equitable allowances as to Your Honorable House may appear meet,

And Your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

SAMUEL STREET.

Stamford, June 10th, 1819.

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Humble Petition of William Fish, Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioner hath been confined a prisoner for debt twelve months in the Gaol of Niagara, and that Your Petitioner has done everything in his power to satisfy his creditors, as will appear by his circular letter, as well as a schedule which was presented to that part of his creditors that met according to his wish in the circular letter. But Your Petitioner still remains without any answer from his creditors, and as the property of Your Petitioner has since been sold for a trifling sum (at Sheriff's sale in the Home and Niagara Districts) not adequate to discharge his debts, it has still put it more out of his power to satisfy his creditors, particularly while Your Petitioner remains confined within the walls of a prison, to the great damage of such of his creditors as feel disposed to grant him time to retrieve his circumstances to enable him to discharge his debts, which has ever been his rule of principle, and is still the same.

Therefore Your Petitioner most humbly solicits that Your Honorable Body now assembled, will take his case into your serious consideration, that there is not at present any Insolvent Law in force in this Province of His Majesty, that will liberate Insolvent Debtors from Prison, short of their debts being paid. Therefore Your Petitioner humbly prayeth that Your Honorable Body will take it into

their serious consideration, and pass a law to relieve, under certain circumstances, Insolvent Debtors from Prison.

Your Petitioner further prays that Your Honorable Body assembled will take into consideration the hardships under which Insolvent Debtors are at present placed; left to pine away in prison without the least prospect of ever being able to render service to their country, the public, their creditors, or family.

And Your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

WILLIAM FISH.

Dated at Niagara Gaol, this third day of June, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen.

To the Honorable the House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The Petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Town of Niagara, Humbly Pray: That the growing state of this Town may be taken into consideration, and that a law may be passed to enable the Magistrates of the said Town and its vicinity to establish and regulate a market in and for the said Town of Niagara, and to fix and regulate the assize of bread, and to establish a Police in the said Town of Niagara.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray.

(Signed by) JOHN SYMINGTON and seventeen others.

To the Honorable the Members of the Commons House of Assembly in Parliament.

The Petition of the undersigned, Inhabitants of the Township of Louth and other parts of the Niagara District, Most Respectfully Sheweth: That the bridge across the Twenty Mile Creek in the said Township of Louth, on the main road leading from the Home District, District of Gore and London District is in a very ruinous state, so much so that His Majesty's subjects are in danger of their lives by crossing the same, and, from the great length of the bridge, (say eighty yards) the Statute labour performed on that part of the road is not equal to building a new one—pray that you will be pleased to grant a sum for the purpose of building a good, substantial framed bridge across the said creek.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray.

(Signed by) JAMES O. CONNOLLY and forty-five others.

Louth, 29th May, 1819.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves that the Petition of William Fish be referred to a Select Committee, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise, and that the said Committee be Messrs. Jones, Durand, and Hatt. Which was ordered.

Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Kingston. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Samuel S. Willmot. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to remunerate John Beikie for certain services.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Town of York, in the Home District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, 22nd June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Devisee Bill. Mr. Hatt took the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the Land Commission Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was carried.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor a message, which delivered, and being withdrawn the Speaker read the same as follows:

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Perth and the new settlement in the County of Leeds, and at the same time submits the propriety of providing for a distinct representation of the contemplated University when organized, in conformity to the established practice in the Mother Country.

June 22nd, 1819.

P. M.

(Copy)

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding the Forces therein, &c.

The Humble Petition of the Magistrates, Half-Pay Officers and other Inhabitants of the Perth Settlement, County of Carleton, District of Johnstown, Upper Canada:

Your Petitioners beg leave to state that the population of this County already exceeds five thousand souls, and is daily increasing.

That the Settlement suffers many great disadvantages, from its not being represented in the Commons House of Assembly.

That in a few months a large proportion of the Settlers will have received the title deeds for their lands, which, making them eligible to vote, we Humbly pray Your Excellency will take them into your consideration, so that they may be permitted to return a Member or Members to the House of Commons at the first General Election for the Province.

Your Petitioners further pray that should the Settlers not have received their deeds prior to the next General Election Your Excellency will be pleased to recommend such measures as would qualify those to vote who have resided three years on their land and received their location ticket from the Settling Department.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray.

(Signed) WILLIAM MARSHALL, J.P., and forty-eight others.

Perth, 1st June, 1819.

(True Copy) GEORGE HILLIER, P. Secy.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of representation. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Assessment Bill. Mr. Nellis in the Chair. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message, which having delivered he withdrew, and the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject matter of a Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same."

The Legislative Council have appointed a Committee of two of its Members, who will be ready to meet the Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose, in the Legislative Council Chamber, at the rising of this House this day.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

22nd June, 1819.

Mr. Nellis then again took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported the Bill as amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Assessment Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs, Van Koughnet, Nichol, Durand and Burnham be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of the District School Bill. Which was ordered.

The Devisee Bill was then read the third time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Land Commission Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to revive and continue an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's reign, intituled an Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to afford relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs or Devises of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands, and further to extend the benefits of the said Act, and to continue part of the same, and to ascertain the title to lands derived from the original Nominee or Nominees of the Crown where no patent hath issued for such lands." Which was carried and the Bill signed.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that Messrs. Jones and Nellis be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to revive and continue an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to afford relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs or Devises of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands, and further to extend the benefits of the said Act, and to continue part of the same; and to ascertain the titles of lands derived from the original Nominee or Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill.

to remunerate John Beikie, Esquire, for certain services. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved that the Bill to remunerate John Beikie, Esq., be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that Messrs. Hatt and Fraser be a Committee to acquaint the Hon. the Legislative Council that this House has appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee of that Honorable House on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the forty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to establish District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same," at the rising of that House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill for remunerating John Beikie, Esq. Which was ordered, and Mr. Durand took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Durand reported the Bill without amendment. Ordered that the Report be received, nem. con.

Present: Messrs, Fraser, McNabb, Cotter, Casey, Van Koughnet, 5; Robinson, Durand, Hatt, Nichol, Burnham 10; Cameron, Jones, and Nellis, 13.

Mr. Jones, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to revive and continue an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to afford relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs or Devisees of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands, and further to extend the benefits of the said Act and to continue part of the same; and to ascertain the titles to lands derived from the original Nominee or Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands," and request their concurrence thereto, reported that they had done so.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to take up to the Honorable the Legislative Council a message acquainting them that this House had appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee of that House on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same," reported they had done so.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to authorize the Inquiry and Trial of Crimes and Offences committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof."

In amendment, Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that after the word "Bill" in Mr. Nichol's motion, "this day three months" be inserted. Which was lost.

The original question was then put and carried, and the Bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Bill to amend the Criminal Jurisdiction Act be read a second time to-morrow.

In amendment to which, Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the words "to-morrow" in Mr. Nichol's motion be expunged, and "this day three months" inserted. Which was lost.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Casey, Clench, Van Koughnet, Durand, Hatt, Nichol, McNabb.

Nays: Messrs. Cotter, Jones, Robinson, Cameron, Burnham, Nellis.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of one, and ordered.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and repeal an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to establish a Market in the Town of Niagara," and that the same be now read for the first time. Which was carried, and the Bill read.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves for leave to bring in a Bill for the Niagara Market be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Police in the Town of Niagara, and that the same be now read the first time. Which was carried, and the Bill read.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that the Niagara Police Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to appropriate a certain sum of money for the purposes therein named, founded on the Petition of Samuel Street, Esquire, and the Inhabitants of the Township of Louth, and that the same be now read for the first time. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that the Bill for appropriating a certain sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to report on expiring laws, reported as follows: Your Committee, appointed to report what laws have expired, or are about to expire, have diligently examined the same, and report as follows, viz.:

55. Geo. III., cap. 5, intituled "An Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to repeal the several Acts now in force in this Province relative to Assessments and Rates, and also to particularize the property, real and personal, which, during the continuance thereof, shall be subject to Rates and Assessments; and fixing the valuations at which each and every particular of such property shall be rated and assessed, and to make further provision for the same," will expire at the end of the Session next after the first day of March, 1820.

56, Geo. III., cap. 4, intituled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to provide for the appointment of Returning Officers of the several Counties within this Province," will expire on the 22nd day of March, 1820.

56, Geo. III., cap. 8, intituled "An Act for making further and more ample provision for the Adjutant-General of the Militia of this Province," will expire on the 22nd day of March, 1820.

56, Geo. III., cap. 8, intituled "An Act to revive and continue an Act passed in the forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, to appoint one or more additional Port or Ports, Place or Places of Entry within this Province, and to appoint one or more Collectors at the same, respectively," will expire on the 22nd day of March, 1820.

Ditto, cap. 11, intituled "An Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to prevent damage to travellers on the Highways in this Province," will expire at the end of the session next after the twenty-second day of March, 1820.

Ditto, cap. 18, intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to alter and amend the laws now in force for granting Pensions to persons disabled in the Service, and the Widows and Children of persons who may have been killed in the Service, and to extend the provisions of the same," will expire at the end of the Session next after the twenty-second day of March, 1820.

56, Geo. III., cap. 22, intituled "An Act to revive and continue an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to amend and continue an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to afford relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs or Devisees of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands, and further to extend the benefits of the said Act, and to continue part of the same," will expire at the end of the Session after the First day of April, 1820.

56, Geo. III., cap. 23, intituled "An Act to increase the salaries of certain Officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly," will expire on the first of April, 1820.

Ditto, cap. 38, intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the regulation of said Common Schools," will expire on the first day of April, 1820.

59, Geo. III., cap. 1, intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade, by land and inland navigation, between this Province and the United States of America," will expire at the end of the present Session.

P. ROBINSON, Chairman of the Committee on Expiring Laws.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the District of Niagara be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Parliament assembled.

The Memorial of the undersigned, Inhabitants of the District of Niagara, Respectfully Sheweth: That Your Memorialists labour under extreme inconvenience from being by their local situation compelled to travel fifty-six miles to attend as Jurors or Witnesses, whichever is the case, whenever they have, as at present, to attend the Court of the District of Niagara.

Your Memorialists thereby humbly pray Your Honorable House that you will be pleased to pass such an Act as will attach us, Your Memorialists, to the District of Gore, by making the division line between the said two Districts to run a true, direct course, corresponding to the course now run between the Townships of Grimsby and Saltfleet; and so to intersect the most southern extremity of the Grand River territory, and which will give unto Your Memorialists not more than sixteen miles distance to travel, whereas they now have to travel the aforesaid distance of fifty-six miles to attend all Courts and other public business necessary to be attended to in all other Districts of this Province.

And Your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) JOSEPH YOUNG and sixteen others.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on Friday next, move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, to consider a Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Friday next, move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of petitioning His Royal Highness the Prince Regent on the subject of lands granted to the sons and daughters of U. E. Loyalists.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, 23rd June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. On the order of the day for the third reading of the Assessment Bill being called:

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Assessment Bill be now re-committed. Which was carried, and Mr. Nellis took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Assessment Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of representation, Mr. Crysler took the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Crysler reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the Resolution adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient and proper to provide for the representation of the Commons of the County of Carleton in the House of Assembly by law; and also for the distinct representation of the contemplated University of this Province when the same shall be organized, in conformity to the established practice in the Mother Country.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Representation Bill. Mr. Jones took the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to confer with the Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same," presented a Report which was received and read as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force, passed in the forty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to establish Public Schools in each and every District of this Province, and to extend the Provisions of the same," having met the Committee of that House in the Legislative Council Chamber, the following amendments in and to the said Bill were proposed by the Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, which, as they did not, in the opinion of Your Committee, apply to the money clauses of the Bill, Your Committee agreed to recommend the same for the adoption of this House.

Form of Certificate.

At a Public Meeting of the Trustees of the District School, upon due notice for that purpose, a majority of the said Trustees being present, &c.:

After the word "kept" in the tenth clause, expunge "at such place as the Trustees, or the majority of them, shall appoint," and insert "the Town of Hamilton in the District of Gore." After the word "that" in the third line, fifth press, expunge the remainder of the clause, and insert, "to every teacher hereafter to be appointed there shall be only fifty pounds paid, unless the average number of scholars exceeds ten."

P. VAN KOUGHNET, Chairman.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Niagara Market Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves that this Honorable House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Niagara Market Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Hatt took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported the Bill without amendment. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves that the Niagara Market Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Deming and others, delivered a report, which was read as follows:

Your Committee, to whom it was referred to examine into and report upon the Petitions of Henry Deming, Silas Smith, and Abner Chapin,

Respectfully submit that it is in their opinion some Legislative provision should be made to afford relief in cases of the former description, and that the latter Petition is of a character that cannot be entertained by Your Honorable House without opening a door to innumerable similar applications of very doubtful merit.

Your Committee further beg leave to report that in conformity with the above they have drafted a Bill which they are now ready to offer for the approbation of Your Honorable House.

JAMES DURAND, Chairman.

Ordered that the Report be received, and the Report was read for the first time.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Bill for amending the Forfeiture Act be read a second time to-day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the House do, to-morrow, go into Committee upon the Bill for amending the forfeiture Act. Which was ordered.

The Assessment Bill was then read the third time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved that the Assessment Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal the several laws now in force relative to raising, levying and collecting Rates and Assessments in this Province, and further to provide for the more equal and general assessment of lands and other ratable property throughout this Province." Which was carried nem. con. and the Bill signed.

Present: Messrs. Fraser, Casey, Swayze, Cotter, Clench, 5; Jones, McNabb, Robinson, Burnham, Durand, 10; Van Koughnet, Hatt, Nichol, Nellis, McMartin, 15; Cameron, Crysler, 17.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the following proviso be adopted as a Rider to the Bill: "Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that none of the provisions of the fifteenth clause of this Act shall ex-

tend, or be construed to extend, to affect the property of infants under twenty-one years, or of idiots, or of any married woman, such infant, idiot, or married woman having become possessed of land by grant from the Crown, or by inheritance, anything to the contrary thereof notwithstanding."

In amendment, Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that after the word "moves" the whole of Mr. Nichol's motion be expunged, and that Messrs. Robinson and Van Koughnet be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal the several laws now in force relative to raising, levying and collecting rates and assessments in this Province, and further to provide for the more equal and general assessment of lands and other ratable property throughout this Province," and request their concurrence thereto be inserted.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Fraser, Swayze, Jones, Robinson, Burnham, Van Koughnet, Nellis, McMartin, Crysler, Casey.

Nays: Messrs. McNabb, Cotter, Clench, Durand, Hatt, Nichol, Cameron.

The amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three, and ordered accordingly.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal the several laws now in force relative to raising, levying and collecting Rates and Assessments in this Province, and further to provide for the more equal and general assessment of lands and other rateable property throughout this Province," reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Jurisdiction Amendment Bill was read the second time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the amendment to the Criminal Jurisdiction Bill.

In amendment, Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now go into Committee on the Amendment to the Jurisdiction Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Clench took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Clench reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this day three months. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Report be not received. Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Clench, Swayze, Casey, McNabb, Durand, Hatt, Nichol, Van Koughnet.

Nays: Messrs. Fraser, Cotter, McMartin, Robinson, Burnham, Nellis, Jones, Cameron, Crysler.

It was carried in the negative by a majority of one, and the Report was received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the President, Vice-President, and Members of the Kingston Benevolent Society, and also the Petition of the Magistrates, Half-Pay Officers and others, Inhabitants of the County of Carleton. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill respecting Arrests in Civil Suits. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves that the Civil Arrest Bill be read a second time on Friday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves that the Petition of the Inhabitants of Ameliasburgh be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Ameliasburgh,

Humbly Sheweth: That the extent of the said Township of Ameliasburgh is such as to render it inconvenient to transact the Public Business Concerns of said Township.

Wherefore Your Petitioners pray that a division of the said Township may be made, commencing at or near the Consecon Mills, thence on a northerly course until it intersects the township line between Ameliasburgh and Sophiasburgh, the same having been advertised several months previous to this application.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) JAMES YOUNG, J.P., and 37 others.

Ameliasburgh, 4th June, 1819.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to divide the Township of Ameliasburgh in the County of Prince Edward, Midland District, into two divisions, and that the Bill be now read. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves that the Bill to divide the Township of Ameliasburgh be read a second time on Saturday next. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 24th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Niagara Market Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Niagara Market Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to amend and repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act to establish a Market in the Town of Niagara in the Niagara District.'" Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. Clench and Nellis be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to amend and repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to establish a Market in the Town of Niagara in the Niagara District," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that Messrs Van Koughnet and Cameron be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House has received the Report of their Committee of Conference on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same." Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Bank Bill. Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bank Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council a message acquainting them that this House had concurred in the

Report of their Committee of Conference on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same," reported that they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Road Bill. Mr. McMartin took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Niagara Police Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill for establishing a Police, &c., in the Town of Niagara. Which was carried, and Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported the Bill. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves that the Bill for establishing a Police in the Town of Niagara be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Bill to regulate the Trade between this Province and the United States of America be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Archibald and Robert Fraser, of the Township of Charlottenburgh, in the County of Glengarry, in the Eastern District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

The House then adjourned.

Friday 25th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bank Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Bank Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada. Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Swayze, Secord, Burnham, Clench, Robinson, Hatt, Nichol, Jones, Nellis.

Nays: Messrs. Cotter, Cameron, Casey, Van Koughnet, Fraser, McNabb.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three, and the Bill was signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that Messrs. Jones and Hatt be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Niagara Police Bill was read the third time. Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Niagara Police Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to establish a Police in the Town of Niagara, in the District of Niagara; and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that Messrs. Nellis and Secord be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to establish a Police in the Town of Niagara, in the District of Niagara, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Joel Stone, Esq., with the accompanying documents. Which was granted, and the Petition brought up. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that the Sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the Petition of Joel Stone, Esq., and that the said Petition be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The Petition of Joel Stone, Esquire, Colonel Commanding the 2nd Regt. Leeds Militia,

Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioner was Colonel commanding the said Regiment at the commencement of the late war, in June, 1812; that on the 2nd of July the Flank Companies thereof were called out on duty under Your Petitioner's Command; That many officers were from time to time employed sitting on Courts Martial trying delinquents, and many Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates were on duty guarding, escorting, and bringing in the said delinquents; that considerable sums of money were levied as fines upon them by sentences of Court Martial, and collected into Your Petitioner's hands. That during the early part of the war the delays and difficulties in obtaining pay for the Militia were great, owing partly to a want of knowing how to proceed on the part of the Regimental Officers, and partly to a want of funds in the Public Departments. That Your Petitioner, finding it impossible to proceed in the maintenance of that good order and military discipline at that crisis so important, without funds to pay the faithful and zealous in the performance of their duty, he did not hesitate to pay them from the fines above mentioned from time to time, as the circumstances of the service appeared to Your Petitioner to require.

That he regularly reported to the Adjutant-General of Militia for the information of the General Officer administering the Government for the time being his having so appropriated these moneys, as may appear by writings in the hands of Your Petitioner, and as he was never ordered to discontinue the payment he considered himself authorized to proceed, which he did until the end of the war, when he made up his accounts and transmitted them with the balance to the Receiver-General. That Your Petitioner received from the Adjutant-General of Militia a letter dated the 15th November last, conveying His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's commands that Your Petitioner should immediately pay over to the Receiver-General the sum of Four Hundred and Twelve Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Ninepence, on account of Militia Fines, stated by report of Your Honorable House to be remaining in his hands.

That the accompanying documents will show that the moneys received by him for Militia Fines have been expended in His Majesty's Service, and that no part thereof remains in his hands.

Your Petitioner has not hitherto received either pay or allowances for his services during the late war, and has expended in that period upwards of Thirteen Hundred Pounds of his own property. He has cheerfully devoted his time and his

property to the service of his Country, and, if he has erred, it has been from an eager desire to promote His Majesty's Service, and to contribute by every possible means then in his power to the preservation of the Province.

Wherefore Your Petitioner humbly prays that your Honorable House may be pleased to take his case into your consideration with this Petition and its accompanying documents; and Your Petitioner humbly hopes that you will upon a full view of his conduct confirm what he has done in the appropriation of the said sum of money, or to order such other measures to be adopted with respect to Your Petitioner as Your Honorable House may deem expedient.

And, as in duty bound, Your Petitioner will ever pray.

JOEL STONE, Col. Com. 2nd Regt. Leeds Mil.

York, 24th June, 1819.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that the Petition of Joel Stone, Esq., with the accompanying documents, be referred to a Select Committee, with leave to report thereon by Bill or otherwise, and that Messrs. Nichol, Robinson, and Fraser compose the same, with power to send for persons and papers. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, of the Select Committee on Public Accounts, reported that the Committee had agreed to a Report, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and it was read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the investigation of the Public Provincial Accounts, transmitted to the House of Assembly by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor during the present Session, respectfully report:

That having examined the same with the utmost attention, they find them to consist of:

1st. An Acct. of net Revenue arising from duties imposed on Licenses to Shop and Inn keepers, Distillers and Wholesale Dealers, between 5th July, 1818, and 5th January, 1819, amtg. to	£455	15	0	
2nd. Idem of net Revenue from the same sources as far as they have been reported by the Inspector, between 5th Jan. and 7th June, 1819	3,164	16	1½	
				£3,620 11 1½
3rd. Idem of net Rev. arising from Licenses to Hawkers, Pedlars and Petty Chapmen between the 12th Octr, 1818, and 7th June, 1819.....	£38	0	0	
4th. Idem of net Rev. from Licenses issued to Auctioneers and from duties on goods sold at Auction	93	14	3	
5th. Idem of Lighthouse and Tonnage duty.....	231	16	5	
No. 6 is an account of net produce of duties on merchandise imported from the United States, as far as the same had been reported, between the 30th Sept. and 7th June, 1819.....	828	3	4¾	
				1,191 14 0¾
7th. Idem of penalties paid into the Receiver General's hands.....		122	9	11½
8th. Idem of outstanding balances in the hands of sundry Public Accountants		3,155	4	5½

9th. Idems of moneys paid by the Receiver General of the Province in discharge of Warrants issued by His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieut. Govr. of the Province, out of the funds arising from duties imposed by the Provincial Legislature, between the 12th October, 1818, and the 7th June, 1819.....	19,482	6	7½
10. Schedule of payments made to the Receiver General by Inspectors, Collectors, &c., on account of Provincial duties, from the 1st Jan'y to the 7th June, 1819	3,140	18	6½
No. 11. General Account of receipts and payments by the Receiver General, between the 1st of July, 1818, and 7th June, 1819. Balance due him by the Province	859	14	6¼
No. 12. Abstract account of payments made out of the appropriation for the year 1817 of the sum of £10,281 Sterling, equal to £11,423 6s. 8d. currency, towards defraying the Civil expenditure of the Province.			
No. 13. Idem of the appropriation for 1818.			
No. 14. Schedule of appropriations under various Statutes chargeable against the Revenue for the year 1819.			
In addition to the above accts. the Committee have since received from the Receiver General, who had been written to on the subject, a statement, showing the amount of Revenue accrued to the Province on importations from Lower Canada, for the year ending 31st December, under 14, Geo. III., £2,760 9s. 7d.; Provincial Stat., £12,586 19s. 9½d.	15,347	9	4½
In examining the Accounts No. 1 and 2, adding thereto the balances stated to be outstanding in these branches in July last, and deducting therefrom the payments stated to have been made by Inspectors of Districts to the Receiver General, and comparing the result with the balances stated to be outstanding on the 7th inst., an obvious difference appeared. On writing, however, to the Inspector General on the subject, the matter was satisfactorily explained, having arisen from an erroneous report of the balance stated to be due by Neil McLean, Esq., Inspector of Licenses for the Eastern District. The balances on this head outstanding on the 7th inst. amounted as per Statement "A" annexed to	£1,502	19	8¼
The same remarks apply to the accounts 3, 4, 5 and 6, and other similar explanations have been received, by which it appears by statement B annexed, that the amount outstanding on those branches of Revenue amounted on the 7th June to	1,508	13	6¼
From the Account No. 8 it will appear that notwithstanding the severe animadversions of Your Honorable House on the delinquency of several Public Accountants in retaining large balances in their hands, to the great detriment of the Public service, the evil has not very materially decreased. Your Committee are, however, sensible that great attention has already been given to this subject by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and have no doubt that such measures will be pursued by His Excellency's directions as will effectually check so pernicious a custom.			
9. On examining this account the amount of Warrants paid appears to be correctly stated, and the authorities strictly conformable to law.			
10. The sums paid in by several Public Accountants, as stated in this account, appear to have been regularly and correctly entered in the General Account of debt and credits.			

11. In this account, which is a general statement of the receipts and payments at the Provincial Treasury, between the 1st July, 1818, and 7th June, 1819, the Receiver General has charged himself with the sum of £5,397 13s. 6d., being on account of arrears due from Lower Canada to this Province, and which have been due since 1814.

Your Committee in noticing this have to observe that there is reason to apprehend that this sum is but a small proportion of the fair claims of this Province on Lower Canada, and they hope that the representations of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the favorable disposition of His Grace the Governor in Chief towards a fair and equal adjustment of all matters connected with the Revenue and intercourse of the two Provinces, will produce an early and final settlement of the matter in dispute. By the general account it appears that the Receiver General was in advance to the Province on the 7th instant to the amount of

£859 14 6¼

12 and 13 show the sums unexpended of the appropriations for the Civil Expenditure in 1817 and 1818, on both of which years the amount expended appears to have been much under the estimate.

14 on the Schedule of appropriations under various statutes, and chargeable for the year 1819, amounts

£34,546 13 5

It is necessary to observe that there appears to be an omission of Two Thousand Pounds, appropriated during the last Session, for obtaining a survey of the River St. Lawrence, and estimates for the improvement of navigation. This will increase the authorized demands on the Provincial Treasury for the year 1819 to £36,586 13s. 5d., or say in round numbers.....

£36,600 0 0

To meet these demands the actual funds from every source, ascertained and contingent, cannot be safely estimated at more than.

£20,000 0 0

And arises from the following sources. Balance of Provincial Revenue arising from duties on imports from Lower Canada...

£7,586 19 9½

Balance in the hands of several Public Accountants

3,155 4 5½

Estimated produce of duties on Licenses not reported.....

500 0 0

Do. of duties on importations from the U. S. and on Lighthouse and Tonnage

2,757 15 9

Estimated growing produce of duties to be received from Lower Canada under the Provincial Agreement expiring 30th inst....

6,000 0 0

£20,000 0 0

Leaving a deficiency to be provided for of

16,600 0 0

It is, however, to be observed, that of the above deficiency the sum for the survey of the River St. Lawrence may not be called for, and with a view of relieving the Provincial Revenue from the present pressure, it might be desirable to address His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to suspend the operation of the Bill until the funds are provided to meet the expense.

From the statement just exhibited by Your Committee, Your Honorable House will perceive that the greatest part of the remittances from Lower Canada on account of Revenue for 1818 has been absorbed in paying the services authorized during that period, and that with the exception of the balance remaining from that source the services of the current year must be satisfied from the growing produce of its revenues. On this subject, however, Your Committee regret that they cannot indulge in any favorable anticipations. The arrangement with our

Sister Province expires on the 30th instant, and it is not understood that any authority has been given by the Legislature of that Province to renew it.

Your Committee are aware that the laws of Lower Canada for imposing duties were enacted for a limited period, but no document was before them to show when the said laws would expire, should they be suffered to expire, which may happen, such an event would be attended with the most serious evil to this Province.

With heavy appropriations, and without sufficient funds to meet them, the Executive Government would be placed in a most embarrassing and degraded situation, from which they cannot be effectually relieved without the interposition of Your Honorable House. These difficulties will doubtless suggest the propriety of some legislative provision to meet every exigency of the service for the current year, as well as to place the Revenues of the Province on such a footing of permanency as will prevent a recurrence of the evil.

With respect to intercourse with our Sister Province, Your Committee are impressed with an opinion that no effectual arrangements can be made by any Provisional Agreement, and that it may possibly become necessary to apply under the Constitutional Charter for the interference of the Imperial Parliament; but as something is absolutely necessary to be done in the meantime to ensure the paying over part of the just demands of this Province, Your Committee recommend that an Address be presented by Your Honorable House to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to take such measures by having communication on the subject with the Governor in Chief, and by the appointment of Commissioners to treat with the Province of Lower Canada, as its importance requires.

In examining the estimate of sums requisite to carry on the current service of the year, Your Committee were forcibly struck with the very large sum required for the payment of Militia Pensions, and do not hesitate to state, for the information of Your Honorable House, their opinion that most shameful impositions have been practised in recommending individuals to be placed on the Pension List. This is a subject of such serious magnitude that Your Committee should feel that they had neglected their duty did they not recommend some measure by which the Provincial Treasury will be relieved from the heavy drain it would otherwise experience for that service.

Your Committee respectfully recommend that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to instruct the Pension Agent to withhold the arrears beyond the current year until such time as the subject has been investigated by Your Honorable House, and some efficient measures adopted for checking the frauds that there is too much reason to fear have been practised.

No account of outstanding balances of Militia Fines has been submitted to the inspection of Your Committee; but it appears by the schedule No. 10 that the sum of £145 19s. 5¼d. has been paid in on that account between 1st January and 7th inst; all of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, Com. Ho. Assy.

ROB. NICHOL, *Chairman.*

June 25th, 1819.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Report of the Select Committee on the P. P. Accounts be referred to a Committee of the Whole House, and that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the same. Which was carried, and Mr. Van Koughnet took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Civil Arrest Bill was read the second

time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves that the House do now go into Committee, to take into consideration the Civil Arrest Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that the Report be received this day three months. Which was lost, and the Report was received, and leave granted accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Road Bill, Mr. Secord in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Duty Bill was read the second time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Duty Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Nellis took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for proceeding to Outlawry in Civil Cases. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Civil Outlawry Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Representation Bill. Mr. Jones took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Wm. Crooks, James Crooks, and John Young. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to give to the Court of King's Bench Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves that the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Incorporated County of Lennox and Addington, and the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Kingston be now read. Which was ordered, and the Petitions read as follows:

To the Honorable Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Kingston, in the Midland District, Humbly Showeth: That Your Petitioners are Inhabitants of the Township of Kingston, many of whom have resided therein since the first settlement. That the Statute passed in the last Session of Parliament, for the establishment of permanent boundary lines of the different Townships of this Province, does not provide for the existing difficulty of the Lines in this Township. That the said Statute provides that in running a limit between any lots the Surveyor shall (to find the same) commence on that boundary from which the lots are numbered, and this Township is numbered from the westernmost side, and the boundary from which a number of settlers took their lots in this Township is a line run between lots numbers Seventeen and Eighteen and a forty-foot road laid out between the

said lots, from which said road a number of the Settlers took their land east and west, and settled on their respective lots accordingly, as will appear by the accompanying affidavits.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will be pleased to take into your consideration the provision of the said Statute, and make such amendments therein as to your wisdom shall seem meet.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

GEORGE O'KILL STUART, and Twenty-three others.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Undersigned, inhabitants of the Town of Kingston, in the Midland District,

Humbly Showeth: That the Population of the said Town of Kingston has, within a few years last past, increased very considerably, and continues to increase rapidly; and in like manner its commercial consequence has and does continue to advance.

That Your Petitioners are desirous of being represented in the Honorable House of Assembly, by a Member from the said Town, separately and distinctly from the general representation of the County of Frontenac.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray you would be pleased to pass an Act enabling the Inhabitants of the said Town of Kingston to return a Member to represent them in Your Honorable House, separate and distinct from the representation of the County of Frontenac; and Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Kingston, 1st June, 1819.

THOMAS MARKLAND, and twenty-two others.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of Brockville. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, establishing District Courts in this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that the District Court Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of York. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 26th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Forfeiture amendment Bill, Mr. Casey in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-day.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, a message, which he delivered to the Speaker, who, after Mr. Secretary Hillier withdrew, read the same as follows:

P. MATTLAND.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly copies of such reports as have been received from the Boards of Education in the several Districts, on the subject of Common Schools, since the last communication made to the House on that subject.

June 26th, 1819.

P. M.

The House went again into Committee on the Forfeiture Amendment Bill, Mr. Casey in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Forfeiture Amendment Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate Sundry Persons under the Style and Title of 'The President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada,'" and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Nellis, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to amend and repeal part of an Act, passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to establish a Market in the Town of Niagara in the Niagara District," and the Bill intituled "An Act for establishing a Police, in the Town of Niagara in the District of Niagara, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Road Bill, Mr. Fraser in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Fraser reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Road Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Duty Bill, Mr. Nellis in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Ameliasburgh Bill was read the second time. Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves that this House do, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill for dividing the Township of Ameliasburgh into Two Townships. Which was ordered.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same," sent up from this House, which they have passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

The Messenger having withdrawn, the amendments were read the first time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same," be now read for a second time. Which was carried, and the amendments read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the amend-

ments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same." Which was carried, and Mr. Jones took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported the amendments. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same," be now read for the third time. Which was carried, and the amendments were read for the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that Messrs. Fraser and Cotter be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have adopted the amendments made by that House to the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same." Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Civil Outlawry Bill was read the second time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the House do now go into Committee, to take into consideration the Outlawry Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. McMartin took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the order of the day respecting the Militia Bill be discharged. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves that so much of the order of the day as respects the Gaol and Court House Bill be discharged. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, of the Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House had adopted the amendments made by them in and to the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same," reported they had done so.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the Petition of Archibald and Robert Fraser of Charlottenburgh be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable Representatives of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Memorial of Archibald Fraser and Robert Fraser, of the Township of Charlottenburgh, in the Eastern District, Yeoman,

Humbly Showeth: That Your Memorialists have erected at a very considerable expense a Mill, for the manufacturing of both Hemp and Flax, in the said Township of Charlottenburgh, and which has been in operation for the space of nine months past, and has given general satisfaction to those persons who have brought either Hemp or Flax to be dressed at the said Mill.

Your Memorialists do flatter themselves that as they have made the first improvement in this way in the Province Your Honorable House will take the same into consideration, and, if consistent, allow them a pecuniary sum of money by way of a premium or reward, as an encouragement for their future operations.

And, as in duty bound, Your Memorialists will ever pray.

Charlottenburgh,
June 14th, 1819.

ARCHIBALD FRASER,
ROBERT FRASER.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Petition of the Kingston Benevolent Society be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the President, Vice-President, and Members of the Kingston Benevolent Society,

Humbly Showeth: That your Petitioners, in September, 1816, entered into an Association, and formed themselves into a Society for the mutual relief and maintenance in old age, sickness or infirmity, and for the relief of Widows and Children of deceased Members of the Society, and for the better effecting the above objects. Your Petitioners at the same time framed certain Rules and Regulations, for the guidance of the members, and have from time to time made such additions thereto as were thought necessary. These Rules and Regulations, a copy of which is herewith sent, the Members hold themselves bound by.

Your Petitioners, having experienced the benefits arising from the operation of the said Association, and conceiving that further good effects will arise from the incorporation of the same, therefore pray that Your Honorable House would be pleased to pass an Act to incorporate them under the name of the Kingston benevolent Society, according to the Rules and Regulations of the said Society, with such improvements and alterations and under such restrictions as the Honorable House in its great wisdom shall see meet for the attainment of the means proposed.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Kingston, June 10th, 1819.

JAMES MEAGHER, President, JOHN GOODALL, V. P., ROBT. JOHNSTON, Secy., JACOB NAYLOR, Treas., and 14 others.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for leave to bring in a Bill intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to repeal an Ordinance of the Province of Quebec, passed in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Ordinance concerning Land Surveyors and the admeasurement of lands, and also to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an "Act to ascertain and establish on a permanent footing the Boundaries of the different Townships of this Province, and further to regulate the manner in which lands are hereafter to be surveyed." Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Boundary Line Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Petition of Archibald and Robert Fraser, of Charlottenburgh, be submitted to a Select Committee of four Members, and that Messrs. Jones, Crysler, Cameron and Fraser be a Committee, and to report on the same by Bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the Petition of Sundry inhabitants of the Town of York be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Legislative Council and House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Undersigned, Inhabitants of the Town of York, in the Home District,

Respectfully Showeth: That the morals and habits of the people in the Town aforesaid are exposed to much injury from the temptations of debauchery and vice held out by the number of houses open for the avowed purpose of selling beer and cider.

That besides defrauding the Licensed Publican of the profits of his calling by the sale of spirituous liquors in a secret and covert manner, such houses are strongly suspected of being often receptacles of stolen goods, and are notoriously (and to the great disturbance of their peaceable neighbors) the frequent scenes of midnight intoxication and riot.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that an Act may be passed authorizing the Justices in Quarter Sessions to exact a small sum for a License to keep such houses, and to take from the keepers of the same recognizances with sureties to abide by such regulations as may be made regarding them in the same manner as taverns are required to do, by the Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed by GRANT POWELL, and thirty-one others.

York, 19th June, 1819.

Mr. VanKoughnet gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Bank in the Town of Kingston.

The House then adjourned.

Monday, 28th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of Saturday were read.

The Speaker read to the House several letters and Documents from William Halton, Esquire, Provincial Agent. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the documents first read by the Honorable Speaker, as received by him from the Provincial Agent, be on the Journals. Which was ordered.

Ibbotson's Hotel, Vere Street,

Cavendish Square,

London, 10th April, 1819.

Sir: I beg to lay before you a correspondence which has taken place between Henry Goulbourne, Esquire, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and myself, respecting the claims for losses during the late war with the United States, consisting of,

1st, My letter to Henry Goulbourne, Esquire, 25th August, 1818.

2nd, His answer to me, 15th January, 1819.

3rd, My reply to him, 28th January, 1819.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Your Honor's most obedient humble servant,

WM. HALTON, Provincial Agent.

HIS HONOR ALLAN McLEAN,

Speaker of the House of Assembly, etc.

(Copy)

Ibbotson's Hotel, Vere Street,
Cavendish Square,
25th August, 1818.

Sir: Indisposition prevents my having the honor of waiting upon you to-day according to your appointment.

My object was to state to you, for the information of Earl Bathurst, that I have for some time past and also very recently received letters from several of the most respectable inhabitants of Upper Canada, who assisted in defending that Province during the late war, requesting to know whether His Royal Highness, the Prince Regent's Government, have any intentions of affording them relief for their losses, sustained during that conflict, in which many were nearly ruined.

Permit me, Sir, to call to your recollection that by command of His Royal Highness, the Prince Regent, Commissioners assembled at York in Upper Canada, in January, 1816, to investigate the amount of losses sustained by His Majesty's subjects in consequence of the war and the invasion of the Province by the enemy, and to this Commission persons from various parts of that widely extended country presented themselves (in many cases at great expense and inconvenience) to specify and substantiate their respective losses.

When this Board was announced to the Province as constituted by the authority of Government, a general expectation prevailed that remuneration would be extended within a reasonable period; but the Board made its Report in July, 1816, and the sufferers have received no relief whatever; which I beg to assure you has caused a great dissatisfaction throughout the Province.

I shall not trouble you now with any remarks upon the several classes of claims which come under the cognizance of the Board. I must, however, solicit your notice to one which appears more particularly to demand the justice of Government, estimated by the Commissioners at £5,906, 16, 4 sterling, for supplies furnished to and labor performed for the Military Departments.

I am aware of the order given respecting the sale of the forfeited estates, but years may elapse before proper purchasers can be found; and were they actually found, several persons long resident in Upper Canada, and, as I believe, very capable of forming the estimate, have represented to me that they will not probably produce one-sixth part of the amount of the losses stated to have been sustained; for by a Provincial Statute the estates are subject to the debts of the proprietors who fled the country; and various heavy charges must accrue for Commissioners, Sheriffs and others, to prevent fraud and superintend the sales.

There is one local circumstance I must submit to you, which is mentioned in several of my letters from Upper Canada, and which cannot fail to operate on the minds of the inhabitants of that Province, that those subjects of the United States who sustained losses during the war, whose houses are in several parts within view of the Upper Canadians, and with whom they have continual intercourse, have long ago received remuneration from their Government.

In a former conversation on this subject you informed me of an intention on the part of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Ministers to apply to Parliament in behalf of the Canadian Settlers, and I beg to know whether I may signify to them the hope of that relief, or any other beyond the one that has been proposed.

I have the honor to be,

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant,

WM. HALTON,
Prov. Agent for Upper Canada.

HENRY GOULBOURN, Esq., Etc.

(Copy)

Downing Street, 15th Jany., 1819.

Sir: Lord Bathurst having referred to the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury your letter relative to the claims of the Inhabitants of Upper Canada, who suffered during the late war with the United States, and more particularly with regard to the sum of £5,906, 16, 4, represented to be due for supplies furnished and labor performed for the Military Departments, and their Lordships having called upon Commissary General Sir William Robinson for information on the subject, he has stated that he is unable to afford any explanation whatever; as previous to his leaving Canada all claims were called for by public advertisement, and every claim which could be regularly substantiated was discharged. I have, therefore, to request that you will furnish me with such further information with regard to this claim as the case appears to require.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

HENRY GOULBOURN.

To WM. HALTON, Esq.

(Copy)

Ibbotson's Hotel,

28th January, 1819.

Sir: In reply to your letter to me of the 15th inst., I beg to refer you, for the Earl Bathurst's information, to the detailed report of the Commissioners, who assembled at York, in Upper Canada, to investigate the claims for losses during the American War, transmitted to His Lordship from that place, in July, 1816, wherein will be found under the head of direct claims against the Military Departments, the further explanation His Lordship requires respecting the sum of £5,906, 16, 4, Sterling, so long due to the sufferers in Upper Canada, for supplies furnished to and labor performed for those branches of His Majesty's Service.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

WM. HALTON,

Provincial Agent for Upper Canada.

H'Y GOULBOURN, Esq., etc.:

Ibbotson's Hotel, Vere Street,

Cavendish Square, London,

5th April, 1819.

Sir: I have the honor of acquainting you that I have been informed, by order of Lord Bathurst, that a complete set of the Journals of the Legislature of Upper Canada has been prepared for the Province, in compliance with the Address communicated by Lieutenant-Governor Gore, and is now ready to be delivered to me on paying the charge incurred for copying the same, amounting to the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-four Pounds, Eleven Shillings.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your Honor's Most Obedient Humble Servant,

HIS HONOR, ALLAN MCLEAN,

WM. HALTON,

Speaker of the House of Assembly, etc.:

Provincial Agent.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Forfeiture Amendment Bill was read the third time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Bill to amend the Forfeiture Law do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to amend an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for vesting in

Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors, and also the Estates of persons declared Aliens, by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's Subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon." Which was carried, *nem. con.*, and the Bill signed.

Present: Messrs. Swayzé, Cotter, Casey, Van Koughnet, Cameron, Hatt, Fraser, Burnham, Durand, Hall, Jones, McMartin, Nellis, Nichol, Secord and Crysler, 16.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that Messrs. Robinson and Burnham be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to amend an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of certain persons declared Aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Report of the Select Committee on the Public Accounts, Mr. VanKoughnet in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. VanKoughnet reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that it be, Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the Committee on Public Accounts be authorized to report on all matters connected with the Revenue of this Province. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Bill was read the second time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnet, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Fraser took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Fraser reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the District Court Bill was read a second time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the House do, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the District Court Bill. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Outlawry Bill, Mr. McMartin in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Civil Arrest Bill, Mr. Cotter in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported progress and obtained leave to sit again this day three months.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Survey Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to amend an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled An Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors, and also the Estates of persons declared Aliens, by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their estates in His Majesty, and for

applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon," and the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for laying out, amending and keeping in repair the Public Highways and Roads in this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Haldimand. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table. Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the Sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the Petition of the Inhabitants of Haldimand, and that the Petition be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly, in Provincial Parliament Assembled.

The Petition of Landholders in the Township of Haldimand, in the County of Northumberland, in the District of Newcastle, and Province of Upper Canada,

Humbly Showeth: That Your Petitioners, having been long settled upon their lands, lying in front of the Base Line of the said Township, called Concession "A," and having settled along the Base Line, agreeably to the stakes in front of the First Concession, and the Concession Line between Concession "A" and Concession "B" having never been surveyed or run out whereby the south-east angles of our lots may be ascertained, and being perfectly content with our allotments agreeably to the original settlement, we pray that, to prevent any disputes or litigation that may hereafter arise from being bounded by the south-east angle (now unknown) Your Honorable House will establish the boundaries of our lots by those of the original Survey in front of the first Concession.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

HENRY RUTTAN, and 28 others.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the House go into Committee on the Survey Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Hall took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hall reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Road Bill was read the third time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves that the Road Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for laying out, amending and keeping in repair the Public Highways and Roads in this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Burnham be a committee, to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for laying out, amending and keeping in repair the Public Highways and Roads in this Province," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Representation Bill, Mr. Jones in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to divide the incorporated Counties of Lennox and Addington into two Counties, and define the limits of each. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr.

Fraser, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Lennox and Addington Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the appointment of Returning Officers of the several Counties within this Province. Which was granted and the Bill read. Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Bill to continue an Act to provide for the appointment of Returning Officers be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do on to-morrow go into Committee of the Whole, on the Bill to continue an Act to provide for the appointment of Returning Officers. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government of this Province, to appoint one or more additional Port or Ports of Entry within this Province, and to appoint one or more Collectors at the same respectively. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Bill to continue an Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government to appoint one or more additional Port or Ports of Entry within this Province, and to appoint one or more collectors at the same respectively, be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do on to-morrow go into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to continue an Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government of this Province to appoint additional Ports of Entry and Collectors at the same respectively. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that he have leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of Prescott, in Augusta. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Town of York be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Legislative Council and Commons House of Assembly of this Province of Upper Canada, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Township of York,

Respectfully Sheweth: That Your Petitioners are desirous of calling the attention of Your Honorable Body to the vast number of dogs, which have of late years greatly multiplied in almost every quarter of the Province, to the serious injury of the Farmer, whose flocks are continually ravaged by these animals, and to the great annoyance of many others of His Majesty's Liege Subjects.

Your Petitioners therefore earnestly intreat that Your Honorable Body will be pleased to pass an Act laying a tax upon dogs, or to take such other measures to prevent their increase as in your wisdom may seem meet.

And, as in duty bound, Your Petitioners will ever pray.

21st May, 1819.

(Signed by) W. ALLAN, and 59 others.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 29th June, 1819.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into Committee on the Returning Officers' Bill, Mr. Clench in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Clench reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Bill to continue an Act for the appointment of Returning Officers within the several Counties of this Province, be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Ports of Entry Bill, Mr. Hatt in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported the Bill. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Bill to continue an Act for the appointment of Ports of Entry and Collectors within this Province be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Ameliasburgh division Bill, Mr. Hatt in the chair. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the Door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for establishing a Police in the Town of Niagara, in the District of Niagara, and for other purposes therein mentioned," sent up from this House; which they had passed without amendments. Also the Bill intituled "An Act to amend and repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to establish a Market in the Town of Niagara in the Niagara District," sent up from this House, which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

The Messenger having withdrawn:

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the amendments made by the Hon. the Legislative Council in and to the engrossed Bill intituled "An Act to amend and repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to establish a Market in the Town of Niagara in the Niagara District," be now read. Which was carried, and the amendments read the first time.

Press. 1, line 16. After the word "erected" expunge the remainder of the clause, and insert "at such place in the Town of Niagara as the Magistrates for the District of Niagara in their General Quarter Sessions of the Peace or the majority of them may direct."

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the amendments made by the Hon. the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act to amend and repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to establish a Market in the Town of Niagara in the Niagara District," be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the amendments read the second time.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act to amend and repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to establish a market in the Town of Niagara in the Niagara District." Which was carried, and Mr. Durand took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Durand reported the amendment. Ordered that the Report be received, and the amendments were adopted and signed by the Speaker.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that Messrs. McMartin and Fraser be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have adopted the amendments made by that Hon. House to the Bill intituled "An Act to amend and repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to establish a Market in the Town of Niagara in the Niagara District." Which was ordered.

The House went again into Committee on the Ameliasburgh Bill. The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Ameliasburgh Division Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The Ports of Entry Bill was then read the third time.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government of this Province to appoint one or more additional Port or Ports, Place or Places of Entry within this Province, and to appoint one or more Collectors at the same respectively." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Jones, of the Committee to take into consideration the Petition of Archibald and Robert Fraser, presented a Report on that subject, which was read and received, and is as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly:

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Archibald Fraser and Robert Fraser, having duly considered the same, beg leave to report that Your Committee feel gratified in observing the introduction of this and many other improvements by individuals in this Province. But from the consideration of the Mills referred to in the said Petition not being upon any new plan invented by the builders thereof, Your Committee cannot recommend the Petitioners as entitled to any pecuniary remuneration from Your Honorable House.

JONAS JONES, Chairman.

Mr. VanKoughnet, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that Messrs. Hatt and Cotter be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province, to appoint one or more additional Port or Ports, Place or Places of Entry within this Province, and to appoint one or more Collectors at the same respectively," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The Returning Officers Bill was then read the third time. Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act further to continue an Act passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to provide for the appointment of Returning Officers for the several Counties within this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. Hatt and Cotter be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act further to continue an Act passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to provide for the appointment of Returning Officers for the several Counties within this Province," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, of the Committee to carry up a message to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House have adopted the amendments made by them in and to the Bill intituled "An Act to amend and repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to establish a Market in the Town of Niagara in the Niagara District," reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Duty Bill, Mr. Nellis in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Representation Bill, Mr. Jones in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government of this Province to appoint one or more additional Port or Ports, Place or Places of Entry within this Province; and to appoint one or more Collectors at the same respectively," and the Bill intituled "An Act further to continue an Act passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to provide for the appointment of Returning Officers for the several Counties within this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Lennox and Addington Bill was read the second time. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Lennox and Addington Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Nichol took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Nichol reported the Bill. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that the Lennox and Addington Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill for imposing an additional duty on Stills used for distillation of Spirituous Liquors for sale within this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Still Duty Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered. The House then adjourned.

Wednesday, 30th June, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Ameliasburgh Division Bill was read the third time. Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Ameliasburgh Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act for the better division of the County of Prince Edward into Townships." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that Messrs. Fraser and Cotter be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for the better division of the County of Prince Edward into Townships," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Lennox and Addington Bill was read the third time. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to divide the incorporated Counties of Lennox and Addington, in the Midland District, into two Counties, and to pro-

vide for the representation of the same." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that Messrs. Fraser and Cotter be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to divide the incorporated Counties of Lennox and Addington, in the Midland District, into two Counties, and to provide for the representation of the same," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, to consider of the granting of a Supply to His Majesty. Which was carried, and Mr. McMartin took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the Door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government of this Province to appoint one or more additional Port or Ports, Place or Places of Entry within this Province, and to appoint one or more Collectors at the same respectively: 2, and the Bill intituled "An Act further to continue an Act passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to provide for the appointment of Returning Officers for the several Counties within this Province," which they had passed without amendments. Also the Bill intituled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province; and to provide for the Regulation of the said Common Schools," which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the amendments of the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the engrossed Bill, sent up from this House for their concurrence, intituled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the Regulation of the said Common Schools," be now read. Which was carried, and the amendments read, and are as follows:

In the Title, line 1, after "to" expunge "continue" and insert "repeal part of." Line 3, after "Schools" insert "and to continue part of the same."

In the Bill, line 10, after "that" expunge the remainder of the Bill, and insert "the second and third clauses of the said Act of the fifty-sixth year of His Present be, and the same are, hereby repealed."

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Trustees of the said Common School shall be annually chosen at the Town Meetings on the first Monday in January in each and every year in the same manner that other Parish and Town Officers by law now are, and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or the majority of them, upon due notice being given to them that there is a fit and convenient lot and House for the purpose of keeping the said Common School conveyed to the Town and Churchwardens for the Township of which they may be chosen Trustees, to nominate and appoint a fit and proper person to be Teacher to the said Common School. Provided always that no more than one salary be paid to a Teacher of a Common School in any one Township.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no further payment be made by warrant on the Receiver-General to the Treasurer of any District, for the purposes of the said Act until he shall have transmitted to the Inspector-General

of Public Accounts due accounts, vouchers, and receipts for the moneys heretofore paid to him in that behalf.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that this Act and so much of the said Act of the fifty-sixth year of His present Majesty as is not hereby repealed shall continue and be in force for four years from and after the first day of January next, and from thence to the end of the next ensuing Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.

The House went again into Committee of Supply, Mr. McMartin in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that it be resolved: that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to direct an Account to be transmitted to this House, of the Clergy Revenues leased in this Province, the amount paid into the Receiver-General on account of Rent for the same, together with the appropriations of the fund. Which was carried.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Hatt be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in pursuance of the Resolution of this House on the subject of the Clergy Reserves. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that it be resolved that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to direct to be laid before this House a copy of the Warrant or authority from His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, directing the payment of pensions to wounded Militia Officers. Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Nellis, Casey, Fraser, Durand, Swayze; Clench, Cotter, Hall, Burnham, Nichol, Hatt, Robinson, Chrysler, Cameron, Jones.

Nays: Messrs. Van Koughnet, McCormick, McMartin.

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

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Hatt be a Committee to draft an Address, pursuant to the Resolution of this House on the subject of pensions to wounded Militia Officers. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Duty Bill, Mr. Nellis in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 1st July, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Still Duty Bill was read the second time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Still License Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported the Bill amended. Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves that the Report be not received. Which was lost. On the question for receiving the Report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Hall, Robinson, Nichol, McMartin, Van Koughnet, Burnham, Hatt, Chrysler, Jones, Nellis, McNabb, Cameron.

Nays: Messrs. Clench, Swayze, Casey, Fraser, Durand, McCormick, Cotter, Secord.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of four, and the Report was received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Still Duty Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the County of Durham. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table. Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the sixth rule of this House be dispensed with, as far as relates to the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Durham, and that the said Petition be now read. Which was granted, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly, in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The Petition of the subscribers, Inhabitants of the County of Durham in the District of Newcastle, Respectfully Sheweth: That the period for the ensuing election being not far distant, Your Petitioners beg leave to acquaint Your Honorable House that the population of this country has increased in the proportion of nearly one half during the last three years. That this District, embracing a very extensive and flourishing tract of country, is allowed the privilege of sending but one Member to represent it in Parliament.

Wherefore your Petitioners most respectfully solicit Your Honorable Body to take the subject into your serious consideration, and to grant to this County individually the privilege of sending a Member to represent it in Parliament.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) Charles Fothergill, and Ninety-five others.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Representation Bill, Mr. Jones in the Chair. The House resumed, to receive a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor a Message, which he delivered to the Speaker. The Messenger having withdrawn, the Speaker read the same as follows:

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the House of Assembly a report from the Adjutant-General of Militia, on the subject of outstanding fines.

July 1st, 1819.

P. MAITLAND, Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Haft, moves that the Report of the Adjutant-General on the outstanding Militia Fines, and account thereof, transmitted by His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee on the Public Accounts. Which was ordered.

The House went again into Committee on the Representation Bill, Mr. Jones in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver-General. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Receiver-General's Poundage Repeal Bill be now read for the second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Receiver-General's Poundage Bill. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to continue the several Acts now in force to prevent damage to Travellers on the Highways in this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Bill to continue the several Acts in force to prevent damage to Travellers on the Highways in this Province be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do, on to-morrow, go into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to continue the several Acts now in force to prevent damage to Travellers on the Highways in this Province. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Duty Bill, Mr. Nellis in the Chair. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal the several laws now in force relative to raising, levying and collecting Rates and Assessments in this Province, and further to provide for the more equal and general assessment of Lands and other Rateable Property throughout this Province," and the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for laying out, amending and keeping in repair the Public Highways and roads in this Province," sent up from this House; which they had passed without amendment.

The Messenger withdrew, and Mr. Nellis resumed the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Duty Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The Still Duty Bill was then read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Still Duty Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty an additional Duty on Stills used for the Distillation of Spirituous Liquors for sale, and for ascertaining the manner in which certain wooden stills shall be gauged in this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Swayze be a Committee, to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty an Additional Duty on Stills used for the Distillation of Spirituous Liquors for sale, and for ascertaining the manner in which certain Wooden Stills shall be gauged in this Province," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Petition of S. J. Willmott be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Legislative Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, at York, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Samuel Willmott,

Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioner, having received by an order from Lieutenant-Colonel Coffin, Adjutant-General of Militia of this Province, by command of His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., to pay over to the Receiver-General the sum of £52 8s. 7d. currency, dated the fifteenth day of November, 1818, for the public service by an Address from the Commons House of Assembly for disbursements made by Your Petitioner out of the moneys collected by Militia Fines in the 1st Regiment of York Militia, and said to be not authorized by law.

Your Petitioner, therefore, humbly begs leave to state that he requested of the Adjutant-General a statement of the items that were deducted from the account rendered to the Receiver-General of Militia Fines which was paid over to him for the public service, to make up the above amount as Your Petitioner conceives he has documents in his possession authorizing the several sums to be paid as stated in the account rendered, but as Your Petitioner has not received any answer from the Adjutant-General of Militia to his request, Your Petitioner therefore humbly begs that he may be furnished with a statement of the items extracted from the account rendered by Your Petitioner of Militia Fines, to enable him to compare the sums deducted with his documents.

Your Petitioner also begs leave to state that upon examining the Militia Accounts he finds by mistake he has paid into the Receiver-General's hands the sum of £56 13s. 6d. currency more than the money collected by fines was into Your Petitioner's hands, by an error in crediting twice the sum of £56 13s. 6d., being the money received from the executors of the late Colonel Graham, Commanding the said 1st Regiment of York Militia, collected by fines, and ordered by His Honor Sir Gordon Drummond, then President, in the late war in this Province for the said amount to be paid over to Your Petitioner.

Therefore Your Petitioner humbly prays that the Legislature take his case into their consideration, and order the said sum of £56 13s. 6d. to be refunded, and Your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

SAMUEL S. WILLMOTT.

Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Petition of Samuel Willmott, read in the House this day, be referred to a Select Committee of three of its Members, and that Messrs. Nichol, Robinson, and Fraser compose the Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, and report by Bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to increase the Salaries of certain officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly." Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly Salary Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Petitions of the Inhabitants of Brockville and also the Inhabitants of Prescott be now read. Which was carried, and the Petitions read as follows:

To the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the Village of Brockville, in the District of Johnstown,

Humbly Represents: That Brockville aforesaid is a flourishing, populous, and compact village.

That Your Petitioners are desirous that the name of Brockville, by which it is now called, should be established by law.

That Your Petitioners are desirous that Your Honorable House would be pleased to pass a law of incorporation, in order for the better government of the Village.

That Your Petitioners beg leave to suggest the propriety of having the Police Laws administered by a President and Trustees, the former of which to be appointed by the Governor or person administering the Government of this Province, and the latter to be chosen by the Inhabitants of the Village.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

CHARLES JONES, and 18 others.

Brockville, June 16th, 1819.

Since the signing of the within Petition it has been ascertained to be necessary to define the limits of the Village of Brockville.

We, the Subscribers, do therefore now beg leave to describe them to Your Honorable House, and they are as follows, that is to say: Commencing in front of the River St. Lawrence on the limit between lots Numbers 13 and 14, in front of Elizabethtown, and extending down along the banks of the said River St. Lawrence to the centre of Lot Number 8 in the front Concession of Elizabethtown aforesaid; thence to the rear of the first concession of Elizabethtown aforesaid; thence along the concession line to the aforesaid limit between lots Numbers 13 and 14 in rear; thence along the said limit to the place of beginning.

JOHN STUART,
DANIEL JONES, Jr.,
DAVID JONES,
CHARLES JONES.

Brockville, 18th June, 1819.

To the Honorable the Commons of the Province of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Prescott Humbly Sheweth: That between 80 and 90 acres of the front of lots numbers Two and Three in the first concession of the Township of Augusta were laid into lots for the Town plot of Prescott, as will appear by a copy of a Plan thereof hereunto annexed, and that there are at present upwards of fifty houses and stores built in the said Town of Prescott; and that it is daily becoming necessary to have rules and regulations made for repairing and improving the streets, regulating the assize of bread, slaughter-houses and nuisances, and also to have a Market established under proper regulations in the Town of Prescott.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that leave may be given to bring in a Bill to authorize and allow the Justices of the Peace and others in the said Town of Prescott to assemble twice in each year, to appoint proper Police Officers, and to make regulations of Police within the same; and also to authorize them to establish a Market in Prescott, to be held on Saturday in each and every week, and to hold two Fairs yearly therein, one on the Fifteenth of May, and the other on the Fifteenth November in each year, under such restrictions and in such manner and form as to this Honorable House shall seem meet.

And, as in duty bound, Your Petitioners will ever pray.

F. D. CAMPBELL, and 43 others.

Prescott, 15th June, 1819.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty an additional Duty on Stills used for the Distillation of Spirituous Liquors for sale, and for ascertaining the manner in which certain Wooden Stills shall be gauged in this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Nichol, of the Select Committee to take into consideration the Petition of Joel Stone, Esquire, reported that the Committee had agreed to a Report, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered, that the Report be received, and it was read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled:

Your Committee, having duly examined the Petition of Colonel Joel Stone, of the 2nd Leeds Militia, and the several documents exhibited by him in support of it, are of opinion that the facts stated therein are correctly stated. They have reason to know that the said Colonel Joel Stone was frequently called out on duty, without any provision having been made for his subsistence, and that he made considerable disbursements, apparently from the Militia Fines, to enable him to carry on the public service; and though they feel themselves compelled to notice and animadvert on the extremely irregular, injudicious and very reprehensible conduct of the Petitioner in the exercise of his authority, yet taking into consideration all the circumstances of his case and imputing his errors to an overzeal for the service, they are of opinion that he is entitled to have the prayer of his Petition granted, and that a Bill to indemnify him from paying the balance of Militia Fines stated to be standing against him be ordered to be brought in. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT NICHOL, Chairman.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that a Bill be prepared to indemnify Colonel Joel Stone from the payments of the balance of Militia Fines standing against him.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Colonel Joel Stone be taken into consideration in a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Market and Police in the Town of Brockville, and Village of Prescott. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill to establish a Market and Police in the Town of Brockville and Village of Prescott be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 2nd July, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Intercourse Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the Duty Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America by Land and Inland Navigation." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Cameron be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the

Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade between this Province and the United States of America, by Land and Inland Navigation," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves in this Province, reported that the Committee had agreed to a draft, which he was ready to submit to the House. Ordered, that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Nichol, of the same Committee, reported the draft of an Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Pensions to Militia Officers. Ordered, that the Report be received, and the Draft was read the first time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Clergy Reserves, be adopted. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of Clergy Reserves, be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of Pensions to Wounded Militia Officers, be adopted. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Pensions to Wounded Militia Officers, be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the District Court Bill, Mr. Secord in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported that the Committee had risen. Ordered, that the report be received.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Representation Bill, Mr. Jones in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Representation Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Receiver General's Poundage Repeal Bill, Mr. Jones in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Receiver General's Poundage Repeal Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Salary of the Receiver General. Which was carried, and the Bill read. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Receiver General's Salary Bill be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Receiver General's Salary Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Robinson took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Receiver General's Salary Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Travellers' Security Bill, Mr. Casey in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Hatt,

seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill to continue the Acts now in force to prevent damage to Travellers in the Highways in this Province be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

The Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative to Clergy Reserves, was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces within the said Province.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly request that Your Excellency would be pleased to direct the proper Officer to lay before this House an account of the Clergy Reserves leased, with the Revenue arising therefrom and its appropriation up to the thirty-first of December last, so far as the same is ascertained.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that Messrs. Nellis and Crysler be a Committee, to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address on the subject of Clergy Reserves, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

The Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of Pensions to Militia Officers was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, as follows: -

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces within the said Province.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly request that Your Excellency would be pleased to direct a copy of the Warrant or other authority from His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, signifying his Royal and most gracious pleasure that Pensions should be given to certain descriptions of Militia Officers in this Province.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that Messrs. Nellis and Crysler be a committee, to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address on the subject of the Militia Pensions, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that this House do go into Committee of the Whole on the District Court Bill on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

On the order of the day for the second reading of the Officers' Salary Bill being called, the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Clench, Fraser, Jones, Nichol, Hatt, Robinson, Durand.

Nays: Messrs. McNabb, Burnham, Cotter, Cameron, Nellis, Van Koughnet, Secord, Casey, Swayze.

It was carried in the negative by a majority of two.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Joel Stone, Esquire, Mr. Swayze in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Brockville Police Bill was then read the second time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Brockville Police Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Van Koughnet took the Chair of the

Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Brockville Police and Market Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Police and Market in Prescott. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Prescott Police Bill be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the Prescott Police Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Prescott Police Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The Travellers' Security Bill was read the third time. Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal part of an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to continue and amend an Act, passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to prevent damage to Travellers on the Highways in this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that Messrs. Hatt and Van Koughnet be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to prevent damage to Travellers on the Highways in this Province," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The Receiver General's Poundage Bill was read the third time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Receiver General's Poundage Repeal Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General upon moneys passing through his hands." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that Messrs. Hall and Van Koughnet be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force for granting Poundage to the Receiver General upon moneys passing through his hands," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The Receiver General's Salary Bill was read the third time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Receiver General's Salary Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled, "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money for purposes therein mentioned." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that Messrs. Hatt and Van Koughnet be a Committee, to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to cover certain moneys advanced on the Address of this House in 1818. Which was granted and the Bill read. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Covering Bill be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that this House do now resolve

itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Covering Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Burnham took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Covering Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to License Ale and Beer Houses. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Bill to License Ale and Beer Houses be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent for this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill to limit the duration of an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent for this Province," be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 3rd July, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Brockville Police Bill was read the third time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Brockville Police Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to establish a Market and Police in the Town of Brockville in the Johnstown District." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that Messrs. Hatt and Van Koughnet be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to establish a Market and Police in the Town of Brockville, in the Johnstown District," and request their concurrence thereto.

In amendment, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves that the name of Van Koughnet be expunged, and Jones inserted. Which was lost. The original question was then put and carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Prescott Police Bill was then read the third time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Prescott Police Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to establish a Market and Police in the Town of Prescott, in the Township of Augusta, in the District of Johnstown." Which was carried and the Bill signed. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that Messrs. Hatt and Van Koughnet be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to establish a Market and Police in the Town of Prescott, in the Township of Augusta, in the District of Johnstown," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to cover the money advanced by Address was read the third time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Bill to cover the payment of certain moneys do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in pursuance of the Address of the Commons House of Assembly at the last Session of Parliament." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that Messrs Fraser and Cotter be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in pursuance of the Address of the Commons House of Assembly at the last Session of Parliament," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Representation Bill was read the third time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Representation Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to increase the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly." Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Fraser, Durand, McCormick, Clench, Burnham, Secord, McMartin, Nichol, Robinson, Hatt, Cameron, Jones, Hall, Swayze, Nellis, Crysler, Cotter.

Nays: Mr. Van Koughnet.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of sixteen, and the Bill was signed.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves as a Rider to the Bill the following Clause. "Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid that whenever an University shall be established in this Province it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to declare, by proclamation or otherwise, the Tract of land appendant to such University and whereupon the same is situated to be a Town or Township, by such name as to him shall seem meet, and that such Town or Township so constituted shall be represented by one Member. Provided always, nevertheless, that no person shall be permitted to vote at any such Election for a Member to represent the said Town or Township who besides the qualifications now by law required shall not also be entitled to vote in the Convocation of the said University." Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Nichol, Robinson, Jones, Hall.

Nays: Messrs. Fraser, Durand, McCormick, Clench, Burnham, Secord, McMartin, Van Koughnet, Hatt, Cameron, Swayze, Cotter, Crysler, Nellis.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of ten.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that Messrs. Fraser and Cotter be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to increase the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was carried.

Mr. Fraser, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in pursuance of the Address of the Commons House of Assembly at the last Session of Parliament," and the Bill intituled "An Act to increase the Representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on Supply, Mr. McMartin in the Chair. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty an ad-

ditional duty on Stills used for the distillation of spirituous liquors for sale, and for ascertaining the manner in which certain wooden stills shall be gauged in this Province," sent up from this House; which they had passed without amendment. Also a Bill for the relief of John Wagstaff, which they recommended to the adoption of this House, and also a message as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject matter of a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land or inland navigation," and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose in the Legislative Council Chamber, at the rising of this House this day.

Legislative Council Chamber,
3rd July, 1819.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

The messenger having withdrawn:

The Bill for the relief of John Wagstaffe was read the first time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill for the relief of John Wagstaffe be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Hall, moves that Messrs. Jones, Nichol, Hatt and Robinson be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject matter of a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation." Which was ordered.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to prevent damage to travellers on the Highways in this Province," and the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General upon moneys passing through his hands," and the Bill intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned," and the Bill intituled "An Act to establish a Market and Police in the Town of Brockville in the Johnstown District," and the Bill intituled "An Act to establish a Market and Police in the Town of Prescott, in the Township of Augusta, in the District of Johnstown," and to request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

The House went again into Committee on Supply, Mr. McMartin in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Outlawry Bill, Mr. McMartin in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves that Messrs Nellis and Burnham be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have appointed a Committee of four of its Members to confer with the Committee of that Honorable House, on the subject matter of the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land or inland navigation," Which was ordered.

Mr. Nellis, of the Committee to carry up a message to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House had appointed a Committee of four of its Members to confer with a Committee of that House on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade between this Province

and the United States of America, by land or inland navigation," reported they had done so.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that it be resolved unanimously:

First, That this House view with the utmost abhorrence a certain letter signed Robert Gourlay, published in the Niagara Spectator of the 1st of July instant; and consider it to contain the most gross, flagrant, infamous matter of a libellous character and treasonable nature; tending to bring His Majesty's Government into contempt, and to excite the people to open acts of violence.

Second, That it be resolved that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, stating that this House views with the utmost abhorrence a certain publication in the Niagara Spectator of the 1st July inst., as containing matter of the most infamous and treasonable nature; and praying that he would be graciously pleased to direct His Majesty's Attorney General to take such measures to bring to immediate justice the Editor of that Paper, and all other persons concerned therein, as in his wisdom may seem meet.

Upon which debates ensued.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the debates upon Mr. Durand's motion be adjourned till Monday next. Which was ordered.

Present: Messrs. Clench, Fraser, Van Koughnet and Crysler.

The House then adjourned for want of a quorum.

Monday, 5th July, 1819.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Nellis, of the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of this House on the subject of Pensions to certain Militia Officers, and the Address on the subject of Clergy Reserves, reported that they had delivered the same, and that His Excellency was pleased to make thereto the following replies.

Gentlemen: I shall direct that the authority from His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, signifying His Royal Highness' pleasure that pensions should be given to certain descriptions of Militia Officers in this Province, be immediately laid before you.

Gentlemen: The Clergy Reserves and Revenues arising from them, an account of which you have requested to be laid before you, are placed by the British Parliament under the control of the King. I shall therefore pray for the instruction of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent on the subject of Your Address.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following message, which he delivered to the Speaker, who read the same as follows:

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly the copy of an extract from a despatch from the Honorable Earl Bathurst to Sir George Prevost, Governor in Chief, signifying the pleasure of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent that pensions should be given to certain descriptions of Militia officers in this Province.

P. M.

(Copy)

Extract of a letter from the Right Honorable Lord Bathurst to Lieutenant Governor Sir George Prevost, Bart.: dated Downing Street, June 1813, No. 29.

The Prince Regent has been pleased equally to approve of the instructions which you have given to General Sheaffe for the defence of the Upper Province, and

of the mode in which you have conducted the different military operations, both with respect to General Harrison's Army, and against the enemy posted at Ogdensburg. The complete success which attended the latter, is in itself sufficient evidence, if any were wanting, of the gallantry and good conduct of the different troops engaged. His Royal Highness is peculiarly gratified by observing that the Militia have in this, as in previous instances, emulated the example of the Regular Army.

In considering the case of Capt. Jenkins, and Lieutenant Impey, whose gallantry has been so eminently conspicuous, His Royal Highness accedes with pleasure to your recommendation, and has commanded me to acquaint you that Capt. Jenkins, as he belongs to a Regular Regiment, will be entitled to the same remuneration which has always been received by Officers of his rank; and that with respect to Lieutenant Impey and any other Militia Officer in a similar situation, you are hereby authorized to pay to them when wounded in actual service out of the Colonial Revenue the same annual provisions to which they would have been entitled in this Country had their wounds been received while serving in the Regular Army.

(Truly Extracted)

(Signed) L. FOSTER,

A True Copy,

(Signed) George Hillier, P. Sec.

The debates on Mr. Durand's Resolutions of Yesterday were then resumed.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the letter printed in the Niagara Spectator of the 1st instant, signed by Robert Gourlay, is a most scandalous, malicious and traitorous libel, tending to disturb the peace of the Province, and excite insurrection against the Government. Which was carried *nem. con.*

Present: Messrs. Clench, Cotter, Burnham, Fraser, Nellis, Nichol, Cameron, Van Koughnet, Durand, Crysler, McMartin, Hatt, Hall, Jones, Swayze, Secord, Casey and McCormick.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to direct His Majesty's Attorney General of this Province to publicly prosecute the author, printer and publishers of the letter printed in the Niagara Spectator of the 1st instant, signed Robert Gourlay. Which was carried *nem. con.*

Present: Messrs. Clench, Cotter, Burnham, Fraser, Nellis, Nichol, Cameron, Van Koughnet, Durand, Crysler, McMartin, Hatt, Hall, Jones, Swayze, Secord, Casey and McCormick.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Hall be a Committee to draft an Address pursuant to the Resolution of this House on the subject of the letter published in the Niagara Spectator, signed Robert Gourlay. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Eben Sherwood. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves that the sixth Rule of the House be dispensed with so far as relates to the Petition of Eben Sherwood, and that the said Petition be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Eben Sherwood, of Augusta, in the Johnstown District, Yeoman,

Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioner, by deed of bargain and sale, dated the 28th day of January, 1813, purchased from John Aldrich of Augusta aforesaid the front half of lot No. 14 in the seventh Concession of Augusta aforesaid, containing one hundred acres of land for the consideration of One Hundred Pounds actually paid by Your Petitioner at the time of the said purchase. That afterwards, about the first day of April following, the said Aldrich withdrew himself from the Province into the United States of America. That by the operation of an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for declaring certain persons therein described Aliens, and for vesting their Estates in His Majesty," the said one hundred acres of land are vested in His Majesty.

Your Petitioner would beg leave further to state that the said purchase was a fair and bona fide purchase for a valuable consideration, (the said land perhaps at this time not being worth more than £100) without any knowledge on the part of Your Petitioner or suspicion of the intention of the said Aldrich to leave the Province. That it could never have been the intention of the Legislature in framing the said law to take from an honest and loyal subject that which he has fairly and honestly obtained without any intention to defraud His Majesty or any of His Subjects. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that Your Honorable House will take his case into consideration, and do what in their wisdom shall seem meet.

And Your Petitioner will ever pray.

EBEN SHERWOOD, by his Attorney, JONAS JONES.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves that Messrs. Fraser, Hall and McMartin be a Select Committee, to take into consideration the Petition of Eben Sherwood, and report thereon by Bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into Committee on the District Court Bill, Mr. Seoord in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Seoord reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Clench, moves that the District Court Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of a Publication in the Niagara Spectator of the 1st inst., signed Robert Gourlay, reported the draft of an Address, which he was ready to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Address be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Address was read the second time and adopted. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into Committee of Supply, Mr. McMartin in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received and the Resolutions adopted as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the salary of the Inspector General ought not to be considered a Contingent expense of the office, and that it is expedient to provide by law for the payment of the same.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that an appropriation of Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Pounds Sterling per annum be made to enable His Majesty to defray the same.

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty to enable him to defray the following charges for the year ending December the thirty-first, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty.

To the Administration of Justice	£2,500
“ Lt. Governor’s Office	1,000
“ Recr. General’s Office	550
“ Surveyor Gen’s Office	364
“ Executive Council Office	650
“ Crown Office’	56
“ Att’y General’s Office	90
“ Secretary’s Office	400
“ Register of the Province	200
“ Inspr. General’s Office	435
“ Government Printer	140
“ Repairs and contingencies of the Government House ..	200
“ Casual and other expenses	500
“ Pensions for Wounded Officers	750
	£8,435

The Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the publication signed Robert Gourlay was then read the third time, passed and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty’s Forces therein, etc.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, His Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, having had before us a public Newspaper entitled the *Niagara Spectator*, dated and published at Niagara on the 1st instant, in which is contained a publication signed Robert Gourlay, dated Niagara Jail, 28th June, 1819, and addressed to the Editor of the *Niagara Spectator*; and having by our vote declared the said publication to be a most scandalous, malicious and traitorous libel, tending to disturb the peace of the Province and excite insurrection against the Government, do most humbly request Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to direct the Authors, Printers and Publishers of the said libel to be publicly prosecuted for the said offence by His Majesty’s Attorney-General.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Nellis and Swayze be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address on the subject of a certain publication in the *Niagara Spectator*, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that Messrs. Clench and Nellis be a Committee to draft a Bill pursuant to the resolutions of this House on the subject of a salary to the Inspector-General of this Province. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Resolutions of this House for granting a Supply to His Majesty be referred to a Committee of ways and means, and that this House do, on to-morrow, go into Committee of the whole for that purpose. Which was ordered.

Mr. Clench, of the Committee to draft a Bill to provide for the payment of a salary to the Inspector-General of this Province, reported a draft, which he was

ready to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time. Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Secord, moves that the Inspector's Salary Bill be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take the Inspector-General's Salary Bill into consideration. Which was carried, and Mr. Swayze took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Secord, moves that the Inspector-General's Salary Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land or inland navigation," reported that the joint Committee had met, and had agreed to the following Report, which he was ready to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and it was read as follows:

Your Committee proceeded to the Legislative Council Chamber, where they met the Conference appointed by that Honorable House, who stated to Your Committee that the Legislative Council were desirous of ascertaining correctly the intention of Your Honorable House respecting the quantum of duties contemplated to be paid under the said Act; as there was some obscurity in the enacting clause, by which it would appear that higher duties might be demanded than they believed were contemplated by Your Honorable House in passing the Act. Your Committee, being of opinion that the observations of the Honorable the Legislative Council were correct, came to an understanding with the Conferees on the part of that Honorable House that the Bill should be lost and a new Bill introduced into Your Honorable House to amend the laws now in force imposing duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported from the United States, settling a tariff to correspond with the intentions of the Commons House of Assembly in passing the original Bill sent up to that Honorable House; all of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room,
July 5th, 1819.

ROBT. NICHOL, *Chairman.*

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Martin, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to-morrow, to amend and repeal part of the laws now in force for imposing duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported from the United States. Which was granted.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Clench, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed the last Session of the Legislature, intituled "An Act for Licensing Practitioners in Physic and Surgery. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moved that the Physic and Surgery Bill be read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Magistrates in the several Districts of this Province to dispose of certain moneys in the hands of Treasurers. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that the Gaol and Court House Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House License Bill was read the second time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the House do now

resolve itself into a Committee on the House License Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Durand took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Durand Reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Provincial Agent Repeal Bill was read the second time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Provincial Agent Repeal Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Hatt took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported the Bill amended. Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moved that the Report be not now received. Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Clench, Swayze.

Nays: Messrs. Cotter, Fraser, Nichol, Cameron, Van Koughnet, Durand, Hatt, Nellis, Jones.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of seven. The original question was then put and carried, and the Report was received. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moved that the Provincial Agent Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, of the Committee to draft a Bill for the relief of Eben Sherwood, reported a draft, which he was ready to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the Bill was read the first time. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Bill for the relief of Eben Sherwood be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The Inspector General's Salary Bill was then read a third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled an Act to amend and continue an Act passed in the forty-eighth year "An Act to grant to His Majesty a sum of money to enable him to pay the salary of the Inspector General of Public Provincial Accounts in this Province." Which was ordered, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that Messrs. Clench and Secord be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to grant to His Majesty a sum of money, to enable him Secord be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the to pay the salary of the Inspector General of Public Accounts in this Province," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 6th July, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to prevent damage to travellers on the Highways in this Province," and the Bill intituled "An Act to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in pursuance of the Address of the Commons House of Assembly at the last Session of Parliament," sent up from this House; which they had passed without amendment; also the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to revive and continue an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to amend and continue an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of

His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to afford relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs or Devisees of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands, and further to extend the benefits of the said Act, and to continue and amend part of the same, and ascertain the titles to lands derived from the original Nominee or Nominees of the Crown where no patent hath issued for such lands," sent up from this House; which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

The amendments were then read the first time as follows:—In the title, line 1, expunge "repeal," and insert "continue and amend." Line 7, after "same," expunge the remainder of the title.

Press. 1, line 8, after "whereas," expunge "many persons are equitably entitled to divers lands and tenements in this Province, claiming title thereto under the original Nominee or Nominees of the Crown, whereof either no grant or grants have hitherto issued under the Great Seal of this Province, or the same hath or have issued after the decease of the said Nominee or Nominees; the legal estate to such lands still remaining vested in the Crown; by reason whereof the said claimants are frequently prevented from obtaining possession of their said estates, and exposed to the total loss of," and insert, "continued, and that the Assignee or Assignees of the Nominee or Nominees of the Crown to lands in this Province, who is or are dead or who have left this Province before the passing of this Act, may bring their claims for such lands in the same manner that the Assignee or Assignees of the Nominee or Nominees of the Crown were authorized to do by the second clause of the before recited Act of the forty-eighth year of the Reign of His present Majesty."

Expunge 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th clauses.

Press. 5, line 18, expunge "and no more," and "and Examiners appointed by virtue of this Act, and that four pence per mill be paid and allowed for the service of all subpoenas and other process issued by virtue hereof."

Press 6, line 2. After "shillings" expunge the remainder of the Bill.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the engrossed Bill, sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to continue and amend an Act, passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to continue an Act, passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to afford relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs or Devisees of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands, and further to extend the benefits of the said Act, and to continue part of the same; and to ascertain the titles to lands derived from the original Nominee or Nominees of the Crown where no patent hath issued for such lands," be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the amendments read the second time.

Mr. Nellis, of the Committee to wait upon His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of this House upon the subject of a publication printed in the Niagara Spectator of the First instant, signed Robert Gourlay, reported that they had presented the Address accordingly, and that His Excellency was pleased to make thereto the following answer.

Gentlemen: I shall give His Majesty's Attorney General the necessary orders on the subject of your Address.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Provincial Agent Limitation Bill was read the third time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Provincial Agent Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent of this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Jones and Cameron be a Committee, to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to limit the duration of an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent of this Province," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the District Court Bill was read the third time. Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be 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 to establish a Court for the cognizance of small causes in each and every District of this Province; and also of an Act, passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to establish a Court for the cognizance of small causes in each and every District of this Province; and also of an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to extend the Jurisdiction and regulate the proceedings of the District Court and Court of Requests." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Clench and Secord be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council 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 to establish a Court for the cognizance of small causes in each and every District of this Province, and also of an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to extend jurisdiction and to regulate the proceedings of the District Court and Court of Requests," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the engrossed Bill sent up from this House, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to continue an Act, passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to afford relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs and Devisees of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands, and further to extend the benefits of the said Act, and to continue part of the same, and to ascertain the title to lands derived from the original nominee or nominees of the Crown where no patent hath issued for such lands." Which was carried, and Mr. Clench took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Clench reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that Messrs. Hatt and Cotter be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House

has concurred in the amendments made by that Honorable House to the Bill to repeal the Devisee Act. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to limit the duration of an Act, passed in the forty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent of this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Clench, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to grant to His Majesty a sum of Money to enable him to pay the salary of the Inspector General of Public Accounts of this Province," and 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 to establish a Court for the cognizance of small causes in each and every District of this Province, and also of an Act, passed in thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to extend the jurisdiction and regulate the proceedings of the District Court and Court of Requests," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the Order of the day, the Salary Bill was read the second time. Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the House do now go into Committee on the Officers Salary Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Wagstaff Relief Bill was read the second time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hall, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration Wagstaff's Relief Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Swayze took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported the Bill without amendment. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves that the Report be received this day three months. Which was lost. On the question for receiving the Report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

Yeas: Messrs. Jones, Hall, Casey, Secord, Robinson, Fraser, Hatt, Nichol, Burnham, Nellis.

Nays: Messrs. Clench, McCormick, Cameron, Durand, Van Koughnet, Crysler, McNabb, Swayze.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of two, and the Report was received.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House had concurred in the amendments made by them in and to the Devisee Bill, reported that they had done so.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the engrossed Bill intituled "An Act for the Relief of John Wagstaff, of Niagara, in the District of Niagara, Tinsmith," be now read a third time. Which was carried, and the Bill was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Fraser be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that the House have passed the Bill intituled "An Act for the Relief of John Wagstaff of Niagara, in the District of Niagara, Tinsmith," without amendment. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on Supply, Mr. McMartin in the Chair. The House resumed to receive a Message from the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to increase the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly," sent up from this House, which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House. Also a Message, which he delivered, and having withdrawn, the Speaker read the same as follows.

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned," and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose in the Legislative Council Chamber at the rising of the House this day.

Wm. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, July 6th, 1819.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that Messrs. Nichol, Jones, Durand, and Fraser, be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of a Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned." Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that Messrs. Nellis and Burnham be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee of that Honorable House on the subject of a Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned." Which was ordered.

The amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act to increase the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly" were read the first time as follows:

Press 1, line 14. Expunge "one" and insert "two." After "thousand" insert "five hundred."

Press 1, line 16. Expunge "three" and insert "five." Line 18. Expunge "county" after "Town." Expunge "now or hereafter to be established by law, the population of which shall amount to one thousand five hundred souls," and insert "in which the Quarter Sessions for this District are or may by law be holden, and in which there shall be two hundred resident electors."

Press 2, line 5. After "Province" insert "and let it be further enacted by the authority aforesaid that whenever an University shall be established in this Province it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to declare by Proclamation or otherwise, the tract of land appendant to such University and whereupon the same is situated to be a Town or Township by such name as to him shall seem meet; and that such Town or Township so constituted shall be represented by one Member; provided always, nevertheless, that no person shall be permitted to vote at such election for a Member to represent the said Town or Township who, besides the qualification now by law required, shall not also be entitled to vote in the Convocation of the said University."

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the amendment made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill sent up from this House intituled "An Act to increase the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly" be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House went again into Committee on Supply. Mr. McMartin in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, and the Committee obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that there be granted to His Majesty, to enable the Provincial Agent to defray the expense of procuring plans and elevations of public buildings, pursuant to the Address of this House, the sum of £157 10s.

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, to enable the said Provincial Agent to defray the expense of copying the Journals, pursuant to an Address of this House, the sum of £354 11s.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that to provide for the completing of the Government Buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature, there be granted to His Majesty the sum of £1,500.

Present: Messrs. Nichol, Jones, Durand, Hatt, and Burnham.

The House adjourned for want of a quorum.

Wednesday, 7th July, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that so much of the order of the day as relates to the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Bill, Committee on U.E. Loyalists' Claims, Kingston Bank Bill, Street Remuneration Bill, and Sedition Amendment Bill be discharged. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Outlawry Bill, Mr. McMartin in the Chair. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the Door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to grant to His Majesty a sum of money to enable him to pay the salary of the Inspector General of Public Provincial Accounts in this Province," sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment.

The House went again into Committee on the Outlawry Bill. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Outlawry Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Intercourse Bill was read the first time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Duty Bill be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Duty Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Hatt took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

The House went into Committee on Ways and Means, Mr. Casey in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered, that the Report be received, and the Resolutions adopted.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that, to provide for the supply voted for the Administration of Justice and support of the Civil Government for the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty, there be appropriated from the Public Revenues of this Province the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Sterling.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that there be appropriated from and out of the Public Revenues of this Province the sum of One Hundred and Fifty-Seven Pounds, Ten Shillings Sterling, to be applied in re-imbursing the Provincial Agent for plans and elevations of Public Buildings, sent out in pursuance of the Joint Addresses of both Houses of the Legislature.

Also the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-four Pounds Eleven Shillings Sterling, to defray the expense of copying the Journals in England.

Also the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds currency, to provide for the erecting and completing the Public Building for the accommodation of the Legislature.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moved that he have leave to bring in a Bill to appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Sterling, pursuant to the First Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Appropriation Bill be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Appropriation Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Crysler took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Crysler reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Appropriation Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Physic and Surgery Bill was read the second time. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now go into Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Physic and Surgery Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Burnham took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Physic and Surgery Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

The House went into Committee on the Duty Bill, Mr. Hatt in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Duty Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Gaol and Court House Bill was read the second time. Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Gaol and Court House Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Swayze took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported progress and asked leave to sit again this day three months. The Report was not received.

Mr. Sherwood's Relief Bill was then read the second time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Bill for the relief of Eben Sherwood be now referred to a Committee of the Whole House. Which was carried, and Mr. Nellis took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported the Bill amended. On the question for receiving the Report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Fraser, Casey, Clench, Secord, Swayze, Cotter, Nichol, Cameron, Van Koughnet, Hatt, Crysler, Robinson, Jones, Nellis.

Nays: Messrs. Burnham, McCormick, Durand.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven, and the Report was received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Bill for the relief of Eben Sherwood be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to appropriate a sum of money for certain purposes, agreeably to the second resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Bill granting a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read a second time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill granting a sum of money for certain purposes. Which was carried, and Mr. Crysler took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Crysler reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Bill to grant a sum of money for certain purposes be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

The Supply Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Supply Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money in aid of the funds for defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice, and Support of the Civil Government of this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Crysler be a Committee, to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money in aid of the funds for defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice and Support of the Civil Government of this Province," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Outlawry Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to supply in certain cases the want of County Courts in this Province, and to make further provision for proceeding to outlawry in certain cases therein mentioned; to outlawry in civil cases." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Crysler be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to supply in certain cases the want of County Courts in this Province, and to make further provision for proceeding to outlawry in certain cases therein mentioned; to outlawry in civil cases," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for the relief of John Wagstaff, of Niagara, in the District of Niagara, Tinsmith," sent down from that House, and to acquaint them that this House had passed the same without amendment, reported that they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Survey Bill, Mr. McCormick in the Chair. The House resumed. The House reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Hatt, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that so much of the order of the day as relates to the Ale and Beer House Bill be discharged. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Physic and Surgery Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to License Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for Licensing such Practitioners." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that Messrs. Fraser and Burnham be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to License Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for licensing such Practitioners" and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The amendments to the Bill intituled "An Act to increase the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly," were read the second time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the engrossed Bill intituled "An Act to increase the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly." Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, which he was directed to recommend to the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received and the Resolution adopted as follows:—

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee that a Conference be requested with the Hon. the Legislative Council on the amendments made to a Bill sent up from this House, intituled "An Act to increase the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly."

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that Messrs. Hall and Crysler be a Committee to request a Conference with the Hon. the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendments to the Bill intituled "An Act to increase the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly." Which was ordered.

The Appropriation Bill was then read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Appropriation Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act for appropriating a sum of money to defray the expense of procuring plans and elevations of Public Buildings, and procuring Copies of the Journals which were destroyed by the enemy." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Clench be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for appropriating a sum of money to defray the expense of procuring plans and elevations of Public Buildings, and procuring copies of the Journals which were destroyed by the enemy," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to license Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for licensing such Practitioners," and to request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to supply in certain cases the want of County Courts in this Province, and to make further provision for proceeding to Outlawry in certain cases therein mentioned, to Outlawry in civil cases," and to the Bill intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money in aid of the funds for defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice, and support of the Civil Government of this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported having done so.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Bill to provide for the accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province be now read a second time. Which was granted, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the House do now go into Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill to provide for the accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly. Which was carried, and Mr. Secord took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Bill to appropriate a certain sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow, which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of Silas Smith. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Bill for the Relief of Silas Smith be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to grant relief to Henry Demming. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Chrysler, moves that the Bill to grant relief to Henry Demming be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of and to amend an Act, passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to explain, amend and reduce to one Act of Parliament the several laws now in being, for the raising and training the Militia of this Province." Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Bill to repeal part of and to amend the Militia Law be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Ann Hosteter and Margaret Darby. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table. Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Secord, moves that whereas the Petition of Ann Hosteter and Margaret Darby, Widows of the late Herman Hosteter and George Darby, late of the Township of Grantham, in the District of Niagara, Province of Upper Canada, deceased, whom, notwithstanding their being exempt from Militia duty from age and infirmity, prompted by loyalty, and zealous for the welfare and defence of their country, volunteered their services with their neighbours, and did duty as privates in the Militia at Niagara, and whilst on duty contracted disease of which they soon died—the said Ann Hosteter and Margaret Darby petitioned this Honorable House on the Fourth of March, 1818, for relief, which Peti-

tion was referred to a Select Committee, but never by them reported on, as it appears they do not immediately come within the meaning and intent of the Pension Law to Militiamen, etc.; it is therefore moved for leave to bring in a Bill, on to-morrow, for the relief of the said Ann Hosteter and Margaret Darby. Which was granted.

The House then adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, 8th July, 1819.

The House met. The minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Sherwood Relief Bill was read the third time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the Bill for the Relief of Eben Sherwood do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to afford relief to Eben Sherwood." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Jones and McMartin be a Committee, to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to afford relief to Eben Sherwood," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Public Building Bill was read the third time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to provide for the accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Hatt be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to provide for the accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The Intercourse Bill was read the third time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal part of the laws now in force imposing duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported into this Province from the United States of America; and to make further regulations for the Trade between this Province and the said United States of America by Land or Inland Navigation." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Hatt be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of the laws now in force imposing duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported into this Province from the United States of America, and to make further regulations for the trade between this Province and the said United States of America by land and inland navigation," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Smith Relief Bill was read the third time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves that the Bill for the relief of Silas Smith be now referred to a Committee of the Whole. Which was carried, and Mr. Crysler took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Crysler reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Bill for the relief of Silas Smith be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Demming Relief Bill was read the second time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House

do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill to grant Relief to Henry Demming. Which was carried, and Mr. Van Koughnet took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Bill granting Relief to Henry Demming be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Militia Bill was read the second time. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the Militia Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. McNabb took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. McNabb reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Hall, moves that the Militia Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, of the Select Committee on the Public Accounts, reported that they had agreed to a Supplementary Report, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered, that the Report be received, and it was read as follows:

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, having examined the Public Accounts as far as the same have been laid before us, beg leave to represent to Your Excellency that although a large sum was received from Lower Canada during the present year on account of arrears of Provincial Duties due to this Province under the Provisional Agreement, we have reasons to know that large sums are still outstanding on the same account, as well as under an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to establish a fund towards further defraying the charges of the administration of Justice and support of the Civil Government within the Province of Quebec in America," no part of the last mentioned duties have been accounted for to this Province prior to the year 1817.

That the authorized demand on the Provincial Treasury for the present year, as well as for the year 1820, cannot, we fear, be met from the ascertained resources at the disposal of the Receiver General; we therefore pray that Your Excellency will adopt such measures for obtaining payment of the outstanding balance, through the medium of Commissioners, as may be best adapted to procure that effect.

We respectfully request leave to call your Excellency's attention to the singular situation in which this Province is placed with respect to its revenue, by the expiration of the Provincial agreement, and the difficulties in which it must be involved should the agreement not be renewed, or any of the laws imposing Duties be suffered to expire. We feel persuaded that every consideration will be given by Your Excellency to the subject, and that some arrangement may be made with our Sister Province, or through the intervention of the Imperial Parliament, to prevent the evil which must otherwise arise.

Mr. Jones, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council a Message, requesting a Conference on the subject of the amendments made by them to the Bill intituled "An Act to increase the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly;" and also the Bill intituled "An Act to afford Relief to Eben Sherwood," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to provide for the accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of

Assembly," and the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of the laws now in force imposing duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported into this Province from the United States of America; and to make further regulations for the Trade between this Province and the said United States of America by Land or Inland Navigation," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Supplementary Report of the Committee on the Public Accounts. Which was carried, and Mr. Secord took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Petition of Joel Stone, Esquire, Mr. Swayze in the Chair. The House resumed, The Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council 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 to establish a Court for the cognizance of small causes in each and every District of this Province, and also of an Act, passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to extend the Jurisdiction and regulate the proceedings of the District Courts and Courts of Requests" sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment; also a Message, which he delivered, and having withdrawn, the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council have appointed a Committee of two of their Members to confer with a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly on the amendment made to the Bill intituled "An Act to increase the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly," in the Legislative Council Chamber, at the rising of this House this day.

Legislative Council Chamber,

WM. DUMMER POWELL, *Speaker.*

8th July, 1819.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that Messrs. Durand, Hatt, Fraser and Nellis be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Honourable the Legislative Council on the subject of their amendment made to the Bill intituled "An Act to increase the Representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly." Which was ordered.

The Demming Relief Bill was read the third time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to grant Relief to Henry Demming." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that Messrs. Van Koughnet and McMartin be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to grant Relief to Henry Demming," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a Message, which he delivered, and having withdrawn, the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of the Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate Sundry Persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," and have appointed a

Committee of two of its Members who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose in the Legislative Council Chamber at the rising of this House this day.

Legislative Council Chamber,

WM. DUMMER POWELL, *Speaker.*

8th July, 1819.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that Messrs. Durand, Hatt, Fraser and Nellis be a Committee to confer with the Committee appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate Sundry Persons under the style and title of The President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," this day at the rising of that House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hatt, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for appropriating a sum of money to defray the expense of procuring plans and elevations of Public Buildings, and for Copies of the Journals which were destroyed by the enemy," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Cameron be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have appointed a Committee of four of its Members to confer with the Committee of that Honorable House on the subject of a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," at the rising of that House this day. Which was ordered.

The House went again into Committee on the Petition of Joel Stone, Esq., Mr. Swayze in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this day three months. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Report be not received. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Fraser, Burnham, Robinson, Jones.

Nays: Messrs. Secord, Casey, Cotter, Hall, Swayze, Hatt, Cameron, Van Koughnet, Burwell, McMartin, Nellis.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of seven. The original question for receiving the Report was then put and carried, and leave granted accordingly.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to grant relief to Henry Demming," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council a message on the subject of Conference on the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," reported they had done so.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Married Women resident abroad and owning Real Estate in this Province to alien the same. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves that the Bill to enable Married Women resident abroad and owning Real Estate in this Province to alien the same, be now read the second time. Which was granted, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill to enable Married Women resident abroad and owning Real Estate in this Province to alien the same. Which was carried, and Mr. Hatt took the

Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hatt reported the Bill. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Bill to enable Married Women resident abroad and owning Real Estate in this Province to alien the same, be engrossed, and read a third time to-day. Which was ordered.

The Militia Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce to one Act of Parliament the several laws now in being for the raising and training the Militia of this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. Nellis and Cotter be a Committee to carry up to the Hon. the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce to one Act of Parliament the several laws now in being for the raising and training the Militia of this Province," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves for leave to bring up the Petitions of Adam Baker and Jeremiah Sheldon. Which was granted, and the Petitions laid on the Table. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the Petitions of Jeremiah Sheldon and Adam Baker, and that the said Petitions be now read. Which was carried, and the Petitions read as follows:

To the Honorable, the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Adam Baker, of Osnaburgh, in the Eastern District, Innkeeper, Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioner, by deed of bargain and sale, bearing date the second day of November, 1813, with one Levi Bancroft, purchased from Asahel Gerald's the west half of lot No. 14 in the 1st Concession of Osnaburgh aforesaid, containing one hundred acres of land, for the consideration of one hundred and seventy-five pounds and six shillings. That afterwards the said Asahel Gerald's withdrew from this Province into the United States of America. That by the operation of an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for declaring certain persons therein described Aliens, and vesting their Estates in His Majesty," the said lands were vested in His Majesty. That Your Petitioner afterwards, on the 20th day of May, 1815, ignorant of the operation of the said law, purchased from the said Levi Bancroft his right to the said land by Deed Poll bearing date the day and year last aforesaid.

That the said purchase by Your Petitioner and the said Levi Bancroft from Asahel Gerald's, was a fair and bona fide purchase, without any knowledge or suspicion of the said Gerald's inclination or intention to depart the Province.

Your Petitioner cannot conceive it to have been the intention of the Legislature, in framing the said law, to take from an honest and loyal subject that which he has fairly and honestly obtained without any intention of defrauding His Majesty or any of his Subjects.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that Your Honorable House will take into consideration his case, and afford him such relief as in your wisdom shall seem meet.

And Your Petitioner will ever pray.

ADAM BAKER, by his Attorney, JONAS JONES.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Samuel Sheidon, of the Township of Bastard, and the District of Johnstown, Yeoman.

Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioner purchased from John Matthew by deed of bargain and sale, bearing date the 10th day of February, 1813, one hundred acres of land, being the north end of lot No. 1 in the ninth concession of Bastard aforesaid, for the consideration of fifty pounds. That afterwards the said Matthews withdrew himself from this Province to the United States of America; and by the operation of an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for declaring certain persons therein described aliens, and vesting their Estates in His Majesty," the said land is vested in His Majesty. That Your Petitioner, having paid a fair and valuable consideration for the said land, (before the passing of the said Act, and before the said Matthews left the Province) without fraud, cannot believe it to have been the intention of the Legislature to take from him that which was fairly and honestly purchased, without recompense. Your Petitioner prays that Your Honorable House will take his case into consideration, and do as in your wisdom shall seem meet.

And Your Petitioner will ever pray.

JEREMIAH SHELDON, by his Attorney, JONAS JONES.

The Bill for the relief of Silas Smith was read the third time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to grant relief to Silas Smith." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Crysler, moves that Messrs. Jones and Robinson be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to grant relief to Silas Smith," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to grant relief to Adam Baker. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for appropriating a sum of money to defray the expense of procuring plans and elevations of Public Buildings, and for copies of the Journals which were destroyed by the enemy," and the Bill intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money in aid of the funds for defraying the administration of Justice and support of the Civil Government of this Province," sent up from this House which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. Jones, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to explain, amend, and reduce to one act of Parliament the several laws now in being for the raising and training the Militia of this Province," and the Bill intituled "An Act to grant relief to Silas Smith," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Survey Bill, Mr. Nellis in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day three months.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on Supply, Mr. McMartin in the Chair. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Kingston," which they recommended to the adoption of this House, and the Bill sent up from this House intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to provide for the accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly," which they had passed without amendment; also the Bill sent up from this House intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

The Messenger being withdrawn, the amendments to the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," were then read the first time as follows:

Press. 1, line 3. After "whereas" expunge "Allan McLean, Thomas Markland, Peter Smith, Benjamin Whitney, Lawrence Herchmer, Daniel Washburn, William Mitchell, John Kirby, Christopher Alexander Hagermann, John McCauley, Allan McPherson, John W. Ferguson, George Herchmer Markland, Hugh C. Thomson, John Ferguson, John McLean, Smith Bartlett, Henry Murney, John M. Balfour, Archibald Richmond, Neil McLeod."

Press. 1, line 21. After "that" expunge Allan McLean, Thomas Markland, Peter Smith, Benjamin Whitney, Lawrence Herchmer, Daniel Washburn, William Mitchell, John Kirby, Christopher Alexander Hagermann, John McCauley, Allan McPherson, John W. Ferguson, George Herchmer Markland, Hugh C. Thompson, John Ferguson, John McLean, Smith Bartlett, Henry Murney, John M. Balfour, Archibald Richmond, Neil McLeod."

The engrossed Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Kingston," was then read the first time.

The Registry amendment Bill was then read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to give effect and validity to Deeds executed by Married Women in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any of His Majesty's Colonies, and to repeal part of and to amend an Act passed in the forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to enable Married Women having Real Estate to alien and convey the same." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. McNabb, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Cameron be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to give effect and validity to Deeds executed by Married Women in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or in any of His Majesty's Colonies, and to repeal part of and to amend an Act passed in the forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to enable Married Women having Real Estate to alien and convey the same," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that it be resolved that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to communicate with His Grace the Governor General upon the propriety and the expediency of continuing in a direct line the Dundas Street from the end of

the Bridge on River De L'Isle until it intersects the road now travelled at or near the ferry at St. Ann's in Lower Canada. Which was carried.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that Messrs. Cameron and Crysler be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject matter of the Resolution of the House this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the House do concur in the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada." Which was carried.

Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Burnham be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to the amendments made to the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada." Which was ordered.

The House went again into Committee on Supply, Mr. McMartin in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported that the Committee had agreed to two Resolutions, which he was directed to submit to the adoption of the House as follows:

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of R. C. Horne be referred to a Select Committee of three Members, and that Messrs. Robinson, Durand and Jones be authorized to inquire into and report upon the same.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is inexpedient to provide a salary for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

On the question for adopting the second Resolution the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Cotter, Secord, McNabb, Durand, Cameron, Van Koughnet, Hatt, Swayze, McMartin, Crysler, Nellis, Casey.

Nays: Messrs. Hatt, Robinson, Fraser, Burwell, Nichol, Jones.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six, and the Resolutions adopted.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House had concurred in the amendments made by them to an engrossed Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," and also to carry up the Bill intituled "An Act to give validity to Deeds executed by Married women in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any of His Majesty's Colonies; and to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to enable Married Women having Real Estate to alien and convey the same," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Kingston," be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now go into Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Kingston." Which was carried, and Mr. Burwell took the Chair of the Committee. The

House resumed. Mr. Burwell, reported the Bill without amendment. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Kingston" be read a third time this day. Which was ordered, and the Bill was read the third time, and signed by the Speaker. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Fraser be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Kingston," and to inform them that this House have adopted the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill sent down from that House, intituled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Kingston," and to acquaint them that this House had passed the same without amendment, reported they had done so.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 9th July, 1819.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of Yesterday were read.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to License Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for licensing such Practitioners," sent up from this House; which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. Cameron, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the road leading from Dundas Street to the Grand River in the Lower Province, reported that the Committee had agreed to a draft, which he was ready to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time. Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be now read the second time. Which was carried, and the Address read the second time.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Which was carried, and Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported the Address amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was carried.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves for leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of Abner Chapin. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Bill for the relief of Abner Chapin be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill for the relief of Abner Chapin. Which was carried, and Mr. Crysler took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Crysler reported the Bill.

Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Bill for the relief of Abner Chapin be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the laws now in force respecting the inquiry and trial of crimes committed within the Province without the limits of and described Township or County. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Clench, seconded by Mr. Secord, moves that from the late period of this Session of Parliament, so much of the order of the day as relates to the bringing in of a Bill for the relief of Ann Hosteter and Margaret Darby, widows of the late Herman Hosteter and George Darby, late of Grantham in the District of Niagara, deceased, who died from disease contracted while on duty as Militia men; be now discharged, and that the same may stand for the order of the day on the first day of the next Session of Parliament. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the Bill to grant relief to Adam Baker be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill to grant relief to Adam Baker. Which was carried, and Mr. Casey took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported the Bill. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin moves that the Bill to grant relief to Adam Baker be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

The Address on the subject of the road leading from Dundas Street into the Lower Province, was then read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency, Sir Peregrine Maitland, K. C. B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to represent to Your Excellency the great inconvenience that His Majesty's Subjects have experienced since the opening of the Dundas Street through the County of Glengarry, arising from the indirect course of said street, leading from the bridge across the River De L'Isle, in Lower Canada to the Ferry at Saint Ann's, a distance of about thirty miles, when if opened in a direct course from the said Bridge to the Ferry aforesaid would shorten the distance of about fourteen miles, which would be of great advantage to His Majesty's subjects. Wherefore His Majesty's faithful Commons humbly beg that Your Excellency will be pleased to represent this great inconvenience to His Grace, the Governor General, in order that His Grace may be pleased to adopt such measures as will remove the said inconvenience pointed out.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Cameron and Burwell be a Committee to wait on His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House, and present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Bill for altering the laws now in force for the trial of crimes and offences committed without any described Township or County be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to give effect and validity to deeds executed by Married Women in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any of His Majesty's Colonies, and to repeal part of and amend an Act, passed in the forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to enable Married Women having Real Estate to Alien and Convey the same," sent up from this House; which they had passed without amendment. Also a Message, which the Speaker read as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a Conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of the Bill intituled "An Act to limit the duration of an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent of this Province," and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose in the Legislative Council Chamber at the adjournment of this House this day.

Legislative Council Chamber,

9th July, 1819.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. Fraser, Robinson, Durand and Nichol be a Committee, to confer with a Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the matter and subject of a Bill intituled "An Act to limit the duration of an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent of this Province." Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that Messrs. Burwell and Cameron be a Committee, to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have appointed a Committee of four of its Members to confer with a Committee of that House on the subject of the Provincial Agent Limitation Bill. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill to alter the laws now in force for the trial of offences committed without any described Township or County. Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. McCormick, Clench, Hall, Hatt, Burwell, Nichol, Durand, Van Koughnet, Casey, Secord.

Nays: Messrs. Nellis, Cotter, Jones, McMartin, Cameron.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five, and Mr. Van Koughnet took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported the Bill. On the question for receiving the report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Clench, Hatt, Burwell, Swayze, Nichol, Durand, Hall, McCormick, Casey, Secord, Van Koughnet.

Nays: Messrs. Nellis, Jones, Cotter, Fraser, McMartin, Cameron.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five, and the Report was received.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moved that the Jurisdiction Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

The Bill for the Relief of Abner Chapin was read the third time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Bill for the relief of Abner

Chapin do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to afford relief to Abner Chapin." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Clench, moves that Messrs. Jones and Chrysler be a Committee, to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to afford relief to Abner Chapin," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the laws now in force for ascertaining the limits of the District of Gore. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Gore District Bill be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Gore District Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Secord took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that the Gore District Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Cameron, of the Committee to wait upon His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, and to present the Address of this House, on the subject of the Road leading from Dundas Street into the Lower Province, reported that they had presented the Address accordingly, and that His Excellency was pleased to make thereto the following answer:

Gentlemen: I shall take an early opportunity of conferring with His Grace, the Governor in Chief, on the subject of your Address.

The Jurisdiction Bill was then read the third time. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to vary the provisions of an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to authorize the trial and inquiry of crimes and offences committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof." Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Secord, Burwell, Swayze, Clench, McCormick, Hall, Hatt, Nichol, Van Koughnet, Durand, Casey.

Nays: Messrs. Chrysler, Cotter, Nellis, Cameron.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and the Bill was signed.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of the Laws now in force imposing duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Province from the United States of America, and to make further regulations for the Trade between this Province and the said United States of America by Land and Inland Navigation," sent up from this House; which they had passed without amendments.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Burwell and Durand be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to vary the provisions of an Act, passed in the forty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to authorize the inquiry and trial of Crimes and Offences committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The Bill for ascertaining the Limits of the District of Gore was then read the third time. Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the

Gore District Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to amend the laws now in force for ascertaining the Limits of the District of Gore." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that Messrs. Durand and Burwell be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the laws now in force for ascertaining the Limits of the District of Gore," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The Bill for the Relief of Adam Baker was read the third time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to afford Relief to Adam Baker." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves that Messrs. Burwell and Durand be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to afford Relief to Adam Baker," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to vary the provisions of an Act, passed in the forty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to authorize the inquiry and trial of crimes and offences committed within this Province without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any district thereof," and the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the laws now in force for ascertaining the Limits of the District of Gore," and also the Bill intituled "An Act to afford Relief to Adam Baker," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Contingent Accounts. Which was carried, and Mr. Secord took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered, that the Report be received, and the Resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee that the following sums be advanced to the undermentioned officers, to defray the Contingent Expenses of the present Session of Parliament.

To the Clerk of the Honorable the Legislative Council, to enable him to defray sundry contingent expenses during the present Session and to provide stationery for the next Session of the Provincial Parliament	£64 10 0
To the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, to defray sundry contingent expenses	58 11 11
To the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the balance of his contingent account	183 8 8
To the Serjeant at Arms, to enable him to discharge sundry contingent expenses for the present year, the sum of	56 8 3

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that it is the opinion of this House that an Address be presented to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to order the several sums voted in the preceding Resolution, to be paid agreeably thereto, and that Messrs. Durand and Fraser be a Committee to draft the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency, the

Lieutenant Governor on the Contingent Accounts of the present Session, reported a draft, which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor on the Contingent Accounts be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Address read the second time.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the Contingent Accounts. Which was carried, and Mr. Swayze took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported the Address. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the Contingent Accounts be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

The Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the Contingent Accounts of the present Session, was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency, Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc., etc., etc.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to issue Your Warrant to the Receiver General of this Province in Favor of John Powell, Esquire, Clerk of the Honorable the Legislative Council, for the sum of Sixty-four Pounds, Ten Shillings, for certain contingent expenses thereof during the present Session.

Also in favor of Mr. William Lee, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, for certain contingent expenses of the Honorable the Legislative Council during the present Session, the sum of Fifty-eight Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Eleven-pence.

Also in favor of Grant Powell, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Assembly, for the payment of the contingencies of His Office for the present Session, One Hundred and Eighty-Three Pounds, Eight Shillings and Eightpence.

Also in favour of Mr. Allan McNabb, Serjeant at Arms, to enable him to discharge sundry Contingent Expenses for the present session, the sum of Fifty-Six Pounds, Eight Shillings and Threepence.

Which sums we, His Majesty's Faithful Commons will make good during the next Session of the Provincial Legislature.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves that Messrs. Durand and Cotter be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House on the contingent Accounts, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 10th July, 1819.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Durand, of the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of this House, praying him to order the payment of the Contingent Accounts of the Present Session, reported they had presented the Address, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same, and to reply to it as follows:

Gentlemen: I shall cause the necessary warrants to be issued in favour of the Officers mentioned in your Address.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Hatt, moves that it be resolved that the Clerk of this House do transmit twenty copies of the Revised Statutes of this Province to each of the Members of the present Parliament upon receipt of the same from the Printer, and that one of the copies shall be bound. Which was ordered.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill sent up from this House, intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce to one Act of Parliament the several laws now in being for the raising and training the Militia of this Province," to which they had made some amendments, and recommended the same to the adoption of this House.

The Messenger being withdrawn, the amendments made by the Hon. the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce to one Act of Parliament the several laws now in being for the raising and training the Militia of this Province," were then read, and are as follows.

Press. 1, line 20. After "be" expunge "required" and insert "prayed for by any Officer against whom any charges have been or may be preferred." Expunge "whether" and insert "when," after "shall" insert "not." Line 21. After "service" expunge "or not."

Press. 2, line 2. After "service" insert "provided always nevertheless that if any such Officer shall be found guilty by any General Court Martial duly assembled, when any part of the Militia of the said Province shall not be called on actual service, such Court Martial shall and may inflict upon him such penalty proportionate to the offence as the said Court shall judge proper, either by censure or suspension, or depriving him of his Commission and degrading him from his rank, and no other."

The House then adjourned till Monday.

Monday, 12th July, 1819.

The House met: Prayers were read. The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the amendments made by the Hon. the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to explain, amend, and reduce to one Act of Parliament the several laws now in being for the raising and training the Militia of this Province" be now adopted. Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Cameron, McCormick, Cotter, Secord, Swayze, Hatt, Burwell, Crysler, McNabb, Fraser, Robinson, McMartin, Nellis.

Nays: Mr. Van Koughnet.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve, and the amendments adopted.

Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that Messrs. Burwell and Robinson be a Committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to the amendments made by them to the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year

of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to explain, amend, and reduce to one Act of Parliament the several laws now in being for the raising and training the Militia of this Province," and have adopted the same accordingly. Which was ordered.

At twelve o'clock the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Mr. Lee, delivered at the Bar of the House a message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in the following words:

Mr. Speaker: His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the immediate attendance of this House at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, and withdrew.

Mr. Speaker and the Members then present accordingly went up to the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills, viz:

An Act to repeal part of and to amend the laws now in force for establishing District Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same.

An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to revive and continue an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to afford relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs or Devisees of the Nominees of the Crown in cases where no patent hath issued for such lands, and further to extend the benefits of the said Act, and to continue part of the same, and to ascertain the titles to lands derived from the original Nominee or Nominees of the Crown where no patent hath issued for such lands."

An Act to repeal the several laws now in force relative to raising, levying and collecting Rates and Assessments in this Province, and further to provide for the more equal and general Assessment of lands and other rateable property throughout the Province.

An Act to repeal and amend part of an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to establish a Market in the Town of Niagara in the District of Niagara."

An Act for establishing a Police in the Town of Niagara, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for laying out, amending, and keeping in repair the Public Highways and Roads in this Province.

An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province to appoint one or more additional Port or Ports, Place or Places of Entry within this Province, and to appoint one or more Collectors at the same respectively.

An Act further to continue an Act passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of Returning Officers of the several Counties within this Province."

An Act granting to His Majesty an additional duty on Stills used for the distillation of Spirituous Liquor for sale, and for ascertaining the manner in which certain wooden stills shall be gauged in this Province.

An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's

Reign, intituled "An Act to prevent damage to travellers on the Highways in this Province."

An Act to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in pursuance of the Address of the Commons House of Assembly at the last Session of Parliament.

An Act to grant to His Majesty a sum of money to enable him to pay the salary of the Inspector General of Public Provincial Accounts in this Province.

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 to establish a Court for the cognizance of small causes in each and every District of this Province, and also of an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to extend the Jurisdiction and regulate the proceedings of the District Court and Court of Requests."

An Act to repeal part of and to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign intituled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to License Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for licensing such Practitioners."

An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money in aid of the funds for defraying the expenses of the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government of this Province.

An Act for appropriating a sum of money to defray the expenses of procuring plans and elevations of Public Buildings, and for copies of the Journals which were destroyed by the Enemy.

An Act for the Relief of John Wagstaff of Niagara, in the District of Niagara, Tinsmith.

An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to provide for the accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly.

An Act to repeal part of the laws now in force imposing a duty on goods, wares and merchandise imported into this Province from the United States of America, and to make further regulations for the Trade between this Province and the said United States of America by land or inland Navigation.

An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign intituled "An Act to explain, amend, and reduce to one Act of Parliament, the several laws now in being for the raising, and training the Militia of this Province."

An Act to give effect and validity to Deeds executed by Married Women in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any of His Majesty's Colonies, and to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to enable Married Women having Real Estate to alien and convey the same.

An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Kingston.

An Act to afford relief to Abner Chapin.

And His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to reserve for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon the following Bills, viz:

An Act to prevent the abatement of any action against a Joint Obligor, Contractor or Partner on Account of the other Joint Parties not being made defendants.

And An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of The President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada.

After which His Excellency addressed the following Speech.

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

I cannot put an end to this Session without expressing very great satisfaction at the benefits which you have conferred on His Majesty's people, by adopting a principle in your Assessment Bill and your amendment of the Road Law which subjects all the granted and leased land in the Province to an equal Duty, though I hope to see the latter of these Acts improved by the adoption of the same equitable principle of gradation which is established in the Mother Country.

Your inclination will, I am satisfied, lead you to renew as early as shall be found possible the assistance which you have been accustomed to afford the less opulent classes of His Majesty's faithful subjects for the education of their children, and I have no doubt the wisdom of Parliament, on a due consideration of the subject, will find the means of rendering a far more frugal grant than has been heretofore applied for that purpose at least equally beneficial in that effect.

You have consulted with laudable feeling the very respectable character of the Militia Service in enabling me to afford to any of its members an opportunity of obtaining in time of peace, but properly only at his own request, the verdict of a Court Martial, and you have at the same time relieved me from the unpleasant necessity of having on every occasion to decide by the light of evidence unguarded by the sanctity of an oath.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I thank you, in the name of His Majesty, for the supply you have granted me for the service of the ensuing year, and I congratulate you that the plan which has been adopted for meeting the expense of survey has so well succeeded as to have put it in my power to relieve you from any demand on account of that service, for which in the former of the two preceding years you voted a sum exceeding three, and in the latter, one exceeding four thousand Pounds.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen:

When returned to your respective Districts let it be your care to promote in them a spirit of concord and that generous obedience to the laws which is always essential to the happiness of a people. It shall be mine to protect the rights of His Majesty's subjects, to suppress the efforts of the seditious, and with diligence to aid the growing welfare of the Province.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council said:

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

It is His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued till Friday, the Twentieth day of August next, to be then and here holden, and this Provincial Parliament is Prorogued till Friday, the Twentieth day of August next, accordingly.

(A true copy. GRANT POWELL, Clerk Assembly.)

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SIR P. MAITLAND, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor.

PROCLAMATION.

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 Legislative Councillors of Our Province of Upper Canada, and to Our Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of Our said Province to Our Provincial Parliament at Our Town of York, on the Twentieth day of August instant, to be commenced, held, called, and elected, and to every of you,

GREETING. Whereas on the Twelfth day of July last We thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the Twentieth day of August instant, at which time, at our Town of York, you were held and constrained to appear. Now Know Ye We, taking into Our Royal consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you and each of you of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you that on Tuesday, the Twenty-eighth day of September next ensuing, you meet Us in Our Provincial Parliament in Our Town of York, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our Province of Upper Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary, and Herein Fail Not.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness Our Trusty and Well Beloved Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of Our said Province, and Major-General Commanding Our Forces therein, at York, this Sixteenth day of August, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen, and in the Fifty-ninth year of Our Reign.

P. M.

By Command of His Excellency.

D. CAMERON, Secretary.

By a further Proclamation of His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, dated at York, the Twenty-fourth day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen, the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further Prorogued to the First day of November next ensuing.

By a further Proclamation of His Excellency Sir P. Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, dated at York, the Twenty-sixth day of October, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen, the Meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further prorogued to the Ninth day of December next ensuing.

By a further Proclamation of His Excellency Sir P. Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, dated at York, the Second day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen, the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further prorogued to the Eighteenth day of January next ensuing.

By a further Proclamation of His Excellency Sir P. Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, dated at York, the Twelfth day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty, the meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly stands further prorogued to the Twenty-sixth day of February next ensuing.

UPPER CANADA.

SIR P. MAITLAND, Lieutenant-Governor.

PROCLAMATION.

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 Legislative Councillors of Our Province of Upper Canada, and to Our Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of Our said Province, to Our Provincial Parliament at Our Town of York, on Tuesday, the Twenty-sixth day of February next, to be commenced, held, called, and elected, and to every of you,

GREETING. Whereas by Our Proclamation, bearing date the Twelfth Day of January instant, we thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the Twenty-sixth day of February next, at which time, at Our Town of York, you were held and constrained to appear.

Now Know Ye that We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to convene Our Provincial Parliament before the Twenty-sixth day of February, and We do hereby convoke, and by these Presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Monday, the Twenty-first day of February next ensuing, you meet Us in Our Provincial Parliament in Our Town of York, for the actual despatch of Public Business, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our Province of Upper Canada, and therein do as may seem necessary, and Herein Fail Not.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness Our trusty and well beloved Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province, and Major-General Commanding Our Forces therein, at York, this Twenty-second day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty, and in the Sixtieth Year of Our Reign.

P. M.

By Command of His Excellency,

D. CAMERON, Secretary.

Monday, 21st February, 1820.

The House met.

At Two o'clock the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Mr. Lee, brought down the commands of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for the immediate attendance of the Speaker and the House at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker and the Members present then went up to the Legislative Council Chamber, and returned. Mr. Speaker then reported that His Excellency had been pleased to open the Session with a Speech to both Houses, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy. Ordered, that it be read, and it was read as follows:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: The lamented indisposition of our revered Sovereign continues unabated.

We have to be grateful for a new evidence of His Royal Highness's paternal consideration, in the selection of the Earl of Dalhousie to preside over His Majesty's North American Dominions.

Though the usual time of recess has not been completed, circumstances beyond my control have induced me to call you together, and as the period was so near at hand when a new Parliament must be summoned in compliance with the law, I returned from the Sister Province to enjoy the only opportunity which remained of expressing personally my satisfaction at the unanimity, diligence, and just regard for the honor and security of your Government which have been manifested in the proceedings of the two last Sessions.

I feel the most sincere pleasure in communicating to you that the timely interposition of the Legislature, the just administration of the Law of the land and, perhaps more than all, the prevailing good sense and good principle of the great majority of the people, have dissipated those appearances of disturbance and discontent which were beginning to defame us abroad, and which, unless happily checked, would have soon been fatal to an increasing prosperity. Assured that there exists no reason at present for desiring more than the ordinary safeguards of the Constitution, I am fully disposed, should you deem such a measure expedient, to acquiesce in a repeal of the Act, passed in the last Session, for preventing seditious meetings, freely confiding in the prompt energy of the Legislature, and the steady loyalty of the great mass of His Majesty's subjects to meet any further occasion.

The judgment I have been enabled to form of the situation and interest of this Colony leads me to appreciate highly your provisions for the amendment of the Road Laws, and for the more equal and general assessment of property. The Acts may admit of improvement, and, like all other measures tending to introduce a change of system, will be found, no doubt, when they shall be brought into operation, to require alteration in the detail; but the Session in which you are introduced, and have, I trust, for ever bequeathed to your country the principle of an unexempting and impartial assessment, will form hereafter an honored era in the annals of her Legislation.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: The Public Accounts with the Estimates for the ensuing year shall be laid before you, and will, receive, no doubt, your early attention. With resources more than adequate to that proportion of the expense of the Civil Government which we have assumed, the Revenue has been insufficient to meet the accumulating charge for Militia Pensions, imposed upon it by law, I fear, more extensively benevolent in their provisions than our means could justify.

You will find that a large arrearage has accrued in this head of Public Expenditure, for which you will doubtless see the necessity of making immediate provision.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen: You will direct your attention to such laws as are about to expire. Among these is the Act for the Establishment of Schools. While you bear in mind that justice takes place of every other consideration, you will not forget that it is repugnant to the decrees of Providence that Civil liberty should long maintain its ground among any people disqualified by ignorance and licentiousness for its enjoyment. Your disposition, therefore, to provide for this valuable object will, I am persuaded, always keep pace with your means on the present scale, and under the present regulations of the Bill. It is neither prudent nor perhaps desirable to proceed, but measures may possibly be adopted to produce the same good at a more moderate expense.

Provision for religious instruction and the diffusion of education are becoming daily more important in this Province.

The population of Upper Canada is rapidly increasing, new Townships are filling with actual settlers, and the conditions of cultivation and improvement now rigidly insisted upon by His Majesty's Government are suddenly displaying the advantages of the present system by a lively contrast with the former.

A subject which should have been mentioned before still remains. The explanation of this omission I shall trust to your own feeling. I am certain you have deeply sympathized with me in the painful dispensation of Providence which deprived His Majesty's North American Provinces of that illustrious personage who beheld with peculiar interest the growing prosperity of Canada, an object to which, governed as he always was by a high sense of duty, and influenced by a truly benevolent disposition, he cheerfully devoted all his powerful faculties.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves that Messrs, Burwell, Robinson, McMartin and Burnham be a Committee to draft an Address in answer to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate winter carriages used throughout this Province.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to continue, amend, and repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the regulation of the said Common Schools."

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, directing him to sue out a Writ of Election, to supply the place of Richard Hatt, Esq., deceased, late a Member of this House for the County of Halton. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation.

Mr. Fraser gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act intituled "An Act to prevent certain Meetings within this Province."

Mr. Burwell gives notice that he will, on Friday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the representation of the People in this Province in the Commons House of Assembly.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, 22nd February, 1820.

The House met. The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Burwell, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to His Speech at the opening of the Session, reported a draft, which was ordered to be received, and was read the first time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Thomas Talbot, Robert Nichol, and John Brackhouse, Esquires. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Sundry Inhabitants of the Town of York. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Adam Baker, of the Township of Osnaburgh, in the Eastern District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Ameliasburgh, in the Midland District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. McMartin gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the several laws now in force granting Pensions to Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Militiamen, and others disabled while on service, and the widows and children of such as were killed in action or lost their lives from any disease contracted while on service, and to make further provision for the same.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants in the Township of Osnaburgh, in the Eastern District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Henry Demming, of the Township of Osnaburgh, in the Eastern District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that he have leave to bring up the Petition of Hugh McCall and others, of the London District of this Province. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof."

Mr. Nichol gave notice that he will, on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to repeal the several laws now in force relative to levying and collecting Rates and Assessments in this Province, and further to provide for the more equal and General Assessment of Lands and other rateable property throughout this Province."

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to inquire into the administration of the Post Office Department in this Province.

Mr. Fraser gives notice that he will on Friday next move for leave to bring in

a Bill to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force for laying out, amending, and keeping in repair the Public Highways and Roads in this Province."

Mr. McMartin gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal in part and amend an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Court of Requests."

The House then adjourned.

Wednesday, 23rd February, 1820.

The House met. The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his speech was read the second time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Present Session. Which was carried, and Mr. McMartin took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported the Address amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of London, in the London District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Thomas Mears and John McDonell, Esquires, of the Ottawa District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Cotter gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill for the better division of the County of Prince Edward into Townships.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House be called over on Monday, the 13th of March next. Which was carried.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Grand Jury and Magistrates of the Home District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the production of certain documents connected with the claims of sundry Inhabitants of this Province, for compensation for losses sustained by them during the late war with the United States.

Mr. Fraser gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to divide the Counties of Lennox and Addington in the Midland District.

Mr. Speaker communicated a letter from the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, as follows:

Halifax, 28th June, 1819.

Sir,—By the Direction of the House of Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, I have the honor to enclose to you a copy of the Report made by a Joint Committee of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, on the subject of the Convention lately concluded between His Majesty and the United States of America. This convention is deemed so injurious to the Interests of all the North

American Colonies that it is hoped that their respective Legislative bodies will take the subject into serious consideration, and unite with the Assembly of this Province in bringing the same before His Majesty's Government, that if possible measures may be adopted to prevent, or at least to diminish, the evils that must result from a treaty in which the interests and situation of British America have been but little attended to or understood. On the part of the House of Assembly, I am therefore to request that you will submit this Report and the accompanying documents to the Assembly in which you preside, and that you will communicate to the Legislature of this Province the result of their deliberations.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of this letter, together with the Report which I enclose.

I have the Honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

B. ROBIE.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada.

Agreeably to order the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was then read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces in Upper and Lower Canada, etc.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to express to Your Excellency our humble and hearty thanks for your gracious speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session.

Loyally attached to the person and Government of our Revered Sovereign, we sincerely lament the continuance of the indisposition with which His Majesty has so long been afflicted.

It is with feelings of the most poignant sorrow (which we assure Your Excellency are common to all His Majesty's Subjects in this Province) that we sympathize with you in the most afflicting dispensation of Providence, which in bereaving Your Excellency of so near a relative has deprived His Majesty's North American Dominions of the exalted personage who, during the short period he remained in the situation which he condescended to assume, gave so many and such flattering proofs that his care extended equally to every part of those Dominions, and who afforded an illustrious example of entire devotion to the service and interest of his Country, that will long be remembered and cherished in these Provinces.

In the appointment of the Earl of Dalhousie as his successor in so important a trust, we acknowledge with gratitude a new evidence of the paternal consideration of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

It is a source of much gratification to us that our endeavours to promote the security of His Majesty's Government in this Province have obtained Your Excellency's approbation, and we feel the utmost satisfaction at the information communicated by Your Excellency, that more than all the prevailing good sense and good principle of the great majority of the people have dissipated those appearances of disturbance and discontent which were beginning to defame us abroad, and which, unless happily checked, might have been fatal to our prosperity.

We receive with feelings of gratitude and pride Your Excellency's assurance that there exists no reason at present for more than the ordinary safeguards of the constitution, and that you are disposed to acquiesce in the repeal of the Act

passed in a late Session for preventing seditious Meetings, should it be deemed necessary.

In the confidence so liberally disposed by Your Excellency in the prompt energy of the Legislature, and in the steady loyalty of the people to meet any future occasion, we feel assured you will not be disappointed.

We are, with Your Excellency, fully sensible that the Road Laws and law for the more equal and general assessment of property may admit of improvement, and shall not fail to give those subjects our most serious consideration.

When the Public Accounts and Estimates are laid before us we shall give them proper attention and endeavour to make such arrangements as may appear best calculated to improve the Revenue with the least possible inconvenience to His Majesty's subjects.

From the accumulating charge for Militia Pensions, we are led to fear that the Act authorizing their payment is too liberal in its provisions. We shall, therefore, at the same time that we provide for the payment of the charges already accrued, make a suitable provision for the future.

We shall direct our attention to such laws as are about to expire, and give to the revision of the Common School Act that due consideration which its importance demands.

We are aware that ignorance and licentiousness are at variance with the true principles of civil polity and rational freedom, and in our deliberations on this important subject it shall be our study to keep in view the improvement of the moral and religious habits of the rising generation.

We are sensible of the rapid increase of the population of the Province, and we are gratified to learn that the conditions rigidly insisted upon by His Majesty's Government have answered the purposes for which they were designed.

ALLAN McLEAN, Speaker.

Commons House of Assembly, 23rd February, 1820.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves that Messrs. Burwell and McMartin be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with the Address in answer to his Speech at the opening of the present session. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 24th February, 1820.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. McMartin, of the Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he would be pleased to receive this House with the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the session, reported that His Excellency was pleased to name the hour of eleven o'clock to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved that he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to repeal the several laws now in force relative to levying and collecting rates and assessments in this Province, and further to provide for the more equal and general assessment of lands and other rateable property throughout this Province. Which was carried, and the Bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Assessment Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that it be Resolved:

1st. That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying His Excellency to direct to be laid before this House an abstract of the total amount (of losses) reported by the Board of Claims to have been sustained by the various claimants for losses during the late war with the United States, distinguishing those occasioned by the enemy from those occasioned by His Majesty's Troops or Indians serving with them, and specifying the amount for each and every District in the Province.

2nd, Also of the amount reported by the said Board to be due for Military services, or for supplies furnished for His Majesty's service in each and every District.

3rd, Also that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of any correspondence which may have taken place on the subject of the said claims between the Provincial Government and His Majesty's Ministers in Great Britain.

4th, Also a return of property confiscated and vested in Commissioners under the 58th George Third, cap. 12, together with a Schedule of Debentures issued by the said Commissioners for debts stated to be due to bona fide creditors on the said estates; and a statement of expenses accrued under the said Commission as far as the same can be ascertained: Which was carried.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Robinson be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to the Resolution of this House this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of and amend an Act, passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquility thereof." Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the Sedition Law amendment Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Petitions of Henry Deming and Adam Baker be now read. Which was carried, and the Petitions read.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament Assembled.

The Petition of Adam Baker, of Osnaburgh, in the Eastern District, Inn-keeper,

Humbly Showeth: That Your Petitioner, by Deed of Bargain and Sale, bearing date the second day of November, 1813, with one Levi Bancroft, purchased from Asahel Gerald's the west half of Lot Number Fourteen in the First Concession of Osnaburgh aforesaid, containing One Hundred acres of land, for the consideration of One hundred and seventy-five Pounds, and six Shillings. That afterwards the said Asahel Gerald's withdrew from this Province into the United States of America.

That by the operation of an Act, passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for declaring certain persons therein described Aliens, and vesting their estates in His Majesty, the said land was vested in His Majesty.

That Your Petitioner afterwards, on the Twentieth day of May, 1818, ignorant of the operation of the said law, purchased from the said Levi Bancroft his right to the said land by deed poll, bearing date the day and year last aforesaid.

That the said purchase by Your Petitioner and the said Levi Bancroft from

Asahel Gerald's was a fair and bona fide purchase, without any knowledge or suspicion of the said Gerald's inclination or intention to depart the Province.

Your Petitioner cannot conceive it ever to have been the intention of the Legislature in framing the said law to take from an honest and loyal subject that which he has fairly and honestly obtained without any intention to defraud His Majesty or any of His subjects.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that Your Honorable House will be pleased to take into consideration his case, and afford him such relief as in your wisdom shall seem meet.

And Your Petitioner will ever pray.

ADAM BAKER, by his Attorney, JONAS JONES.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled :

The Petition of Henry Deming of Osnabruck, in the Eastern District, Merchant,

Humbly Showeth : That Your Petitioner, on the Fifteenth day of May, 1815, purchased the east half of Lot Number Fourteen in the First Concession of the said Township of Osnabruck, at a Sheriff's sale, for the consideration of £230, as will appear by the conveyance from Neil McLean, Esquire, and his receipt thereon, who was then Sheriff.

That the said parcel of land was seized by the said Sheriff and sold at public sale, in obedience to and by virtue of an execution issuing out of the Court of King's Bench against the lands and tenements of Asahel Gerald's in the said District, at the suit of William Wills, on a judgment in the said Court entered on the twenty-third day of June, 1817, for £66 17s. 3d., an execution against the goods and chattels having previously been returned. That the said Asahel Gerald's, long after the said judgment was obtained, during the war, left the Province without leave, and that on the Nineteenth day of May, 1818, three years after Your Petitioner had purchased the said parcel of land, the same was returned in an inquisition taken before Joseph Anderson, Esquire, one of the Commissioners in the Eastern District, under the Act 54th George 3rd, relative to the estates of Aliens, as having been in the possession of the said Gerald's in the month of July, 1812. That Your Petitioner, having paid a fair and full consideration for the said parcel of land, and conscious of the equity and justice of his title, claimed the same before the Commissioners appointed under an Act, passed in the last Session of the Legislature, relative to the estates of Aliens and Traitors, and produced to the Commissioners the execution under which the Sheriff acted in the sale of the said parcel of land, the conveyance from the Sheriff, duly proved and recorded, and the receipt for the consideration money, but that the Commissioners did not under the existing laws feel themselves authorized to decide favorably on the claim of Your Petitioner. That the lands sold under the authority of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench by an Officer of the Crown, after due notice to all persons interested therein, and fully paid for by Your Petitioner, have thus become vested in the Crown, and Your Petitioner must be deprived of the same and thereby ruined in his circumstances, unless Your Honorable House will afford him the necessary relief. That Your Petitioner cannot conceive that any absconding debtor has it in his power to deprive a creditor who has obtained a judgment of the right of carrying the judgment into effect by the sale of the goods and chattels of such debtor, or of the lands and tenements if necessary.

That there is now in the hands of the Sheriff of the Eastern District, who sold the said parcel of land to Your Petitioner, a sum of money amounting to upwards of one hundred and sixty pounds, being the balance remaining in his hands, after satisfying the said execution.

That an action has been brought by the said Asahel Gerald's to recover from the said Sheriff the amount now in his hands, which action is defended on the part of the Government in order that the same may be paid into the hands of the Receiver General or some person authorized to receive it.

That Your Petitioner, since his purchase of the said parcel of land, has divided the front into small lots for a Village, and a number of good houses have been erected thereon under titles derived from Your Petitioner; and that, in the event of the said parcel of land being taken from him, Your Petitioner would be ruined by the parties to whom he has sold, and to whom he has become responsible.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that as he made a fair and regular purchase of the lands and all the transactions relative to his purchase are founded on what was the considered legal authority, as also the balance of the consideration money now in the hands of the said Sheriff may be recovered to the use of His Majesty's Government, Your Honorable House will be pleased to take his case into your consideration and afford him that relief which his circumstances require, and to which he feels himself entitled.

And, as in duty bound, he will ever pray, etc.

York, 16th Jany., 1820.

HENRY DEMING, by ARCH'D MCLEAN, his Agent.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Petition of Hugh McCall and others of the London District be now read. Which was ordered and the Petition read.

To the Honorable the Legislative Council and the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned, Inhabitants of the District of London, in the Province of Upper Canada,

Respectfully Sheweth: That the killing of Deer between the first day of January and the first day of June in each year has a tendency to destroy the game wantonly, unnecessarily and unreasonably. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that a law may be enacted to prevent the killing of Deer at the period aforesaid, subjecting offenders to fine or such punishment as the nature of the offence may seem to require.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed by) JACOB SOVEREIN, HUGH MCCALL, and 54 others.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the Petition of the Inhabitants of Ameliasburgh be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read.

To the Honorable Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

We, the undersigned, Inhabitants of the Township of Ameliasburgh, conceive that we do labour under great disadvantage, from the extensiveness of the said Township. Wherefore we, the undersigned, humbly pray that you will take into consideration, and make a division of said Township, commencing at or near the Consequon Mills, thence on a southeasterly direction until it intersects the eastern boundary lines of said Township.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Ameliasburgh, 14th Feby., 1820.

(Signed by) REUBEN DEDOLL, and 45 others.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Township of Osnabruck be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read.

To the Honorable, the House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned, Inhabitants settled in the third Concession of the Township of Osnabruck, in the County of Stormont, and in the Eastern District,

Humbly Sheweth: That the Third Concession of the Township aforesaid was settled from No. 9 to the upper end of the Concession agreeably to the original survey, and when the lower end of the Concession was about to be settled upon by Your Petitioners, finding that there was a mistake in the survey, settled to the fourth concession line, from No. 1 to No. 8, both lots inclusive: and by an Act passed in the seventh parliament of this Province, intituled "An Act to establish the original surveys and boundary lines upon a permanent footing," Your Petitioners will be compelled to remove from the different lots they have settled upon, which will be attended with a great deal of trouble, confusion and damage to them; and as Your Petitioners are satisfied with the lots they have settled upon, and do not wish to injure each other, pray that Your Honorable House will be pleased to pass an Act to establish them in their possession, agreeable to the nine mile roads laid out between lots Nos. 6 and 7 and lots Nos. 12 and 13. The said nine mile roads have now become passable by Statute labour and a small expense of Government money, commencing from the front to the rear that leads to Fine "D."

And Your Petitioners will ever pray.

(Signed) JOHN BRADSHAW, and 8 others.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Petition of Thomas Talbot, Robert Nichol and John Backhouse, Esquires, be now read. Which was carried and the Petition read.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Thomas Talbot, Robert Nichol and John Backhouse, Esquires, of the London District of this Province.

Most respectfully Sheweth: That in the year 1815 the sum of Two Thousand Pounds was granted by the Provincial Parliament towards defraying the expenses of building and erecting a Gaol and Court House in and for the said District.

That at a General Quarter Session of the Peace for the said District, Your Petitioners were, by order of the Magistrates then and there assembled, (a copy of which is hereunto annexed) appointed a Committee to superintend and contract for the erecting of the said Gaol and Court House.

That Your Petitioners undertook to perform the said duty, and have faithfully and to the best of their ability, without fee or reward, performed the same, but that the funds at their disposal have proved inadequate to the purpose for which they were granted.

That Your Petitioners, taking into consideration the rapid growth of the Province in wealth and population, and anxious to provide for the future as well as present wants of the District, submitted to the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions a plan on an extensive scale for the said Gaol and Court House, which having been approved by them your Petitioners proceeded to carry into effect.

That at the time Your Petitioners recommended their plan to the adoption of the Magistrates they were perfectly aware that it would require a much larger sum than that granted by the Provincial Parliament to carry it into effect, and distinctly stated the same to the Bench, but at the same time expressed their confidence that by the rapid increase of the population and wealth of the District, they would be able to complete it in a few years without laying any additional burthen on their constituents.

That the hopes and anticipations of Your Petitioners have, in a great degree, been realized, the assessments having been nearly doubled in amount, without any addition to the rate, since Your Petitioners undertook the superintendence of the said Gaol and Court House, and are still, from the influx of new settlers, rapidly increasing in amount.

That to complete the said Gaol and Court House will require a much larger sum than can be spared in one or two years from the District Funds.

Wherefore Your Petitioners humbly hope that Your Honorable House will be pleased to take into consideration the premises, and to grant such relief as in your wisdom may seem meet.

And, as in duty bound, they will ever pray.

London District,

Jany. 1st, 1820.

(Signed) THOS. TALBOT, ROBT. NICHOL, JNO. BACKHOUSE.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill founded upon the Petition of Thomas Talbot, Robert Nichol and John Backhouse.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Saturday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill, founded on the Petition of Adam Baker.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the production of copies of all inquests held in the several Districts of this Province, under the provisions of an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, for declaring certain persons therein described aliens, and for vesting their Estates in His Majesty, together with the minutes of evidence taken before the Commissioners appointed to hold such Inquests, and also for a copy of the decision of the Court of King's Bench as to what are deemed bona fide debts, chargeable on the said Estates.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill, founded on the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Osnaburgh.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Saturday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill, founded on the Petition of Henry Deming.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that it be resolved, that one hundred copies of the proceedings of the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, upon the Convention concluded between His Majesty and the United States of America, published by order of both houses in General Sessions at Halifax, in April One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Nineteen, be printed for the information of the Members of this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor four messages, which he delivered to the Speaker and withdrew, when they were read as follows:

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant Governor acquaints the House of Assembly, that having forwarded to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent the Joint Address of Condolence

on the death of Her late Most Gracious Majesty, by the two Houses of the Legislature, it has been signified to him by His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, that His Royal Highness did not fail to express his satisfaction with the additional proof of the loyalty and attachment of the inhabitants of Upper Canada to His Person and Government.

24th February, 1820.

P. M.

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant Governor acquaints the House of Assembly that having, in compliance with their request, caused directions to be given to the Provincial Agent Resident in London, to make inquiry of the terms on which a Civil Engineer of sufficient abilities for the purpose would be willing to proceed to this Province to undertake a survey of the waters of the St. Lawrence, he has received from that gentleman a reply, of which a copy is enclosed.

24th February, 1820.

P. M.

(Copy)

Ibbotson's Hotel, Vere Street,
London, 31st May, 1819.

Sir: On the fifteenth instant I had the honor of receiving Major Hillier's letter of the 22nd January last, conveying to me Your Excellency's Commands to inform you on what terms a Civil Engineer of sufficient abilities for the purpose would repair to Upper Canada, and undertake a survey of the River St. Lawrence.

After a diligent inquiry I have had no hesitation in fixing on John Rennie, Esquire, Civil Engineer, as the most proper person to give me the information required. This gentleman is at the head of his profession, is frequently employed by Government, was applied to some time ago by Lord Bathurst upon the subject now in question, and also superintended the building of the Waterloo Bridge.

Mr. Rennie has informed me that a Civil Engineer of sufficient abilities to complete such a difficult and important survey as that of the River St. Lawrence will not probably be found to undertake the work for less than from Twelve Hundred to Two Thousand Pounds Sterling a Year, and his travelling expenses from England and back again; his salary to commence from the time he embarks, with the usual advance of from Two to Three Hundred Pounds.

Mr. Rennie has named Mr. Josias Jessup as a person fully competent to the survey required, but his terms are Six Guineas a day from the day he leaves England until he returns, his expenses out and home, and a moderate allowance for his table. This Gentleman is now surveying for Government at Mr. Rennie's recommendation in the Island of Bermuda, and is likely to return to England in about four months.

Mr. Rennie has also named Mr. Hamilton Fulton as fully qualified for the survey of the St. Lawrence. His terms are Twelve Hundred Pounds a year, and his travelling expenses. This gentleman has lately proceeded from England to make a survey in North Carolina of Mr. Rennie's recommendation, but Mr. Rennie states that Mr. Fulton is at liberty to withdraw himself from that engagement at pleasure.

He received an advance of Three Hundred Pounds on leaving England, and his Address is Messrs Atkinson's and Fleming's, Merchants, New York.

When I obtain any further information on this subject deserving Your Excellency's notice I shall transmit it without delay.

I have the honor to be,

G. Hillier, Secy.
(A true Copy)

WM. HALTON, Prov. Agent.

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant Governor acquaints the House of Assembly that, having forwarded to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent a Joint Address of the Legislature, praying that a grant of the Crown Lands be made to aid in the improvement of the navigation between Upper and Lower Canada, he has received thereupon His Royal Highness' pleasure, signified by His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonial Department as follows.

"That His Royal Highness will readily afford assistance towards the important object which they have in view of facilitating the communication between the Upper and Lower Province, but before entering into a discussion of the mode in which this assistance shall be afforded it will be necessary that His Royal Highness should be correctly informed as to the extent of the grants of money which the Legislature feel it within their power to vote and apply to this purpose, and as to the regulations under which the money voted for it is to be applied.

24th February, 1820.

P. M.

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits a schedule, prepared by the Inspector General, showing the various appropriations of sums amounting to £37,853 0s. 1d. for payment of which no specific sum is designated, together with a statement from the same Officer of the probable means to meet this amount of appropriations. It appears that of the sum appropriated for Common Schools a large amount paid to District Treasurers remains unemployed, and cannot now be legally expended. Yet the law provides no remedy, but subjects the Lieutenant-Governor to continued demands for further advances to the very persons holding the sums unaccounted for.

24th February, 1820.

P. M.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the messages of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting sundry documents respecting the survey and improvement of the navigation of the St. Lawrence, also the message and documents respecting the Public expenditure and Revenue of the Province, be referred to a Committee of Supply. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the production of sundry documents respecting the receipt and expenditure of the Public Revenues of this Province.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that Messrs. Fraser, Nellis, Cotter, and Casey be a Committee to examine what laws have expired and are about to expire, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 25th February, 1820.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

At eleven o'clock the House went up with the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his speech at the opening of the present Session; and having returned, the Speaker reported the same to the House, and that His Excellency had made a reply thereto, which, by order of the House, was read as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I sincerely thank you for this most loyal Address.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Representation of the Commons of this Province in Parliament. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Representation Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that so much of the order of the day as relates to the Road Bill be discharged. Which was ordered.

Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal in part the laws now in force for granting Pensions to persons disabled in the service, and the widows and children of persons who may have been killed or who may have died by diseases contracted whilst on actual service, and to make provision for such only as were wounded and disabled by the enemy, and the widows and children of such as were killed in action with or by the enemy, or such as died in actual service from wounds or disease contracted by reason of such service. Which was carried, and the Bill read.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the Pension Repeal and Amendment Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

The order of the day for the second reading of the Assessment Bill being called, the House divided, and the yeas and nays being taken were as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Fraser, Nichol, McMartin, Van Koughnet, Burwell, Burnham, McDonell, Swayze.

Nays: Messrs. Cameron, Robinson, Cotter, Casey, Nellis.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three, and the Bill was read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Assessment Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that it be resolved that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to direct the proper Officer to lay before this House copies of all inquests taken before any Commissioners appointed under the authority of an Act, passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their Estates in His Majesty; together with copies of minutes of evidence taken by such Commissioners at such Inquests, as far as the same can be done: also a copy of the decisions of the Court of Appeals as to what are deemed bona fide debts chargeable on the said Estates. Which was carried.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Van Koughnet be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to the Resolutions of the House this day, and to report the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that it be Resolved: That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying His Excellency to be pleased to direct to be laid before this House:—

First. A return of the net annual revenue of this Province, commencing the First day of January, 1793, and ending the Thirty-first day of December, 1819, as far as it can be made up, distinguishing the same under the following heads:

1. Amount collected in this Province under the 14th George III., Chap. 88.

2. Annual amount collected under Provincial Statutes.

3. Amount remitted to the Receiver General of this Province as its proportion of Provincial Duties from Lower Canada.

4. Amount remitted to the Receiver General of this Province as its proportion of Duties under the 14th George III., chap. 88, from Lower Canada.

Second. An Abstract of all the sums advanced from the Military Chest in aid of the Civil Expenditure of this Province, specifying the date of such advance as far as the same can be made up.

Third. Also of the sums annually voted for the same period by the Parliament of Great Britain, and applied towards defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice and support of the Civil Government of this Province.

Fourth. Also of all sums derived from any other source applied towards the support of the Civil Government of this Province.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Burwell, Nichol, McMartin, Van Koughnet, Burnham, McDonell, Casey.

Nays: Messrs. Fraser, Swayze, Cameron, Robinson, Nellis, Cotter.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of one, and it was resolved accordingly.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Van Koughnet be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to the preceding resolution. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor agreeably to the Resolution of yesterday, in the subject of claims, reported that the Committee had agreed to a draft, which he was ready to submit to the House. Ordered, that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the draft of the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative to the claims for loss, be read a second time this day, and that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with so far as regards the same. Which was carried, and the draft read the second time.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the draft of the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Claims for Losses. Which was carried, and Mr. McDonell took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. McDonell reported the Address. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Address be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Counties of Lennox and Addington. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Hallowell in the Midland District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Petition of Thomas Mears and John McDonell, Esquires, of the Ottawa District, be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament Assembled.

The Petition of Thomas Mears and John McDonell,
Humbly Sheweth: That Your Petitioners were appointed Commissioners for the Branch Roads in the District of Ottawa in the year 1816.

That in execution of the duty thus entrusted them, they gave a number of contracts and had parties at monthly wages, headed by overseers working on the said Roads.

That from the great length and variety of roads your Pétitioners had to labour upon in conformity to the Act, the money allowed was found insufficient to join and connect the whole.

That, to remedy this deficiency and render the said roads of use to the public by joining and connecting them, Your Petitioners laid out the sum of Two Hundred and Eight Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Sevenpence Currency, of their own money, as will appear by their accounts lodged in the Lieutenant Governor's office, in February, 1817.

That other Commissioners under the Act of 1816, who laid out their own money in aid of the Provincial Funds entrusted to their management, have been remunerated by the Legislature by an Act passed on the 27th of November, 1818, in which Your Petitioners were not included.

Wherefore Your Petitioners humbly crave they may be allowed the above said sum of £208 18s. 7d. currency, from the first moneys to be issued out of the Provincial Chest, and Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JOHN McDONELL, THOS. MEARS, by His Attorney, Jno. McDonell.
York, 23rd February, 1820.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of London be now read. Which was carried and the Petition read.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of London,

Most Respectfully Sheweth: That the greater part of Your Petitioners have emigrated within the last year from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and are settled in the Township of London, which, on account of its being situated on the north-west side of the River Thames, is difficult of access from the older settlements, from which Your Petitioners have to procure support for their families; and is rendered more so by several Creeks (branches of the said River Thames) which intersect the different routes by which Your Petitioners make their way to their settlements in the interior of the Township, and which they are unable to bridge.

Your Petitioners have observed by the laws which passed at the last Session of the Provincial Parliament that the bounty of Your Honorable House was extended in similar cases for the opening of roads in certain new settlements, forming by emigrants in the Johnstown and Newcastle Districts; which has emboldened them in the very straightened state of their pecuniary circumstances, (occasioned principally by the shipwreck of upwards of forty families of them, who were with their effects thrown on the American shore on the south side of Lake Erie last Autumn on their way to this place) to offer themselves for the generous consideration of Your Honorable House.

Wherefore Your Petitioners pray that Your Honorable House will be pleased to grant them such a sum of money as in your wisdom may seem meet, to assist

in the erection of bridges across the river and some of the creeks which intersect their routes to the interior of the said Township, as in duty bound, they will ever pray.

(Signed by) JNO. CARLAND, and 114 others.

London, 1st June, 1819.

Mr. Burwell gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill founded upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of London.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Phoebe Crowton and Mary Smith. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Petition of Thomas Mears and John McDonell, Esquires, of the Ottawa District, be submitted to a Select Committee, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise, and that Messrs. Burnham, Casey, and Nellis do constitute the same. Which was ordered.

The Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Claims for Losses, was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces in Upper and Lower Canada, &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly request Your Excellency to be pleased to direct to be laid before us the following documents:

1st. An Abstract of the total amount of losses reported by the Board of claims to have been sustained by the various claimants during the late War with the United States, distinguishing those occasioned by the enemy from those occasioned by His Majesty's Troops or Indians serving with them, and specifying the amount for each and every District of the Province.

Also an Abstract of the amount reported by the said Board to be due for Military Services, or for supplies furnished to His Majesty's Service, in each and every District.

Also copies of any correspondence which may have taken place on the subject of the said claim, between the Provincial Government and His Majesty's Ministers in Great Britain.

Also a return of property confiscated and vested in the Commissioners appointed under an Act of the 58th George III., chap. 12; together with a Schedule of Debentures which have been issued by the said Commissioners for debts stated to be due to bona fide creditors on said estates, and a statement of expenses incurred under the said Commission, so far as the same can be ascertained.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messrs. McDonell and Fraser be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House on the subject of claims for losses, &c., and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the House do, on tomorrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, communicating the most gracious answer of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent to an Address of this House on the subject of a grant of land for improving the navigation of the St. Lawrence. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 26th February, 1820.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the answer to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent on the subject of the navigation of the St. Lawrence, Mr. Van Koughnet in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, which he was instructed to submit to the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and it was:

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that it be resolved that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking him for his message communicating the gracious intention of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent to afford assistance towards improving the communication between Upper and Lower Canada whenever he shall be correctly informed of the extent of the grant of money which the Legislature feel it within their power to vote and apply to this purpose, and as to the regulations under which the money voted for it is to be applied, to which subject they will give due consideration.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that Messrs. McMartin and Cotter be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to a Resolution of the House this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of Inquests on Forfeited Estates, reported that the Committee had agreed to a draft, which he was ready to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the Address of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respecting Inquests, and that it be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the draft read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take the Address into consideration. Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported the Address. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Address be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the Civil Expenditure, reported a draft, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Fifth Rule be dispensed with so far as relates to the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of Revenue, and that it be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Address read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take the Address into consideration. Which was carried, and Mr. Casey took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported the Address.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Cotter, Burwell, McMartin, Nichol, Van Koughnet, Burnham, Casey, Swayze, McDonell.

Nays: Messrs. Nellis, Robinson, Fraser.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six, and the Report was received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Address be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on His Excellency's message communicating His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's reply on the subject of the navigation of the St. Lawrence, reported a draft, which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Sedition Law Amendment Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Sedition Law Amendment Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Fraser took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Fraser reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Courts of Request." Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the Bill to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Court of Requests," be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

The Address to His Excellency on the Civil Expenditure was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces within the said Province, &c., &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, His Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly request Your Excellency to be pleased to direct to be laid before us a return of the net annual Revenue of this Province, commencing the first day of January, 1793, and ending the 31st December, 1819, as far as it can be made up, distinguishing the same under the following heads:

1st. Amount collected in this Province under the 14th Geo. III., chap. 88.

2nd. Amount collected under Provincial Statutes.

3rd. Amount remitted to the Receiver General of this Province as its proportion of Provincial Duties from Lower Canada.

4th. Amount remitted to the Receiver General of this Province as its proportion of duties under the 14th Geo. III., chap. 88, from Lower Canada.

Also an abstract of all sums advanced from the Military Chest in aid of Civil Expenditure of this Province, specifying the date of such advance as far as the same can be made up.

Also of the sums annually voted for the same period by the Parliament of Great Britain, and applied towards defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice, and Support of the Civil Government of this Province:

Also of all sums divided from any other source applied towards the support of the Civil Government of this Province.

The Address to His Excellency on the Inquisition under the 54th Geo. III. was read the third time, passed and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces in Upper and Lower Canada, &c.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly request Your Excellency to direct the proper Officer to lay before this House copies of all inquests taken before any Commissioners appointed under an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, for declaring certain persons aliens, and vesting their Estates in His Majesty; together with copies of the Minutes of evidence taken before such Commissioners at such Inquests, in so far as the same can be done.

Also a Copy of the Decision of the Court of Appeals as to what are deemed bona fide debts chargeable against the said Estates.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves that Messrs. Burwell and McDonell be a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Addresses of this House last read, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying for a return of the Officers employed in the various departments of the Provincial Government, together with the emoluments annexed to the same.

Mr. Cotter gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill further to regulate the Inspection of Flour within this Province.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the salary of the Receiver General in Lieu of Poundage, heretofore granted by the laws of the Province.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Thomas Ridout, Esq. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Town of Kingston. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that William Allan, Esq., be ordered to attend at the Bar of this House on Tuesday next, to answer such questions as may be put to him touching the rates of postage charged on the conveyance of letters in this Province, and the authority under which the same have been directed to be charged. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Monday, 28th February, 1820.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Mr. McDonell, of the Committee to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Addresses of this House passed on the 26th instant, on the subject of Inquisitions of Forfeited Estates, reported they had presented the same, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:

Gentlemen: With those parts of Your Address the object of which is to obtain Abstracts from the Report of the Board of Claims I am sorry I cannot comply; that being a confidential document called for by His Majesty's Government; neither can I lay before the House any correspondence with His Majesty's Government without instructions from His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

I shall direct the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates to lay before you the information asked for in the latter part of Your Address, as far as they are able to afford it.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to prevent certain Meetings within this Province." Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to prevent certain Meetings within this Province, be read a second time this day, and that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the same. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now go into Committee to take into consideration the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to prevent certain Meetings within this Province." Which was carried, and Mr. Burnham took the Chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported the Bill. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to prevent certain Meetings within this Province," be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for leave to bring in a Bill for the better division of the County of Prince Edward into Townships. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the Bill for the division of the County of Prince Edward into Townships be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Representation Bill was read the second time. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now go into Committee on the Bill to increase the Representation of the Commons of this Province in Parliament. Which was carried, and Mr. Nellis took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Sedition Meeting Bill was then read the third time. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An

Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to prevent certain Meetings within this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that Messrs. Fraser and Cotter be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to prevent certain Meetings within this Province," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Pension Bill was read the second time. Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Pension Repeal and Amendment Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Howard took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Howard reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Assessment Bill, Mr. Cameron in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported that the Committee had risen. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Report be not received. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows.

Yeas: Messrs. Swayze, McDonell, Nichol, Van Koughnet, Burwell, Secord.

Nays: Messrs. Howard, Robinson, Fraser, Casey, Cameron, McMartin, Jones, Burnham, Cotter.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of three, and the Report was then ordered to be received.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency on the subject of the improvement of the Navigation of the Saint Lawrence was read the second time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the House do now go into Committee, to take into consideration the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of His Royal Highness' answer to the Address of this House, on the improvement of the Navigation of the Saint Lawrence. Which was carried, and Mr. Secord took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported the Address. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, relative to His Royal Highness' answer to the Address of this House respecting the navigation of the River Saint Lawrence be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors, and also the estates of persons declared Aliens, by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their Estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's Subjects have sustained in consequence of the late War, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon."

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Reverend Alexander McDonell, the Honorable James Baby, Alexander McDonell, and John Small, Esquires. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 29th February, 1820.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on Navigation was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, as follows:

To His Excellency, Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces in the Province of Upper and Lower Canada, etc., etc., etc.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your message, communicating the gracious intention of His Royal Highness, the Prince Regent, to afford assistance towards improving the communication between Upper and Lower Canada, whenever he shall be correctly informed of the extent of the grant of money which the Legislature feel it within their power to vote and apply to this purpose, and as to the regulations under which the money voted is to be applied; to which subject they will give due consideration.

Commons House of Assembly,
29th February, 1820.

ALLAN McLEAN, Speaker.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that Messrs. Fraser and Cotter be a Committee, to wait upon His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House upon the subject of the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the laws now in force, granting Poundage to the Receiver General. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Bill to repeal the laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of a Salary to the Receiver General of this Province in lieu of Poundage heretofore granted by law. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Burwell, of the Committee to present the Addresses to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Inquests on the Aliens Estates, and on the Annual Revenue of the Province, reported that they had done so; and that His Excellency had made thereto the following replies:

Gentlemen: I shall direct to be laid before you an account of all moneys received and expended under the authority of the Provincial Enactments, from the First day of January, 1793, to the thirty-first day of December, 1819, as also such revenue levied at Quebec under the 14th of His Majesty, as has been accounted for as the proportion of this Province; together with what may have been levied in this Province under the same Act.

Gentlemen: I shall direct the proper officer to lay before you the papers asked for in Your Address.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Bill to provide for the payment of a salary to the Receiver General of this Province in lieu of

Poundage, heretofore granted by law, be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that it be Resolved that this Province, having been called upon for large sums of money in aid of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province, and the Revenues thereof proving insufficient for the discharge of the same, it is the opinion of this House that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to direct to be laid before this House a return of all Officers employed in the various Departments of the Provincial Government, with the authority for and date of the creation of such offices. Also the emoluments respectively annexed to them, whether from salaries or fees; the funds from whence the same are paid, and specifying the increase which may have been made thereto, the date of such increase and the authority under which it may have been made, in so far as the same can be made up. Which was carried, nem. Con.

Present: Messrs. McMartin, Cameron, McDonell, Van Koughnet, Howard, Jones, Cotter, Casey, Burnham, Robinson, Durand, Nellis, Secord, Swayze, Nichol and Burwell.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Burwell be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to the foregoing resolution. Which was ordered.

William Allan, Esquire, Postmaster, attended the Bar.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that questions be put to William Allan, Esquire, Postmaster of York, respecting the post office. Which was carried. Questions put to the Postmaster at York, and his answers to them:

1. Q.—Are you the Postmaster of York? A.—Yes.
2. Q.—How long have you held that situation? A.—About fifteen years.
3. Q.—Have you any general control or superintendence over the Post Office Department in this Province? A.—None.
4. Q.—Have you any discretionary authority from the Deputy Postmaster General to regulate the rates of postage from York to the Post Offices west of it? A.—I have not.
5. Q.—Have any new Post Offices been established since you have held the appointment? A.—Many.
6. Q.—Can you state what they are? A.—Dundas, Grimsby, Queenstown and Chippewa before the war, Vittoria, Delaware, Port Talbot, Amherstburgh and St. Catherines.
7. Q.—Can you inform the House of the rates and distance of Postage charged to those places? A.—I can as to rates. Not certainly as to distance. To Dundas, 8d, Grimsby, 10d, St. Catherines, 10d, Niagara, 10d, Queenstown, 10d, Chippewa, 10d, Vittoria, 1s, Amherstburgh, 1. 4d, Sandwich, 1. 4d.
8. Q.—Is this paper (paper exhibited to witness) a correct list of the authorized rates in the Post Office? A.—Yes, I believe it is.
9. Q.—When a new Post Office is established, by whom is the rate fixed? A.—I cannot say; when any letter comes from a new Post Office to York, the postage charged in the accompanying way bill regulates the charge.

(In explanation to number 4, under discretionary authority from Mr. Herriott, late Deputy Postmaster General, Witness established the Post Offices at Dundas, Grimsby, and he thinks Vittoria; and fixed the rate of postage to them. He has had no such authority under Mr. Sutherland.)

10. Q.—Was any communication made by the Deputy Postmaster General to you, directing you to establish such a rate as would cover the expense? A.—Mr. Herriott objected to the establishment of new offices unless they would cover the expense.

11. Q.—Have you ever been furnished by the Deputy Postmaster General with a copy of the Act of Parliament regulating the Post Offices in the British Colonies, any general instructions under it, or any general schedule showing the rates of postage authorized to be charged on the conveyance of letters throughout the British Provinces in North America? A.—I never have, I found a schedule in the office when I was appointed, at which time there were not more than two or three offices in the Province.

12. Q.—Was the schedule alluded to similar to that shown to you during the present examination? A.—Yes.

13. Q.—Have you any knowledge of the rates of postage charged, first from Kingston to York, second from Kingston to Vittoria, third, from Kingston to Amherstburgh, fourth, from Kingston to Fort Talbot, fifth, from Kingston to Delaware, sixth, from Kingston to Niagara? A.—I can only speak positively as to the postage to York, which is 10d. I believe it is the same to Niagara.

14. Q.—Is the printed Schedule of rates the scale for charging postage on letters conveyed between the post offices noted therein and acted upon at present? A.—Yes.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do, on to-morrow, go into Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the administration of the Post Office Department in this Province. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves for leave to bring in a Bill further to regulate the inspection of Flour within this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Flour Inspection Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to Divide the Incorporated Counties of Lennox and Addington in the Midland District in this Province. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the Lennox and Addington Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America by Land and Inland Navigation. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Bill to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America by Land and Inland Navigation be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to grant relief to Adam Baker, of the Township of Osnabruck. Which was carried, and the Bill read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Prince Edward County Division Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the House do now go into Committee, on the Prince Edward Division Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Swayze took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the Prince Edward Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Representation Bill, Mr. Nellis in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported the Bill amended. On the question for receiving the Report the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Nellis, Cameron, Jones, McDonell, Nichol, Robinson, Fraser, Burwell, Burnham, Durand, Swayze, Cotter.

Nays: Messrs. Secord, McMartin, Van Koughnet, Howard, Casey.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and the Report was received.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Representation Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Pension Bill, Mr. Howard in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Howard reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Bill to grant relief to Adam Baker of Osnabruck, be read a second time this day, and that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with so far as relates to the said Bill. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill to grant Relief to Adam Baker, of the Township of Osnabruck. Which was carried, and Mr. Burwell took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill to grant Relief to Adam Baker of the Township of Osnabruck be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to grant Relief to Henry Deming, of the Township of Osnabruck. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill to grant relief to Henry Deming of the Township of Osnabruck be read a second time this day, and that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with as far as relates to the said Bill. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill to grant Relief to Henry Deming, of the Township of Osnabruck. Which was carried, and Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill to grant Relief to Henry Deming, of the Township of Osnabruck, be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves for leave to bring up the Petitions of the Freeholders of the Counties of Oxford and Middlesex. Which was granted, and the Petitions laid on the Table.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Benoni Wiltsea, of the County of Leeds. Which was granted, and the Petition was laid on the Table.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Home District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves for leave to bring up

the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of York. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

The House then adjourned.

Wednesday, 1st March, 1820.

The House met: Prayers were read: The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Prince Edward County Division Bill was read the third time. Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act for the better division of the County of Prince Edward into Townships. Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that Messrs. Cotter and Casey be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled An Act for the better division of the County of Prince Edward into Townships," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Representation Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that after the word "Province" in the fourth clause, the words "and in conformity to the Rules and Statutes of similar institutions in Great Britain" be inserted. In amendment to which Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that so much of the Bill as provides for the representation of a University be expunged. Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows.

Yeas: Messrs. Secord, McMartin, Van Koughnet, Durand, Howard, Casey.

Nays: Messrs. Nellis, McDonell, Cotter, Nichol, Robinson, Jones, Burwell, Cameron, Swayze, Burnham.

It was carried in the negative by a majority of four. The original question was then put and carried.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency would order to be laid before this House a return of the Public Officers and their salaries, reported the draft of an Address which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and that it be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Address was read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Which was carried, and Mr. McMartin took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported the Address. Ordered that the Report be Received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the Representation Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to provide for increasing the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. Burwell and Nellis be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for increasing the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for the relief of Adam Baker was read the third time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to grant relief to Adam Baker." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that Messrs. Van Koughnet and McDonell be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to grant relief to Adam Baker;" and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for the relief of Henry Deming was read the third time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to grant relief to Henry Deming." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that Messrs. Van Koughnet and McDonell be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to grant relief to Henry Deming;" and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Poundage Repeal Bill was read the second time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill to repeal the laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General; which was carried, and Mr. Jones took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed, Mr. Jones reported the Bill. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill to repeal the laws now in force granting Poundage to the Receiver General be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Bill for granting a salary to the Receiver General be read a second time this day three months. Which was carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Post Office, Mr. Howard in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Howard reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House, and also minutes of certain evidence had before the Committee. Ordered, that the Report be received, and it was. Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House that the rates of Postage charged in Upper Canada for several years past for the conveyance of letters have exceeded the charges authorized by law. Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House that an Humble Address be presented to His Exeellency the Lieutenant Governor, communicating to him the Resolution of this House, and requesting him to represent the same to His Majesty's Ministers, and to pray their interference with the Post Master General in Great Britain, to prevent the continuance of so serious an evil.

Questions put to the evidence in Committee:

Mr. Burwell: Q.—Do you know the distance from York to Vittoria?
A.—About 100 miles.

Q.—What is the distance from York to Port Talbot? A.—About 150 miles.

Q.—What is the distance from York to Amherstburgh? A.—About 250 miles.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Van Koughnet be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor upon the subject of the Post Office Department. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the flour Inspection Bill was read the second time. Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the House do now go into Committee on the Flour Inspection Bill. Which was carried, and Mr.

Cameron took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Address to His Excellency praying for a Return of the Public Officers was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency, Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces in Upper and Lower Canada, etc.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, having resolved that the Province having been called upon for large sums of money in aid of the Civil Administration of the Government and that the resources thereof are insufficient for the discharge of the same, do earnestly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to lay before us a Return of all Officers employed in the various departments of the Provincial Government, with the authority for and date of creation of such Office, also the emoluments respectively annexed to them, whether from salaries or fees, the funds from whence the same are paid, and specifying any increase which may have been made thereto, the date of such increase and the authority under which it may have been made, in so far as the same can be made up.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Burwell and McDonell be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors, and also the Estates of persons declared aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to declare certain persons therein described aliens and to vest their Estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's Subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Bill to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors," and also the Estates of persons declared Aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to declare certain persons therein described aliens, and to vest their Estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof, towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's Subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon," be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of and amend and to continue an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the regulation of the said Common Schools." Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Common School Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill, founded upon the Petition of Thomas Talbot, Robert Nichol and John Backhouse, Esquires. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the London District Gaol and Court House Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill, founded upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of London. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the Township of London Emigrants Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the regulation of Winter Carriages throughout this Province. Which was granted and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Bill to provide for the regulation of Winter Carriages throughout this Province be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the compensation of certain Commissioners and others in this Province.

Mr. Durand gives notice, that he will, on Friday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm certain marriages heretofore solemnized in this Province.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to grant relief to Adam Baker," and also the Bill intituled "An Act to grant relief to Henry Deming," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Burwell, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on Saturday next, move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the second session of the Provincial Parliament, intituled an Act to confirm and make valid certain marriages heretofore contracted in the country now comprised within the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future solemnization of marriages within the same."

The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 2nd March, 1820.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the Post Office Department, reported a draft, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Secretary Cameron delivered at the Bar of the House, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the Public Accounts, the Schedule of which was read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Public Accounts be referred to a Committee of Finance, to consist of five members, and that Messrs. Durand, Robinson, Burwell, Jones and Van Koughnet do constitute the said Committee. In amendment, Mr. Jones moves that the name of Jones be expunged, and Nichol inserted before the name of Durand. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Committee of Finance have power to send for persons and papers. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with insofar as relates to the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor respecting the Post Office, and that it be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Address was read the second time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take the Address into consideration. Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported the Address amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Address be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Flour Inspection Bill, Mr. Cameron in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the Flour Inspection Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Forfeiture Amendment Bill was read the second time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Forfeiture Amendment Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Casey took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the Door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to prevent certain Meetings within this Province," sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment.

The messenger having withdrawn, the House went again into Committee on the Forfeiture amendment Bill. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the Forfeiture Amendment Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the School Bill was read the second time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the School Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Burnham took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Poundage Repeal Bill was read the third time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force ascertaining the Rates which the Receiver-General of this Province shall be authorized to take and receive to and for his own use and benefit out of the moneys at the disposition of the Parliament of this Province passing through his hands." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Howard be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force ascertaining the Rates which the Receiver-General of this Province shall be authorized to take and receive to and for his own use and benefit out of the moneys at the disposition of the Parliament of this Province passing through his hands," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Cotter, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act for the better division of the County of Prince Edward into Townships," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

The Address on the subject of the Post Office Department was read the third time, passed, and signed as follows:

To His Excellency, Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's forces in Upper and Lower Canada, &c.

May it please Your Excellency:—We, His Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, having investigated certain complaints against the administration of the Post Office Department in this Province, have come to a Resolution that it has been satisfactorily proven by evidence delivered at our Bar that the rates of Postage charged in Upper Canada for several years past for the conveyance of letters have exceeded the charges authorized by law.

To enable Your Excellency fully to understand the grounds upon which we have come to this Resolution, we beg leave to submit certain documents for your perusal.

We therefore humbly pray Your Excellency to represent the same to His Majesty's Ministers, and to request their interference with the Post Master General in Great Britain, to prevent the continuance of so serious an evil.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messrs. Fraser and Cotter be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House upon the subject of Post Office, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that so much of the order of the day as relates to a Call of the House on the Thirteenth of March be discharged. Which was carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the London District Gaol and Court House Bill was read the second time. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do, on to-morrow, go into Committee on the London District Gaol and Court House Bill. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Emigrant Relief Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do now go into Committee upon the Township of London Emigrants Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Secord took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for the regulation of Winter Carriages was read the second time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the

Whole, to take into consideration the Bill to provide for the regulation of Winter Carriages throughout this Province. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Lennox and Addington Bill was read the second time. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now go into Committee on the Lennox and Addington Division Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Robinson took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again tomorrow.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Israel Elsworth and Jonathan Fulford, Junior, of the District of Johnstown. Which was carried, and the Petition laid on the Table. Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the Petitions of Jonathan Fulford and Israel Elsworth. Which was carried, and the Petitions read.

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Israel Elsworth, of the Township of Bastard.

Most Humbly Showeth: That Your Petitioner went to the United States in the year 1813, on business, not with any intention of withdrawing himself from the Province or becoming inimical to his country.

That Your Petitioner returned in a short time and gave himself to his officer, was tried by a Court Martial, acquitted and sent to his duty.

That his lands are advertised for sale by return of an inquisition constituted by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign.

Your Petitioner, not having been able to avail himself of the said Act, prays that a further opportunity may be given him by a law being passed for his relief, if to your Honorable House it shall seem meet.

Your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Bastard, 16th February, 1820.

ISRAEL ELSWORTH.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Jonathan Fulford, of the District of Johnstown, Esquire,

Humbly Showeth: That Your Petitioner purchased from Abraham Coon all his right and title of and in a certain mortgage on Lot Number thirty-three in the Seventh Concession of the Township of Elizabethtown, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of Our Lord 1813, between Nathaniel Brown of the Township of Elizabethtown, Yeoman, of the one part, and the said Abraham Coon of the other part, by an assignment duly executed on the back of the said mortgage, bearing date the Seventh day of September, in the year of Our Lord 1815; which said mortgage was duly registered in the Register's office for the County of Leeds on Tuesday, the Twenty-seventh day of May, in the year of Our Lord, 1813, as by reference to the said mortgage and assignment will more fully appear. But the said land was sold by the said Abraham Coon to one Nathaniel Brown, Yeoman, by indenture, bearing date on the same day on which the said mortgage was executed.

That the said mortgage was given for securing the payment of a part of the purchase money of the land. That after the sale of the said land and the execution of the said deed and mortgage the said Nathaniel Brown left the Province, and, under an Act, passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their

Estates in His Majesty," was returned as having voluntarily withdrawn himself from the defence of the Province, and as having been seized of the said land on the First day of July, 1812, by which return the land became vested in His Majesty.

That Your Petitioner under the provisions of an Act, passed in the fifty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors, and also the Estates of certain persons declared Aliens, by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their Estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late War, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon,'" claimed before the Commissioners appointed under the said last Act the money secured upon the said land by the said mortgage.

That the said claim was disallowed, and Your Petitioner thereby deprived of all remedy for the recovery of the said money.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that Your Honorable House will be pleased to take his case into consideration, and grant Your Petitioner such relief as to Your Honorable House may seem meet.

And Your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Brockville, 18th February, 1820.

JONATHAN FULFORD, Junior.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend an Act, passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to license Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provisions for licensing such Practitioners."

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Gillman Willson, and that the Sixth Rule of the House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the same, and that it be now read. Which was granted, and the Petition read.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of Gillman Willson,

Humbly Showeth: That a short time previous to the commencement of the late war with the United States of America, Your Petitioner sold a farm in the Township of Bertie, in the District of Niagara, to Jacob Oberholser, the said farm being composed of west parts of lots Nine, Ten, and Eleven; in the Seventh Concession of the said Township of Bertie, containing One Hundred and Ninety-six acres.

That Your Petitioner made and executed a deed of bargain and sale for the said farm to the said Jacob Oberholser, his Heirs and Assigns forever, and took his note of hand payable by annual instalments for the absolute and bona fide consideration money for the said farm.

That the said Jacob Oberholser joined the enemy in time of the late war, by which means the said premises have become vested in His Majesty.

That on the Fourth day of October, 1819, Your Petitioner presented his claim before the Commissioners, supported by the affidavits of respectable persons to prove the amount of his notes, (part of which were taken by the enemy under the command of General McArthur in the Autumn of 1814) and that they were given for the bona fide purchase of the said farm.

That the said Commissioners admitted the claim to be just, but some of them expressed doubts whether those simple notes of hand could be considered a lien upon the Real Estates which had been confiscated. That should the account of the said notes of hand not be allowed, Your Petitioner would be entirely ruined.

Wherefore Your Petitioner begs leave to intrude upon the magnanimity of Your Honorable House as his last resource, and prays that Your Honorable House will be pleased to pass a law to require that the amount of his account against the said forfeited estate may be paid to him from the moneys arising from the sale of the said estate, or do in the premises as to your wisdom may seem meet.

And Your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Port Talbot, 22nd February, 1820.

GILLMAN WILLSON.

Mr. Burwell gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill founded on the Petition of Gillman Willson.

Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves for leave to bring in a Bill, on to-morrow, founded on the Petition of Israel Elsworth. Which was granted.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Principal Inhabitants of the District of Gore. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table. Mr. Young gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of Jonathan Fulford.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 3rd March, 1820.

The House met. Prayers were read. The minutes of yesterday were read. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Flour Inspection Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, a Message with the following estimates:

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly Estimates of the expenditure and of the expected receipts for the year 1821.

P. M.

Estimate of the amount required to defray the expense of the Civil Government of Upper Canada for the year 1820, exclusive of the sum provided by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, and paid in England, as described in the accompanying Estimates. £8,977, Stg. Provided.

By Statute of 14th George III, from duties on imports into Lower Canada, and duties on Licences in Upper Canada, being the Crown Revenue, estimated at £3,620

And a balance of the same found remaining unappropriated 1,957 5,577

Remains to be provided by the Provincial Legislature.. £3,400 Stg.

Inspector General's Office,
21st Feby., 1820.

J. BABY, Inspr. Genl.

Estimate for the year 1821 of the expenses of the Civil Government of Upper Canada, exclusive of the sum provided by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, and paid in England.

	Sterling.
For the Administration of Justice	£2,500
“ Lieutenant Governor’s Office	1,200
“ Receiver General’s Office	550
“ Surveyor General’s Office	1,280
“ Executive Council Office	625
“ Crown Office	57
“ Attorney General’s Office	90
“ Secretary’s Office	400
“ Register of the Province	300
“ Inspector General’s Office	450
“ Pension to wounded Militia Officers	685
“ Repairs and contingencies of the Government House	200
“ Government Printer	140
“ Casual and other expenses	500

Insp’r General’s Office,
19th Febr’y, 1820.

Sterling £8,977
J. BABY, Insp’r General.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a Message, which he delivered, and withdrew, when the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a Conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of the Bill intituled “An Act to provide for the increasing the Representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly,” and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members, who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose, in the Legislative Council Chamber at one o’clock this day.

Legislative Council Chamber,
3rd March, 1820.

W. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the Flour Inspection Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled “An Act to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled An Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government to appoint Inspectors of Flour, Pot and Pearl Ashes within this Province.” Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that Messrs. Cotter and Casey be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled “An Act to amend, and extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled An Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government to appoint Inspectors of Flour, Pot and Pearl Ashes within this Province,” and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Estimates brought down from His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, this day be referred to the Committee of Finance. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Robinson, Jones, Burwell and Nellis be a Committee, to confer with the Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for increasing the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly," at one o'clock this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Forfeiture Estate Law Amendment Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors, and also the Estates of Persons declared Aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their Estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining the lawful debts and claims thereupon." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that Messrs. McMartin and Burwell be a Committee, to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Forfeited Estate Law Amendment Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Secretary Cameron delivered at the Bar of the House, by Command of His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, certain papers relative to the forfeited Estates called for by this House.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to confer with the Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for increasing the Representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly," made the following Report, which was read.

The Committee appointed by Your Honorable House to meet the Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council to confer upon the Representation Bill, sent from Your Honorable House, met accordingly; upon which the Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council proposed an amendment to the said Bill as follows:

That nothing in the said Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to make necessary the issuing of any new Writ of Election during the continuance of any Parliament, by reason of the increase of inhabitants in any Town or County since the then last preceding General Election.

To which Your Committee have agreed, and recommend the adoption thereof to Your Honorable House.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do concur in the Report of the Committee of Conference on the subject of the Increased Representation. Which was carried. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. Jones and Nellis be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have adopted the Report made by their Committee on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for increasing the Representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly."

Mr. McMartin, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Forfeited Estate Law amendment Bill, and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Cotter, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative

Council the Flour Inspection amendment Bill, and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Van Koughnet, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Receiver General's Poundage Repeal Bill, and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Marriages heretofore solemnized in this Province. Which was carried, and the Bill read. Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the Marriage Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House then went into Committee on the School Bill, Mr. Burnham in the Chair. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the Door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for increasing the Representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly," sent up from this House, which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of the House.

The Messenger withdrew, when the amendments were read as follows:

Amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the increasing the Representation of the Commons of the Province in the House of Assembly."

Press 3rd, line 4. After "Province" insert "or to make necessary the issuing of any new Writ of Election during the continuance of any Parliament by reason of the increase of the inhabitants in any Town or County since the then last preceding General Election."

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the amendment made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Representation Bill be now read a second time, and that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the same. Which was carried, and the amendments were read the second time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the Representation Bill be adopted. Which was carried, and the amendments adopted accordingly. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that Messrs. Burwell and McMartin be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have concurred in the amendments made by them to the Representation Bill. Which was ordered.

The House went again into Committee on the School Bill. The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the Common School Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House went again into Committee on the London District Gaol and Court House Bill, Mr. Nellis in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Nellis reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the London Gaol and Court House Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Duty Bill was read the second time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves that the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Duty Bill. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Winter Carriage Bill, Mr. Robinson in the Chair.

The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Lennox and Addington Bill, Mr. Robinson in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moved that the Lennox and Addington Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as to enable him to move for leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit the killing of Deer at certain seasons of the year. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Bill to prevent the killing of Deer be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Court of Requests Bill was read the second time. Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the Court of Requests Repeal and Amendment Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Secord took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Secord reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Robinson gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill founded on the Petition of the Reverend Alexander McDonell and others.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to license Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for licensing such Practitioners." Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Physic and Surgery Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill founded upon the Petition of Gillman Wilson. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the Bill for the Relief of Gillman Wilson be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burnham, of the Committee to report on the Petition of John McDonell and Thomas Mears, of the Ottawa District, Esquires, made the following Report, which was read:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The Report of Your Committee upon the Petition of John McDonell and Thomas Mears, Esquires, Commissioners of Branch Roads for the District of Ottawa, appointed by virtue of an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign.

It appears by the Accounts and Vouchers laid before the Committee of the receipt and expenditure of the money granted to the Ottawa District by the above recited Act, that the said Commissioners have expended for the improvement of roads in said District the sum of Two Hundred and Eight Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Sevenpence over and above what they received from the Provincial Treasury, which sum of Two Hundred and Eight Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Sevenpence Your Committee is of opinion ought to be paid to the said John McDonell and Thomas Mears out of the first money granted for the improvement of roads in the Ottawa District.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for the Relief of Israel Elsworth

was read the first time. Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved that the Bill for the relief of Israel Elsworth be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Inhabitants of the District of Gore. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Petition of the Reverend Alexander McDonell, the Honorable James Baby, John Small, and Alexander McDonell, Esquires, be now read. Which was granted, and the Petition read:

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of Assembly, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Reverend Alexander McDonell, the Honorable James Baby, and Alexander McDonell, of York, Esquire, and John Small, Esquire,

Humbly Showeth: That Your Petitioners are grantees in trust of lot number six on the corner of George and Duke Streets in the Town of York, as appears by His Majesty's Letters Patent, dated twenty-fifth March, 1806, for the accommodation of a Roman Catholic congregation in the Town of York and its vicinity. That one acre is too circumscribed a space for the erection of a church, a house for the Officiating Clergyman, and a Cemetery, especially for the latter, which may in a very short space of time become obnoxious to possessors of lots in its vicinity.

Your Petitioners, anxious to obviate these inconveniences, humbly pray that Your Honorable House will take the premises into your consideration, and give them such relief as will enable them to dispose of and give a legal title for said lot to such purchaser as may offer, and that they may be authorized to vest the proceeds of such sale in the purchase of a more extensive tract under restrictions of trust, for the accommodation of a Roman Catholic congregation, agreeably to the original intention as expressed in His Majesty's Letters Patent.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

ALEX'R. MCDONELL, JOHN SMALL, J. BABY, ALEX'R. MCDONELL.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Edward Oates, of the Town of York. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the Table.

The House adjourned.

Saturday, 4th March, 1820.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Burwell, of the Committee to carry up to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Address of this House, praying for a return of Officers, reported that they had delivered the same, and that His Excellency was pleased to make thereto the following reply:

Gentlemen: I shall give directions to the several Officers employed in the various departments of the Provincial Government to report to me, for the information of the Assembly, the authority for and date of their respective offices, as also such emoluments annexed to them as are derived from the subject within the Province, or paid by the Legislature, together with the date of and authority for any increase of such emoluments.

Having acquiesced so far in the prayer of Your Address, I must observe that the call upon the Assembly was to supply the means of defraying appropriations distinct from the Civil Administration of the Province, to meet which I informed you at the opening of the session that the ordinary Revenue was amply sufficient.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the School Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the sixth clause be expunged to enable him to move the following proviso: And provided always that no warrant shall issue for the payment of any of the sums herein authorized to be paid to any of the several districts of this Province until such time as the balances in the hands of the Treasurer of such District shall have been expended agreeably to the provisions of this Act. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. McDonell, Secord, Nichol, Durand, Howard, Burwell.

Nays: Messrs. Cameron, Van Koughnet, Robinson, Nellis, Burnham, Jones, Fraser, Cotter, Casey.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of three.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the School Bill do pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to amend and Continue under certain modifications an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the regulation of the said Common Schools, upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. McDonell, Secord, McMartin, Cameron, Van Koughnet, Robinson, Nellis, Howard, Burnham, Jones, Fraser, Burwell, Cotter, Casey.

Nays: Messrs. Nichol, Durand.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve, and the Bill was signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that Messrs. Howard and Burnham be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the School Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Fraser, of the Committee to carry up to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Address of this House relating to the Post Office, reported that His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:

Gentlemen: I shall take an early opportunity of laying the subject of your Address before His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Howard, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the School Bill, and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the London District Gaol and Court House Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the London District Gaol and Court House Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to enable the Magistrates of the London District to borrow a sum of money to complete the erection of a Gaol and Court House in and for the said District." Which was carried and the Bill signed.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. Burwell and Fraser be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the London District Gaol and Court House Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Lennox and Addington Bill was read the third time. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to divide the Counties of Lennox and Addington in the Midland District, and to define the limits thereof." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that

Messrs. Fraser and Casey be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Lennox and Addington Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves for the order of the day for the amendment of the Sedition Law. Which was carried, and the House went into Committee, Mr. Fraser in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Fraser reported the Bill amended. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Bill to limit the duration of an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for the better securing the Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof," be engrossed and read a third time this day, and that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with for that purpose. Which was ordered.

The House then went into Committee on the Duty Bill, Mr. Fraser in the Chair. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the Door.

Mr. Baldwin brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message which he delivered and withdrew, when the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honorable the Legislative Council request a Conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force ascertaining the dates which the Receiver General of this Province shall be authorized to take and receive to and for his own use and benefit out of the moneys at the disposition of the Parliament of this Province passing through his hands," and have appointed a Committee of two of its members who will be ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose in the Legislative Council Chamber at three o'clock this day.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 4th March, 1820.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that Messrs. Nichol, Durand, Van Koughnet and Howard be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Hon. the Legislative Council on the subject of the Receiver General's Poundage Repeal Bill. Which was ordered. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messrs. McMartin and Nellis be a Committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House has appointed a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject matter of the Receiver General's Poundage Bill. Which was ordered.

The House went again into Committee on the Duty Bill, Mr. Fraser in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Fraser reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to grant to His Majesty a sum of money to enable him to increase the salary of the Receiver General, and that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with to enable him to bring in the same. Which was granted and the Bill read. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Salary Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

The Sedition Limitation Bill was read the third time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to limit the duration of an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for the better securing of this Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof." Which was carried and the Bill signed. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messrs. McMartin

and Nellis be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Sedition Limitation Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The House went into Committee on the Intercourse Bill, Mr. Fraser in the Chair. The House resumed, Mr. Fraser reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message, which he delivered and withdrew, when the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. the Legislative Council do not concur in the Report of their Committee of Reference on the subject matter of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force ascertaining the rates which the Receiver General of this Province shall be authorized to take and receive to and for his own use and benefit out of the moneys at the disposition of the Parliament of this Province passing through his hands."

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 4th March, 1820.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Magistrate of the District of Gore to erect a Gaol and Court House within the same, and that so much of the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with as to enable him so to do. Which was granted and the Bill read. Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the District of Gore Gaol and Court House Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Monday, 6th March, 1820.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to make good certain moneys advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor pursuant to an Address of this House during the last Session of Parliament, and that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with so far as regards the same. Which was granted and the Bill read.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Bill to make good certain moneys advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be now read the second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the House do now go into Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill to make good certain moneys advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Which was carried, and Mr. McDonell took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. McDonell reported the Bill. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Bill to make good certain moneys advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

The Bill providing for the contingencies of the last Session was read the third time. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor pursuant to an Address of the House of Assembly during its last Session." Which was carried and the Bill signed. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burnham,

moves that Messrs. Fraser and Howard be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill providing for the contingencies of the last Session, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Duty Bill, Mr. Fraser in the Chair. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the Door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to amend and extend the Provisions of an Act passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government to appoint Inspectors of Flour, Pot and Pearl Ashes within this Province," also a Bill intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors, and also the Estates of persons declared Aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their Estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon," sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. Howard, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor pursuant to an Address of the House of Assembly during its last Session," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

The House went again into Committee on the Duty Bill. Mr. Fraser in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Fraser reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moved that the Duty Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day, and that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that Mr. Burwell be added to the Committee on expiring laws. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Pension Bill, Mr. Howard in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Howard reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Pension Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day, and that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with for that purpose. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Speaker of this House do acquaint the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia that the proceedings of the Legislature of that Province officially transmitted by them have been laid before this House, and that they had been directed to be printed for the information of the Members. Which was ordered.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to an Address of the House of Assembly during its last Session," which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Proceedings of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, officially transmitted by the Speaker

of the House of Assembly of that Province, be inserted upon the Journals of this House. Which was carried.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves for leave to bring in a Bill granting to His Majesty a Supply for the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-one, and that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the same. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Robinson, Nellis, Howard, Jones, Burwell, Swayze, Cotter, Fraser.

Nays: Messrs. Burnham, Casey, McDonell, McNabb, Van Koughnet, Nichol, Cameron, McMartin, Durand, Secord.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of two.

The Duty Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the following proviso be adopted as a rider to the Duty Bill: Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to prohibit the admission of Flour and Pork into this Province free of duty, for exportation only. Upon which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. McDonell, Van Koughnet, Cameron, McMartin, Jones, Fraser.

Nays: Messrs. Casey, McNabb, Nichol, Durand, Burwell, Nellis, Swayze, Howard, Robinson, Cotter, Secord.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of five.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Duty Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to impose duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandise imported into this Province from the United States of America, and to make further regulations for the Trade between this Province and the said United States of America, by land and inland navigation. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Casey, McNabb, Nichol, Durand, Nellis, Burwell, Howard, Swayze, Secord, Robinson, Cotter, Fraser.

Nays: Messrs. McDonell, Van Koughnet, Cameron, McMartin, Jones.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven and the Bill signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that Messrs. Durand and Burwell be a Committee to carry up to the Legislative Council the Duty Bill and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nellis, of the Committee to inquire what laws had expired or were about to expire, and to report upon the same, reported a Bill to continue an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for making further and more ample provision for the Adjutant General of the Militia of this Province." Ordered that the Report be received, and the Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Cotter, moves that the Bill to make further and more ample provision for the Adjutant General of Militia be read a second time this day, and that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same.

In amendment, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that after the word "read" the whole be expunged, and "this day three months" be inserted. On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Van Koughnet, Cameron, McMartin, Durand, Howard, Jones, Casey, Secord.

Nays: Messrs. McDonell, Nichol, Nellis, Cotter, Robinson, Burwell.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of two.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of and to amend an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the second Session of the First Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, intituled an Act to confirm and make valid certain marriages heretofore contracted in the country now comprised within the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Marriage within the same." Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Marriage Bill be now read the second time, and that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the same. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take the Marriage Bill into consideration. Which was carried, and Mr. Durand took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Durand reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Marriage Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message which he delivered and withdrew, when the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a Conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to impose duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported into this Province from the United States of America, and to make further regulations for the Trade between this Province and the said United States of America, by land or inland navigation," and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members for that purpose, who are now ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Legislative Council Chamber,
6th March, 1820.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that Messrs. Nichol, Durand, Burwell and Burnham be a Committee to confer with the Committee appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of the Duty Bill. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Trade between this Province and the Territories of the United States of America, by land and inland navigation, and that the fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with as far as relates to the same. Which was granted, and the Bill read. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Burnham, moves that the Bill to regulate the trade between this Province and the Territories of the United States of America be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the House do on this day go into Committee, to take into consideration the Bill to regulate the trade between the territories of the United States of America and this Province. Which was carried.

The Pension Bill was read the third time. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal certain laws now in force granting Pensions to Militiamen and others

in this Province, and to grant an annuity to the Widows and Children of persons killed in the Service and such as have been disabled." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Casey be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Pension Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The Marriage Solemnization Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Marriage Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend an Act intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the second Session of the Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, intituled an Act to confirm and make valid certain marriages heretofore contracted in the country now comprised within the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Marriages within the same." Which was carried and the Bill signed. Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Durand and Nichol be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Marriage Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The House went into Committee on the Duty Bill, Mr. Burwell in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Commercial Intercourse Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day. Which was carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Marriage Confirmation Bill was read the second time. Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves that the House do now go into Committee on the Marriage Confirmation Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Casey took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the Marriage Confirmation Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

At six o'clock the House adjourned for three hours. At nine o'clock the House met, pursuant to adjournment.

The Intercourse Bill was read the third time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to regulate the Commercial Intercourse between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation." Which was carried and the Bill signed. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Cameron be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Commercial Intercourse between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The Marriage Confirmation Bill was read the third time. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moved that the Bill for legalizing former Marriages be now recommitted. Which was carried, and the House went again into Committee, Mr. Casey in the Chair. The House resumed, Mr. Casey reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that the Marriage Confirmation Bill be engrossed, and read a third time. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Commercial Intercourse Bill, reported they had done so, and requested their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the

Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to amend and continue under certain modifications an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the regulation of the said Common Schools," which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to empower certain trustees to sell and convey a certain lot of land in the Town of York, and to purchase another lot or tract of land for the use and accommodation of a Roman Catholic Congregation, and that the Fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with as far as relates to the same. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the Bill for the relief of certain persons be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read the second time. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill for the relief of certain persons. Which was carried, and Mr. Burnham took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Burnham reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Bill to prevent the killing of deer was read the second time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill to prevent the killing of deer. Which was carried, and Mr. Cotter took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Commercial Inter-course between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation," sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment.

The House went again into Committee on the Bill to prevent the killing of deer, Mr. Cotter in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Deer Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Physic and Surgery Bill was read the second time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the Physic and surgery Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Nichol took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed, Mr. Nichol reported progress and obtained leave to sit again this day three months.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to remunerate John Beikie, Esquire, for services rendered to this Province, and that the Fifth Rule be dispensed with as far as relates to the same. Which was carried, and the Bill read. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Bill to remunerate John Beikie, Esquire, be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the Bill read the Second time. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Bill for the remuneration of John Beikie, Esq. Which was carried, and Mr. Swayze took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Swayze reported the Bill amended. Ordered that the Report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Bill to remunerate John

Beikie, Esquire, be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was carried.

Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Bartemus Ferguson of Niagara, and that the Sixth Rule of the House be dispensed with which requires it to lie on the table two days, and that the said Petition be now read. Which was carried, and the Petition read.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly in Parliament assembled.
The Humble Petition of Bartemas Ferguson, of the Town of Niagara,

Sheweth: That Your Petitioner was prosecuted and convicted in August by a Jury of his country of a libel on the different branches of the Legislature and immediately committed to the Gaol of the Niagara District, where Your Petitioner remained till last November, when he was brought to York to receive the sentence of the Court of King's Bench, Independant of the Pillory, which has been most graciously dispensed with by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Your Petitioner was, by the sentence, to suffer eighteen months imprisonment, and pay a fine of Fifty Pounds to His Majesty.

Your Petitioner humbly prays that Your Honorable House will take into consideration the time he has been confined, the ruin of his pecuniary circumstances, the distress of his young family, and the length of imprisonment yet unexpired; and address His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to extend the Royal clemency to an individual whose punishment will prevent any further repetition of such flagrant conduct, and operate as an example to all others who may violate the laws of public decency.

And Your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Niagara, 4th March, 1820.

BARTEMAS FERGUSON.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 7th March, 1820.

The House met. Prayers were read. The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Marriage Confirmation Bill was read the third time. Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to confirm and make valid certain Marriages had in this Province." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Nellis, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. Durand and Cotter be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Marriage Confirmation Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Deer killing prevention Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the Bill to prevent the killing of Deer do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to prevent the killing of Deer at certain seasons of the year." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that Messrs. Howard and Nellis be a Committee, to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to prevent the killing of Deer at certain seasons of the year," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to remunerate John Beikie, Esquire, was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to provide for the Remuneration of John Beikie, Esquire, for services rendered to this Province." On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Cameron, Robinson, Secord, McDonell, Cotter, Nichol, Van Koughnet, Durand, Nellis, Howard, Fraser, Swayze.

Nays: Mr. Jones.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven, and the Bill was signed.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Howard and Fraser be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the remuneration of John Beikie, Esquire, for services rendered to this Province," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Contingent Accounts of the present Session, and that the fifth Rule of the House be dispensed with to enable him so to do. Which was carried, and Mr. Robinson took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered, that the Report be received, and it was. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he would cause to be issued and advanced the following sums; viz.

To Mr. William Lee, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, being the amount of the contingent expenses of the Honorable the Legislative Council during the present Session, the sum of sixty-six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Ninepence.

To Grant Powell, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Assembly, the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty-five Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Threepence, being his contingent account for the present Session, and to enable him to provide stationery; and the further sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, to enable him to provide furniture for the two Houses of Parliament, and to remove the Library.

To Allan McNabb, Serjeant at Arms, the sum of Twenty-four Pounds, Ten Shillings and Ninepence Halfpenny, being the amount of his contingent account during the present Session:

Which sums His Majesty's faithful Commons will make good at the next session of the Provincial Parliament.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Fraser be a Committee, to draft an Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to the foregoing resolution. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the foregoing resolutions, reported a draft, which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Contingent Expenses of this Session, be read a second time. Which was carried, and the Address was read the second time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Contingent Expenses. Which was carried, and Mr. Robinson took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported the Address. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that the Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, be engrossed, and read a third time this

day. Which was carried, and the Address read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to issue your warrant to the Receiver General to pay to Mr. William Lee, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, the sum of Sixty-six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Ninepence, to enable him to pay the contingent expenses of the Honorable the Legislative Council during the Present Session.

Also to Grant Powell, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Assembly, for the sum of Five Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Threepence, to enable him to pay the contingent expenses of his office during the present Session, and to make further preparation for the meetings of the Legislature in the new building lately erected for that purpose.

Also to Mr. Allan McNabb, Serjeant at Arms, for the sum of Seventy-four Pounds, Ten Shillings and Ninepence Halfpenny, to enable him to pay the contingent expenses of the House of Assembly during its present Session.

Which several sums His Majesty's faithful Commons will make good at the ensuing Session of the Provincial Parliament.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that Messrs. Fraser and Swayze be a Committee, to wait upon His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House upon the subject of the Contingent Accounts of the present Session, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Gore District Gaol and Court House Bill was read the second time. Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the House do now go into Committee on the Gore District Gaol and Court House Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. McDonell took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. McDonell reported the Bill amended. Ordered, that the Report be received.

Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the District of Gore Gaol and Court House Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Catholic Trustee Bill, Mr. Cotter in the Chair. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the Door.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a Message, which he delivered, and withdrew, when the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a Conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject matter of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal certain laws now in force granting Pensions to Militiamen and others in this Province, and to grant an Annuity to the Widows and Children of persons killed in the service and such as have been disabled," and have appointed a Committee of two of its Members for that purpose, who are now ready to meet a Committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the Chamber of the Speaker of the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council Chamber,

7th March, 1820.

WM. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. McMartin, Jones, Durand and Van Koughnet be a Committee, to confer with the Committee of the

Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal certain laws now in force granting pensions to Militiamen and others in this Province, and to grant an Annuity to the Widows and Children of persons killed in the service, and such as have been disabled." Which was ordered.

Mr. Baldwin, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Remuneration of John Beikie, Esquire, for services rendered to this Province," sent up from this House; which they had passed without amendment.

The House went again into Committee on the Trustee Bill, Mr. Cotter in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Cotter reported the Bill. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the Bill to empower certain persons as Trustees for the Roman Catholic Congregation be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was carried.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Petition of Bartemas Ferguson, Printer. Which was carried. Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Cameron reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the Report be received, and it was:

Resolved, That this Committee, having taken into consideration the Petition of Bartemus Ferguson, and in consequence of the penitence and extreme poverty, which puts it out of his power to comply with the sentence of the Court, are of opinion that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that he would be pleased to remit the same.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Swayze, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Nellis be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor pursuant to the foregoing resolution. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, of the Committee on Public Accounts, reported as follows:

Report of the Committee of Finance appointed at the Fifth Session of the Seventh Provincial Parliament for examining the Public Provincial Accounts.

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The Committee appointed by Your Honorable House to examine and report upon the Public Provincial Accounts most respectfully report that owing to the unexpectedly short period allowed them for the examination of the accounts submitted to them (a circumstance beyond their control) and to the necessity of obtaining important information on the receipt and expenditure of the Public Revenue, to be derived only from the perusal of documents moved for but not yet furnished to Your Honorable House, Your Committee are unable to make a detailed report.

From a cursory review of the documents referred to them, Your Committee have observed that the apprehensions entertained by a similar Committee of Your Honorable House at its last Session, after the deficiency of means to meet the authorized expenditure, have been completely realized. It appears by statements transmitted by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor that the sum necessary to cover the deficit for the current year amounts to £19,463 19s. 1d., to which may be added the sum appropriated to procure a survey of the River Saint Lawrence, but which cannot be considered an urgent demand. It may, however, be observed that the savings in the appropriation for Common Schools, together with the repayment of moneys advanced to Treasurers of Districts for that service, but not expended, will

make a considerable reduction in the sum required to pay up every authorized demand, though not to the extent contemplated in the Inspector General's Report.

Your committee cannot avoid observing that the only branch of the public service which appears to be in arrears is the provision for payment of Pensions to Wounded Militiamen, and to the Widows and Children of Militiamen who may have been killed or who have died in the service. Your Committee are of opinion that this evil has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished, and that if sufficient time had been allowed to them to make the necessary investigation with the receipt and expenditure of the Public Revenue of the Province, they would have been furnished with data which would have enabled them to report to Your Honorable House that in their opinions means might be devised without adding materially to the public burthens, viz., by a well digested system of economy and retrenchment, to meet effectually every present as well as future exigency of the public service.

Your Committee are entirely without information respecting the intercourse between Lower Canada and this Province, they are aware that large arrears of duty are and have long been due from that Province to this, and regret that Your Honorable House have been furnished with no information on that subject, and that so little effect has been produced by the repeated representation respecting it made in former reports to Your Honorable House.

The Provisional Agreement with Lower Canada expired on the Thirtieth of June last, and it is believed that no measures have been adopted by the Legislature of Lower Canada to renew it.

It appears that several Commanding Officers of Militia have neglected to pay over their balances of Militia Fines remaining in their hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed in the name and on the behalf of the Committee, by their order.

ROBERT NICHOL, Chairman.

Mr. Fraser, of the Committee to carry up to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Address of this House on the Contingent Accounts of the present Session, and to deliver the same, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency was pleased to make thereto a reply, which was read as follows:

Gentlemen: I shall be happy to comply with your request, but I am apprehensive that the want of funds to meet the actual appropriation for Pensions will leave me without the means of doing so.

Mr. Robinson, of the Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Petition of Bartemas Ferguson, reported a draft, which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be read a second time this day, and that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with so far as it relates to the same. Which was carried, and the Bill read a second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the House do now go into Committee on the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Which was carried, and Mr. Jones took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported the Address. Ordered, that the Report be received. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

The Catholic Trustee Bill was read the third time. Mr. Burwell, seconded by

Mr. McDonell, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to empower certain Trustees therein mentioned to sell and convey a certain lot of Ground in the Town of York, and to purchase another lot or tract of land for the use and accommodation of a Roman Catholic Congregation." Which was carried, and the Bill signed. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves that Messrs. McDonell and Jones be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Catholic Trustee Bill, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The Gore District Gaol and Court House Bill was read the third time. Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be intituled "An Act to enable the Magistrates of the District of Gore to erect a Gaol and Court House therein, and to borrow money for that purpose." Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Durand and Nellis be a Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the District of Gore Gaol and Court House Bill, and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The third reading of the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in behalf of Bartemas Ferguson being called, the House divided thereon, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Swayze, Robinson, McDonell, Durand, Van Koughnet, Howard, Secord, Burnham, Nellis, Casey, Cotter.

Nays: Messrs. Jones, Nichol, Fraser, Cameron, Burwell.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six, and the Address was passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces in Upper and Lower Canada, &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, having had before us the Petition of Bartemas Ferguson, Printer, representing the distressed state of his family, his penitence, and extreme poverty, which must forever put it out of his power to comply with the sentence of the Court under which he is confined in the Gaol of the Niagara District for a Libel against both branches of the Legislature, humbly beg that Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to extend the Royal clemency to the said Bartemas Ferguson, and remit such part of his sentence as remains unsatisfied.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nellis, moves that Messrs. Burnham and Swayze be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House respecting Bartemas Ferguson, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burnham, of the Committee to carry up to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Address of the House praying for pardon for Bartemas Ferguson, and to present the same, reported they had done so, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following reply: Gentlemen: In compliance with your Address I shall direct His Majesty's Attorney General to prepare a pardon for Bartemas Ferguson.

Mr. Baldwin, Master-in-Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "An Act to empower certain Trustees therein mentioned to sell and convey a certain lot of land in the Town of York, and to

purchase another lot or tract of land for the use and accommodation of the Roman Catholic Congregation," which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. McDonell gives notice that he will move at the meeting of the next ensuing Parliament for the dismembering of the Township of Lochiel, now forming a part of the Eastern District, and for incorporating the said Township of Lochiel into the District of Ottawa.

At five o'clock the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Mr. Lee, delivered at the Bar a message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in the following words:

Mr. Speaker: His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the immediate attendance of this House at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber,

The Messenger having withdrawn:

The Speaker and the Members present accordingly went up to the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills.

An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to prevent certain Meetings within this Province."

An Act to provide for increasing the Representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly.

An Act to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government to appoint Inspectors of Flour, Pot, and Pearl Ashes within this Province."

An Act to amend and continue under certain modifications an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the regulation of the said Common Schools."

An Act to enable the Magistrates of the London District to borrow a sum of money to complete the erection of a Gaol and Court House in and for the said District.

An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to an Address of the House of Assembly during its last Session.

An Act to regulate the Commercial Intercourse between this Province and the United States of America by Land and Inland Navigation.

An Act to provide for the remuneration of John Beikie, Esquire, for services rendered to this Province.

And His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to reserve for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon the Bill intituled "An Act to amend an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of Certain Traitors, and also the Estates of Persons declared Aliens by an Act, passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their Estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful claims and debts thereupon.'"

After which His Excellency delivered the following Speech:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I was principally induced to call you together that you might consider what provision you could make for the continuance of the Common Schools

established by an Act which would soon have expired, and that you might, on a careful revision of the laws relating to Militia Pensions, place them on a footing more just to the public and more commensurate to the resources of our Treasury. The Bill which you have enacted for the first of these purposes is, I doubt not, the result of your best deliberations. My expectation on the subject of the Pension Laws has not been fulfilled, and those public creditors must remain unprovided for until recurrence can be held to another Parliament. The improvidence which has created this charge, so disproportionate to our means, is not to be accounted for by any defalcation of the Revenue, nor by any increased demand for any other public services. Had your judicious corrections of the Common School Bill been followed by a just and liberal modification of the Pension Laws, the apparent deficiency would have been reduced nearly within the actual revenue to be expected for the last half-year; and I should have been enabled to gratify my own feelings and the public expenditure by a regular discharge of all just claims.

The different laws you have passed will be found, I trust, well calculated to advance the interests of the Province. The Bill for amending your former enactments respecting the Forfeited Estates contains many adequate provisions, to which I would have gladly given the royal assent; but one clause, I am advised, interferes so directly with the King's prerogative in cases of forfeiture for High Treason, that I am compelled to reserve the Bill for the signification of His Majesty's Pleasure.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I regret that you have omitted to make provision for the service of the ensuing year, as it may render it necessary for me to assemble the Parliament at a period inconvenient to its Members and earlier than might otherwise be necessary.

Such of those papers which you have requested to be laid before you as could be prepared in time for the present Session have been presented to you; the others from their voluminous nature the public officers have found it impossible to prepare within the period to which my presence with you is necessarily limited. Desirous of putting you in possession of every information properly in my power to communicate I shall not fail to submit them to Parliament at its next Session.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen:

The Bill you have just passed for increasing the Representation will put on a more equal footing the exercise of the most important privilege of a free people, and the necessity for such a provision is one of the most gratifying proofs of the increasing consequence of this Colony. Favored with a continuance of peace, with great natural advantages, and with a Civil Constitution not inferior to any in the world, we want nothing to insure our happiness but a disposition which I trust you will endeavor to promote rationally, and gratefully to enjoy the many blessings which Providence extends to us.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council said:

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

It is His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued till Monday, the Seventeenth day of April next, to be then and here holden, and this Provincial Parliament is prorogued till Monday, the Seventeenth day of April, accordingly.

(A true copy.—GRANT POWELL, Clerk Assembly. York, 7th March, 1820.)

(Certified to be true copies from the Records in the Colonial Office.—Geo. MAYER, Librarian and Keeper of the Records. Colonial Office, 8th April, 1857.)

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PROCLAMATION.

(20 Dec., 1820.)

P. MAITLAND.

GEORGE the FOURTH, by the Grace of GOD of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith:

To our beloved and faithful Legislative Counsellors of Our Province of Upper Canada, and to Our Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, of Our said Province, to Our Provincial Parliament, at Our Town of York, on the twenty-third day of December instant, to be commenced, held, called, and elected, and to every of you.

GREETING:

WHEREAS, by our Proclamation bearing date the eleventh day of November last, We thought fit to Prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-third day of December Instant, at which time, at Our Town of York, you were held and constrained to appear, NOW KNOW YE, that WE taking into Our Royal consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you and each of you, of your attendace at the time aforesaid, hereby con- voking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Wednesday the thirty-first day of January next ensuing, you meet us in Our Provincial Parlia- ment, in Our Town of York, FOR THE ACTUAL DESPATCH OF PUBLIC BUSINESS there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our Province of Upper Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary, and herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, WE have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed, WITNESS our trusty and well beloved SIR PEREGRINE MAITLAND, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of our said Province, and Major General Commanding Our Forces therein, at York, this twentieth day of December, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, and in the first year of Our Reign.

P. M.

By His Excellency's Command,

D. CAMERON, *Sec'y.*

Wednesday, 31st January, 1821.

At twelve o'clock this day, Grant Powell, Esquire, Clerk of the Assembly, and Samuel Peters Jarvis, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Commissioners authorized to administer the oaths prescribed by the Statute to the members returned to serve in the present Parliament, attended in the apartment of the Speaker of the House of Assembly and administered the oath to thirty-seven Members, Viz. :—

County, Town or Riding.	Name of Member Sworn.
2nd Riding of Lincoln.	William J. Kerr.
3rd Riding of Lincoln.	Robert Hamilton.
4th Riding of Lincoln.	Robert Randall.
Frontenac.	Allan MacLean.
Stormont.	Archibald MacLean and Philip Van Koughnet.
Kent.	James Gordon.
Glengarry.	Alexander McDonell and Alexander McMartin.
1st Riding of Lincoln.	John Clark.
Essex.	Francis Baby.
Middlesex.	Mahlon Burwell.
Halton.	James Crooks and William Chisholm.
Oxford.	Thomas Horner.
Hastings.	Reuben White.
Prescott and Russell.	William Hamilton.
Prince Edward.	James Wilson and Paul Peterson.
Carleton.	William Morris.
Town of York.	John Beverley Robinson.
Grenville.	Walter F. Gates and Jonas Jones.
Leeds.	Levius P. Sherwood and Charles Jones.
Town of Kingston.	Christopher Alexander Hagerman.
Lennox and Addington.	Samuel Casey.
Dundas.	Peter Shaver.
Norfolk.	Robert Nichol and Francis Leigh Walsh
Wentworth.	George Hamilton and John Wilson.
Northumberland.	David, McG. Rogers and Henry Ruttan.
York and Simcoe.	Peter Robinson and William W. Baldwin.
Durham.	Samuel Street Wilmot, Esquires.

At two o'clock, the Black Rod came to the Bar of the House, and delivered the commands of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the immediate attendance of the members present, at the bar of the Legislative Council Chamber; and having withdrawn, the Clerk, Reverend Chaplain, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and Sergeant at arms, with the Members present proceeding without delay to the Legislative Council Chamber.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council then said: Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to inform you that his Excellency does not think fit to declare the causes for which he has summoned this Provincial Parliament until there be a Speaker of the House of Assembly.

It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure that you Gentlemen of the House of Assembly do forthwith repair to the place in which the sittings of the House of Assembly are usually held and there choose a fit person to be your Speaker, and that you present the person that shall be so chosen to his Excellency in this House on Friday next, at two o'clock in the afternoon for his approbation.

The Members then returned to the Assembly Chamber and having taken their seats,

Mr. Wilson of Wentworth rose and proposed that Robert Nichol, Esquire, member from Norfolk be chosen Speaker, in which he was seconded by Mr. Walsh.

The question was put by the Clerk and carried in the negative.

Mr. Charles Jones then, seconded by Mr. William Hamilton, proposed as Speaker, Alexander McDonell, Esq., Member from Glengarry.

The question was put by the Clerk and carried in the negative.

Doctor Baldwin then proposed that Allan MacLean, Esquire, Member from Frontenac be elected their Speaker, in which he was supported by Mr. Hagerman from Kingston.

The question was put by the Clerk and carried in the negative.

Mr. Nichol then proposed that Levis P. Sherwood, Esquire, member from Leeds be chosen their speaker, in which he was seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet.

The question being put by the Clerk and carried in the affirmative.

And Mr. Speaker elect was led to the Chair by Messrs. Nichol and Van Koughnet.

The house then adjourned till Friday at one o'clock.

Friday, 2nd February, 1821.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. At two o'clock the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Mr. Lee, brought down the commands of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the immediate attendance of the Members at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber.

The Speaker elect and the members present then repaired to the Legislative Council Chamber and being returned prayers were read. The Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker and had given an assurance that the usual privileges of the House should be granted by His Excellency in the most ample manner.

The Speaker then informed the House that his Excellency had been pleased to open the session with a most Gracious Speech, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had procured a copy, and with the consent of the House he would read the same. The Speaker then read the Speech as follows:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

In opening this first Session of the Parliament under the present Reign I embrace the occasion to congratulate you on the accession of our most Gracious King to the Throne of His Ancestors the delegated powers of which high station his Majesty has, through a course of eventful years successfully employed in upholding the greatness of the British Empire.

Since the prorogation of Parliament, besides the death of two illustrious Members of the Royal Family, we have had to deplore the final close of that long and glorious reign under which this country became incorporated with the British Empire.

The demonstrations of grief at the death of our late venerable Sovereign, were worthy of a Province first people by men who throughout a trying contest had preserved their loyalty to his Sacred person under every sacrifice of interest, and in defiance of every danger; of a Province mindful that it had received many signal benefits at the hands of that Sovereign, but above all that happy Constitution which, under Divine Providence, has raised the Parent State to an unrivaled eminence in freedom and in glory, and which is now the first political duty of the authorities here assembled to maintain in its full vigor. This duty I am persuaded you will feel with me demands from every branch of this Legislature, besides the proper care of its own legitimate powers, that each should also reverence and protect the legal and constitutional exercise of those associated with it. Those functions with which you are severally entrusted will, I am confident, be cordially directed towards the same great objects. You will concur in promoting the interest of true religion, and in improving all those means which can add to the instruction, convenience and happiness of the people. Nor will you overlook those which tend to increase the wealth and power of the country. The last objects have been unusually advanced by the late emigration from the Parent State, but still a great augmentation of wealth and population from this source must be counted among the numerous advantages that would attend on the improvement of our land and water communications, thereby rendering access easy to a country that offers to capital and skill a wide field for agricultural improvement, and ample materials for many purposes of commercial enterprise.

The increased population of the Province has given to all these objects an additional interest. Within the two last years forty townships have been surveyed and in a great measure bestowed on conditions of actual settlement. To provide the means of defraying the charge of survey, which it was necessary to prosecute on a scale, for the support of which the revenues of the province would not have sufficed, had naturally become to me a matter of great anxiety. I have therefore real pleasure in informing you that the system which has been adopted for that end continues to meet the exigencies, and still enables me to perform the service without any demand upon the finances of the country.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—The usual accounts and the estimates for the current year shall be laid before you as speedily as possible, for you will find it necessary to bestow upon them your early attention. You will perceive there is a large arrearage under the head of Militia Pensions. The acts which have created this heavy charge on the public revenue sprang from feelings of gratitude and benevolence, in the Parliaments that passed them, but no additional means have ever been provided to meet these additional burthens, and the pensions have unavoidably fallen in arrear.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen: Circumstances beyond our control occasion a present depression in the value of our principal productions, but while similar advantages perhaps in a more embarrassing degree are experienced in most countries of Europe and America, the people of this Province cannot fail to entertain this animating conviction, that though the present, like all other periods of tranquillity, may be unfriendly to the enterprise of commerce and the rapid acquisition of wealth, it finds them at least in the possession of a country in which

the burthens of the people are almost beyond example light, and which in its local advantages holds forth to exertion as fair a promise of comfortable independence, and as certain security against absolute distress as any country in the world can offer.

I cannot deny myself the pleasure of noticing, as gratifying proof of our general advancement the accession of numbers which has taken place in your respective bodies, and I congratulate you on the improved accommodation which this building affords for the discharge of your important duties.

You will proceed in your deliberations, assured that towards the attainment of any of the ends which I have mentioned, or towards any other tending to the public good, you will not only have my zealous co-operation, but the steady support of your Sovereign.

I know that you have difficulties to encounter in the exercise of your important functions from which I am happily exempt. But I am confident your zeal for the public interest will surmount them, and the impression that such exist will render you more worthy of your country's applause. Connected only with this Province in the discharge of my public duty, I can have neither party prejudices, local attachments or personal interests to overcome. My interests must naturally lead me to fulfil the wishes and expectations of my Sovereign, which I shall best do by a faithful performance of my duty in promoting as much as the real welfare of this Province.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Archibald McLean moves that Messrs. Allan McLean, McDonell, Peter Robinson, Morris, and Gordon be a Committee to draft an address in answer to his Excellency's the Lieutenant Governor's Speech from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament.

In amendment to which, Mr. Nichol seconded by Mr. Hornor moves that the whole words of the original motion after the word "that" be left out, and the words "this House will on to-morrow take into consideration the speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to both Houses at the opening of the present session" be inserted.

Which was put and carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Jonas Jones, seconded by Mr. Burwell moves for leave to bring up the petition of David Pattie, Esquire, of the Ottawa District. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Jones, moves for leave to bring up the petition of David Smith, Esquire, and others of the County of Durham.

Mr. Jonas Jones gives notice that he will on Monday next move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late majesty's reign, entitled "an act to increase the salary of the Speaker of the House of Assembly and to remunerate the present Speaker for past services.

Mr. Christopher A. Hagerman gives notice that he will on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal an act passed in the forty-third year of the reign of our late Sovereign Lord King George the third, entitled "An Act the more conveniently to collect the compensation" to the Members of the House of Assembly for their attendance in their duty in Parliament, and to repeal part of an Act passed in the Parliament of this Province in the thirty-third year of his Majesty's reign entitled, "an act to authorize and direct the laying and collecting of assessments and rates within this Province, and to provide for the payment of wages to the House of Assembly."

Mr. Allan McLean gives notice that he will move the house on Tuesday next to go into a committee to take into consideration the intercourse with the United States of America.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will on Tuesday next move for leave to bring in a bill for securing the independence of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province.

Mr. Rogers gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that the quorum of this House be increased according to the increased number of the Members.

Mr. Rogers gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that the twenty-sixth rule of this House be altered, in order that a greater number of Members may be necessary to dispense with any rule of this House.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will on Tuesday next move for leave to bring in a bill for the more certain prevention of illegal marriages.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 3rd February, 1821.

Mr. Jonas Jones, seconded by Mr. Attorney-General, moves that it be resolved that no person be admitted below the Bar of this House without permission from a member, the gallery being sufficiently commodious for the purpose of admitting strangers. Which was carried.

Mr. Speaker read to the House a letter from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery as follows:

House of Assembly, 2d February, 1821.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery has the honor to report to the Speaker of the honorable the House of Assembly that the writ of election for the fourth riding of the county of Lincoln has been returned to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery by indenture enacted between the person elected of the one part and the electors on the other part, contrary to the tenor of the writ to the Returning Officer directed, which informality is respectfully submitted by

SAMUEL P. JARVIS,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

The Honorable, the Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that James Kerby, Esq., Returning Officer for the fourth riding of the county of Lincoln, be directed to attend at the Bar of this House. Which was read.

Mr. Speaker then read a letter from the Clerk of the House of Assembly as follows:

Clerk of Assembly's Office.

York, 31st January, 1821.

Mr. Speaker,—I beg leave to submit you, for the information of the honorable the House of Assembly, that conceiving the premises now in the occupation of the Provincial Legislature after the fulfilment of the builder's contract as falling under my immediate charge, I was prompted by various considerations, as well as security to the public property as of personal convenience, to inhabit that wing thereof devoted to the accommodation of my office, and that my family is in possession of the two apartments immediately over the writing clerk's office.

I lose no time in making this communication, that if any impediment to the dispatch of business, or interference with the accommodation of the House can be conceived to arise from this arrangement it may be obviated with the least possible delay, by my removal.

I have the honor to be, Mr. Speaker, with profound respect, your most obedient, humble servant,

GRANT PCWELL, Clk. Assembly.

The Honourable, the Speaker elect.

Agreeably to the order of the day the house went into consideration of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's speech when,

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Jonas Jones, moves that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to his Excellency, returning thanks for his gracious speech from the Throne at the opening of this Parliament, expressing the sincere congratulations of the Commons of the Province on the accession of His Present Majesty, and their unfeigned sense of the many inestimable benefits conferred on this Province by our late venerable Sovereign, assuring his Excellency of the sincere disposition of this House to concur with the other branches of the Legislature in all measures that may tend to the public, good, and of their entire confidence in the desire of His Excellency to promote the interests of this Province. Whereon debates ensued.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Horner, moved that the debate be adjourned till Monday next. Which was lost.

Mr. Attorney-General's resolution was then put and carried.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moved that Messrs. McDonell, Att'y General, Gordon, Robinson, and Morris be a Committee to prepare an address pursuant to the resolution of the House, and that they report the same to this House on Monday next.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Casey in amendment, moves that the following words be added to Mr. McMartin's motion, and that the said Committee be instructed and directed to draft an answer to such parts of His Excellency's speech as are not embraced in the resolution adopted by the House. Which was carried.

The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that the first rule of this House be altered, and that hereafter twenty-one members, including the Speaker, shall form a quorum.

In amendment Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the words "twenty-one" in the original motion be expunged, and the word fifteen be inserted. Which was carried.

The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that the twenty-sixth rule, of this House, be amended, and that hereafter no rule of this House be dispensed with unless by the concurrence of at least eighteen members.

In amendment Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that in the original motion the word "eighteen" be expunged and the word thirteen be inserted. Which was carried.

The question as amended was then put and carried.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will on Wednesday next move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an act passed in the forty-fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for the better securing this province against all seditious attempts or designs, to disturb the tranquillity thereof."

Mr. Hagerman from Kingston, gives notice that he will on Tuesday next move for leave to bring in a bill requiring persons selling beer and other liquors not spirituous (by small measure) to take out licenses for so doing.

Mr. Ruttan gives notice that he will on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal an act passed in the fifty-seventh year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled "an Act further to continue an act passed in the forty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an act to make further provision for certain sheriffs in this Province,' and also to extend the provisions of the said act."

Doctor Baldwin gives notice that he will on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill for the more effectual improvement of the highways throughout this Province.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to regulate carriages.

Mr. McLean, of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the Magistrates and others resident in the county of Frontenac. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Doctor Baldwin gives notice that he will on Monday next move that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the internal resources of this Province in its agriculture and exports, and the practicability and means of enlarging those resources, and that the committee have power to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will on Monday se'night, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the laws now in force for the assessment of real and personal property within this Province, and to make more effectual provision for the assessment of such property.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will on Thursday next, move for leave to bring in a bill for producing an uniform currency throughout this Province.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Monday next, move for a committee to examine what laws have expired and are about to expire, and to report the same to this House.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will on Monday next, move that this House be called over on Monday the 26th instant.

Mr. Walsh moves, seconded by Mr. Nichol, for leave to bring up the petition of sundry persons of the district of London. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will on Monday next move that this House do resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the propriety of addressing His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to lay before this House any information that may have been transmitted to him by the Provincial Agent, respecting the imposing of duties on Timber exported from this Province to Great Britain.

The House then adjourned till Monday.

Monday, 5th February, 1821.

Agreeably to notice, Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that Messrs. Jones from Leeds, Robinson, from York and Simcoe, Baby, Morris, Crooks, Wilmot and Nichol, be a committee to take into consideration the internal resources of the Province, in its agriculture and exports, and the practicability and means of enlarging the same; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise. Which was carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, from Wentworth, moves that Mr. Baldwin be added to the Committee on internal resources. Which was carried in the affirmative.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones, from Grenville, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act passed in the fifty sixth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to increase the salary of the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and to remunerate the present Speaker for past years." Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Jones, from Grenville, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the Bill to reduce the Speaker's salary be read a second time on Monday the 19th instant. Which was carried and ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, from Lincoln, moves that Messrs. McMartin, Gates, Morris and Shaver be a committee to examine what laws have expired and are about to expire and to report the same to the House. Which was carried and ordered.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moves that Mr. MacLean, from Frontenac, be added to the committee on the expiring laws. Which was carried and ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, from Wentworth, moves that this House be called over on Monday the twenty-sixth instant. Which was carried and ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Hagerman, from Kingston, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves for leave to bring in a bill to repeal an act passed in the forty-third year of the reign of our late most gracious Sovereign, Lord King George the third, entitled "an Act the more conveniently to collect the compensation to the Members of the House of Assembly for their attendance in their duty in Parliament, and to repeal part of an act passed in the Parliament of this Province, in the thirty-third year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled, 'an Act to authorize and direct the laying and collecting of assessments and rates, within this Province, and to provide for the payment of wages to the House of Assembly.'"

On which the house divided, and the yeas and nays being called for were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Robinson, Burwell, Morris, MacLean, of Frontenac, Attorney General, Jones, of Grenville, Gates, Jones, of Leeds, McDonell, Hagerman, of Kingston, Hamilton, of Prescott, McLean, of Stormont, Walsh—13.

Nays: Messrs. Baldwin, Chisholm, Randal, Wilson, of Prince Edward, Willson, of Wentworth, Shaver, Wilmot, Peterson, Casey, White, Nichol, Hamilton, of Wentworth, Crooks, Gordon, McMartin, Baby, Clark, Hornor, Hamilton, of Lincoln, Van Koughnet, Kerr, Ruttan—23.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of ten.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that the Petition of David Pattie, Esq., be now read. Which was carried and the petition read as follows:

To the Honourable the Commons House of Assembly in Parliament Assembled.
The Petition of David Pattie, of the Township of Hawkesbury, in the District of Ottawa, Esquire,

Humbly Sheweth,—That your Petitioner and William Hamilton were candidates at the last Election of a Knight to serve in the present Parliament for the counties of Prescott and Russell, and that Joseph Fortune, Esquire, was returning officer who presided at the said election, which was held at the Township

of Longueuil, in the County of Prescott aforesaid, on Monday, the tenth day of July last; and a poll having been demanded, was continued by adjournments until Saturday the fifteenth of the same month.

That at the close of the poll, on Saturday the last day of taking the same at the said election, your petitioner had a majority of votes, one hundred and three having polled for your petitioner, and only ninety-nine for the said William Hamilton, as appeared by the poll book kept by the Clerk of the said Election, and that the said Joseph Fortune, so being such returning officer as aforesaid, contrary to his Oath of Office as such Returning Officer, in gross violations of the rights of the people and the privileges of your honorable house, and to the great damage of your petitioner, in a partial and arbitrary manner, immediately after the close of the Poll on the last day of the said election, without instituting any scrutiny into the legality or illegality of any of the votes received and entered upon the poll book at the said election, and without assigning any sufficient reason for such his arbitrary and vexatious conduct, did corruptly and falsely return the said William Hamilton, and did declare him, the said William Hamilton, to be duly elected to represent the said counties of Prescott and Russell in this Parliament.

That the said Joseph Fortune was in other respects grossly partial to the said William Hamilton, and inimical to the election of your petitioner, and that he exhibited such partiality upon many occasions during the said election, and in particular in representing to the voters at the said election that your petitioner, being an American, was a bad subject and unworthy to represent them in Parliament, and did also use various other means highly unbecoming his situation and office aforesaid to prevent persons from voting for your petitioner and to induce and influence them to give their votes for the said William Hamilton.

That several persons offered to vote at the said Election in right of Lands they had only obtained Tickets of Location for, to the legality whereof your Petitioner objected, and that many of the said persons hesitated to take the Freeholder's oath in respect of the Lands so held by them, until the said Joseph Fortune told them they had a right to vote and might safely take the said oath, alleging that he had seen a letter from the Honorable William D. Powell, Chief Justice of this Province, to George Hamilton, Esquire, Brother to the said William Hamilton, stating that such persons had a right to vote at Elections in this Province.

And lastly, that the said William Hamilton doth not possess an unencumbered Freehold in Lands or Tenements, in fee simple in this Province, to the assessed value of eighty pounds lawful money of this Province, whereby he is ineligible to serve in Parliament, and his return is consequently void, as your Petitioner is advised and humbly submits to the decision of your Honorable House.

Whereof Your Petitioner humbly prays that the said Joseph Fortune be ordered to attend at the Bar of Your Honorable House, and to produce the Poll Books taken at the said Election under his authority, and that he be ordered to amend his Return of the said William Hamilton to serve in Parliament as aforesaid, by erasing the name of the said William Hamilton thereout and inserting that of Your Petitioner instead thereof, and that your Honorable House will make such further orders as to your wisdom may seem meet and to Justice appertains.

And Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray,

(Signed) DAVID PATTIE.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that the Petition of David Pattie, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election, contains matter which if true will make void the election of William Hamilton, Esquire. Which was carried.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the Petition of David Smith, Esq., and others of the county of Durham, be now read. Which was carried and the Petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly in Parliament assembled:

The Petition of John David Smith, of the County of Durham, in the District of Newcastle, Esquire, Charles Fothergill, of the same place, Esquire, John William Bannister, of the same place, Esquire, John William, of the same place, Esquire, John Taylor, of the same place, Esquire, Jeremiah Button, of the same place, Esquire, and others, the undersigned Freeholders of the said County.

Humbly Sheweth,—That Samuel Street Wilmot, Esquire, Strange Boulton, Esq., were Candidates at the last Election of a Knight to serve in this present Parliament for the said County of Durham, and that Thomas Ward, Esquire, was the Returning Officer who presided at the said Election which was held at Port Hope, in the said County of Durham, on Monday the third day of July last, and a Poll having been demanded was continued by adjournment until Saturday, the eighth day of the same month. That at the close of the poll each day, the said Thomas Ward being such Returning Officer as aforesaid, declared the majority in favor of the said George Strange Boulton, and that at the close of the poll on Saturday, the last day of taking the same at the said election, after the votes had been examined by the said Thomas Ward, in presence of the said candidates, and several names had been struck off by mutual consent, the said George Strange Boulton had a majority of votes, one hundred and sixty of the names still remaining on the Poll Book having polled for the said George Strange Boulton, and only seventy for the said Samuel Street Wilmot, as appeared by the Poll Book kept by the Clerk at the said election.

Yet the said Thomas Ward, being such returning officer as aforesaid, contrary to his oath of office, as such returning officer, in gross violation of the rights of the petitioners, and the freedom of elections and of the privileges of your Honourable House, in a partial and arbitrary manner after the close of the poll on the last day of the election, and without adding up the numbers of the votes taken at the last day of the said election, and without assigning any sufficient reason for such arbitrary and vexatious conduct, did corruptly and falsely return the said Samuel Street Wilmot, and did declare the said Samuel Street Wilmot to be duly elected to represent the said County of Durham in this Parliament.

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that the said Thomas Ward be ordered to attend the Bar of your Honourable House together with his Poll Clerk, and to produce the Poll Book, taken at the said Election, under his authority, and that he be ordered to amend his Return of the said Samuel Street Wilmot, to serve in Parliament as aforesaid, by erasing the name of the said Samuel Street Wilmot, and inserting that of the said George Strange Boulton instead thereof, and that your Honourable House will make such further orders as to your wisdom may seem meet, and to justice appertains.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray,

Signed by JOHN D. SMITH, J.P., and eighty-one others.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that it be resolved that the Petition of David Smith and others contains matters which, if true, will make void the election of Samuel Wilmot, Esquire, Member for the County of Durham. Which was carried.

Mr. McDonell, from the Committee to prepare the draft of an Address in answer to the Lieutenant Governor's Speech at the opening of this Parliament, reported a draft which was ordered to be received and was read for the first time.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be now read a second time, and that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the said Address. Which was carried and the Address read a second time.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Which was carried, and the House went into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. McMartin in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported the Address without amendment. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the draft of the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Counties of Lennox and Addington. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, move that it be resolved that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to lay before this House copies of the Returns of the Population of this Province, in so far as the same have been received.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, gives notice that he will on Friday next move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an act passed in the thirty-third year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to provide for the nomination and appointment of Parish and Town Officers within this Province," and to authorize the appointment of an additional number of Pound Keepers, and also to repeal an act passed in the fifty-eighth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act further to extend the provisions of an act passed in the forty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act to make provision for the further appointment of Parish and Town Officers throughout this Province,' and to authorize the appointment of an additional number of overseers of Highways."

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the appointment of a Committee to take into consideration the mode of making provision for the payment of arrearages of Militia pensions.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that the following Resolution be adopted as a Rule of this House.

That any member who shall introduce a Bill, or Motion upon any subject which may be referred to a Committee, shall be one of the Committee without being named by the House.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 6th February, 1821.

The Speaker reported a letter from the Provincial Agent, which was read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the letter of the Provincial Agent, relative to the Journals destroyed by the Enemy, be entered on the Journals of this House and preserved on its files. Which was ordered.

Ibbotson's Hotel, Vere Street, Cavendish Square, 5th August, 1820.

Sir,—I beg to inform Your Honour that I have received from Lord Bathurst's Office the Copies of the Journals of the Legislature and the Executive Council of Upper Canada, which were destroyed by the Enemy, consisting of forty folio volumes, and having examined each volume, I feel it my duty to return them to His Lordship's office, as they are totally unfit in their present state to become a part of the Records of the Legislature.

Twelve Volumes contain the Proceedings of the Legislative Council, and the House of Assembly, or the Executive Council, or Lieutenant Governor Hunter's correspondence to and from the Colonial Office in Downing Street, entered in the same Book, which must (if possible) be separated.

They are not arranged in regular succession—some have title pages with which the contents do not correspond, others commence or finish in the midst of an account, a division, or other business (tho' containing space to go on) without reference to preceding or succeeding volumes. They are all old office books—many only partly filled up, and many objectionable in other respects.

From the preceding statement, and from many other remarks I could add, it does not seem possible that the present Journals can be put into a proper condition to be transmitted to Canada this season, and I much doubt whether any alterations that can be made will render them complete and uniform. I shall, however, be ready to give my attendance and assistance for that purpose; and had I been aware that the present copies were transcribing, I should have requested permission to have examined them as they proceeded, but the first notification I had on the subject was Mr. Goulburn's letter to inform me they were complete and ready to be delivered to me on paying the expenses incurred.

I have the honour to be, with great respect, Your Honor's most obedient humble servant,

WM. HALTON, *Provincial Agent.*

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker, as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c.

May it please Your Excellency,—We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to return your Excellency our most humble thanks for your Excellency's most gracious Speech from the Throne. Permit us in this first Session of Parliament, under the present reign, to unite our humble congratulations with those of your Excellency, on the accession of our most Gracious King to the Throne of his Ancestors, the delegated powers of which high station His Majesty has through a course of eventful years so successfully employed in upholding the greatness of the British Empire, that we cannot but look forward with undiminished confidence to the continuance of that paternal care which has hitherto fostered and protected us.

We have viewed with the deepest interest the melancholy events which have occurred since the prorogation of Parliament, and which have left us to deplore, besides the death of two illustrious members of the Royal Family, the final close of that long and glorious reign under which this Province became incorporated with the British Empire.

It is with feelings of proud satisfaction that we receive your Excellency's assurance that the demonstrations of grief at the death of our late beloved and venerable Sovereign were such as became a Province first peopled by men, who, through an arduous contest had given the most convincing proof of their inflexible loyalty to his sacred person, a Province which besides many other signal benefits had received, under the benign and auspicious reign of that Sovereign, the same happy constitution which under Divine Providence, has raised the Parent State to an unrivalled eminence in freedom and in glory, and which we trust it will be found our first care, as it is our duty first, to aid in maintaining in its full vigour. As one branch of the Legislature we beg to express our entire conviction that this duty demands from us, that besides the proper care of our own legitimate powers, we should also respect the legal and constitutional exercise of those associated with us.

Your Excellency may be assured that, animated by your Excellency's recommendation, and excited by your example, we will apply ourselves with the utmost zeal and diligence to promote the welfare of this Province, and that our deliberations shall be marked by an unfeigned desire to concur in advancing the interests of true religion, and in improving all those means which can add to the instruction, convenience or happiness of the people, or can tend in any manner to increase the wealth and power of the country.

We have been gratified in perceiving these last objects unusually advanced by the late emigration from the Parent State, but at the same time we cannot but be sensible that a great augmentation of wealth and population from this source must be counted among the numerous advantages that would attend on the improvement of our Land and Water communications, thereby rendering access easy to a country which presents to capital and skill a wide field for agricultural improvements, and ample materials for many purposes of commercial enterprise.

We acknowledge with the most lively satisfaction the additional interest which these objects are entitled to claim from the increased population of the Province, and from the very large portion of territory which has by the wise and energetic measures of Your Excellency been organized in so short a period of time. In the system begun and pursued by Your Excellency for prosecuting the surveys necessary to keep pace with this increase, we view a striking proof of the desire and ability of Your Excellency to aid the prosperity of this Province, and we learn with true satisfaction that Your Excellency's anxious expectations have on that head been happily fulfilled.

The Accounts and Estimates for the current year shall receive our early attention, and we assure Your Excellency that we shall earnestly apply ourselves to devising the best means of relieving His Majesty's Government from the embarrassment occasioned by the arrearage which has unavoidably accrued in the Militia Pensions.

While we regret that circumstances beyond our control occasion a present depression in the value of the principle productions of this Province, and give rise to embarrassments which are experienced, perhaps, in a greater degree in most countries of Europe and America, we are not so insensible to the many blessings

we enjoy as to forbear acknowledging with grateful hearts that though the present, like all other periods of general tranquility may be unfriendly to the enterprise of commerce and the rapid acquisition of wealth, it finds us at least in the possession of a country in which the burthens of the people are almost beyond example light, and which in its local advantages holds forth to exertion as fair a promise of comfortable independence and as certain security against absolute distress as any country in the world can offer.

The increase in the numbers of the representatives of the people, which Your Excellency is pleased to notice, as a gratifying proof of the general advancement of the Province will we doubt not justify in its consequences the liberal policy of the Parliament which provided for it, and we assure Your Excellency of our hearty desire that in our measures and deliberations, facilitated as they will be by the improved accommodation lately provided for in the use of the Legislature, we may afford proofs of attachment to our constitution, of love to our Sovereign, and of steady regard to the true interests of our country, which may we trust, if possible, grow with our growth.

We are deeply sensible of the importance of those functions with which we are entrusted, and that their exercise is attended with difficulties from which Your Excellency, being only connected with this Province in the discharge of your public duty, is happily exempt. To those difficulties, where there is room for their existence, we cannot dare to assure ourselves that we are entirely superior, still less can we venture to hope that the impression of their existence may not subject to imputation and misconstruction our most unbiassed and disinterested actions; but the confidence Your Excellency is pleased to express in our zeal for the public good will animate us to surmount whatever obstacles may present themselves to the faithful discharge of our duty, and we shall proceed in our deliberations with the full assurance that towards the attainment of any of the ends to which Your Excellency has directed our attention or towards any others tending to the public good, we shall not only have the zealous co-operation of Your Excellency, but the steady support of our Sovereign.

LEVIUS P. SHERWOOD, Speaker.

Commons House of Assembly, 6th February, 1821.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that Messrs. McDonell and Van Koughnet be a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive this House, with the Address, in answer to His Excellency's most Gracious Speech to both Houses. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that for the future the usual hour of meeting of this House shall be three o'clock p.m., unless otherwise ordered by this House. Which was carried.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, of Kingston, moves for leave to bring in a Bill for the more certain prevention of illegal marriages within this Province. Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Attorney-General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, of Kingston, moves that the Bill for the more certain prevention of illegal marriages be read a second time on Monday next.

In amendment Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Wilson, of Wentworth, moves that the Bill for the more certain prevention of illegal marriages be read a second time this day three months. Which was lost. The original question was then put and carried.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. McLean, of Stormont, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to require selling beer and other liquors not spirituous by small measure, to take out license for so doing. On which debates ensued.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the debate on the motion for leave to bring in a Bill to require persons selling beer and other liquors not spirituous by small measure, to take out license, be adjourned to Monday se'night. Which was carried.

Mr. McDonell, of the Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive this House with the Address, to answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, reported that His Excellency was pleased to name the hour of eleven o'clock to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Attorney-General, Rogers, McLean of Stormont, McLean of Kingston, Gordon, Gates, and Crooks be a Committee to take into consideration the pension laws, and the arrearages accrued thereon, and to report to this House by Bill or otherwise, the most feasible method of providing for such arrearages, and what amendments the said laws require. Which was carried.

Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the name of Mr. Nichol be added to the Committee on Militia Pensions. Which was carried.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that it be resolved as a rule of this House that every Member who shall introduce a Bill, petition, or motion, upon any object which may be referred to a committee, shall be one of such committee. Which was carried.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Stephen Sergeant and Robert Brock. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. McLean, of Frontenac, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the Petition of sundry magistrates, merchants and others, of the Town of Kingston, be now read. Which was carried and the petition was read.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that a humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to communicate to this House any information which may have been transmitted to him by the Provincial Agent, respecting any duties in the contemplation of His Majesty's Government to be laid on timber and other lumber that may be imported into Great Britain from the Provinces of Canada.

In amendment, Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, from Wentworth, moves that after the word "Canada," in the original motion, the words "and also copies of any other communications on subjects connected with the interests of this Province," be added. Which was carried. The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that a committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in conformity to the preceding Resolution, and that the following members do constitute the said committee: Jonas Jones and Philip Van Koughnet. Which was carried.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Thomas Dalton, of Kingston, Brewer. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Elisha Camp. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Mr. McLean, of Frontenac, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Edmund Mott, of the County of Leeds. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Mr. McLean, of Frontenac, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of John Blanchard, of the County of Leeds. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Attorney-General, moves that it be resolved that on Thursday, the first day of March next, at three o'clock, this House will take into consideration the Petition of David Pattie, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election, and that notice thereof be given by the Speaker pursuant to law. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that it be resolved that David Pattie, Esquire, previous to the investigation of his Petition by this House, do enter into a Bond of Two Hundred Pounds to the Clerk, conditioned for the payment of such costs as shall be awarded by the House against him, should he fail in supporting the grounds of his Petition. Which was carried.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that it be resolved that the Speaker do order the attendance of the Returning Officer of the Counties of Prescott and Russell with the poll books taken at the past election for said counties at the Bar of this House on Monday, the first day of March next, and also of such witnesses as shall be required to attend by the Petitioner or sitting member. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that it be resolved that on Monday, the nineteenth instant, this House will take into consideration the Petition of David Smith, Esquire, and others of the County of Durham, complaining of an undue Election, and that notice thereof be given by the Speaker pursuant to law. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Chisholm moves that previous to the investigation of the Petition of David Smith and others, the said David Smith or some other respectable person or persons approved of by this House do enter into a Bond of two hundred pounds to the Clerk conditioned for the payment of such costs as shall be awarded by the House against them should they fail in supporting the grounds of their Petition. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that it be resolved that the Speaker do order the attendance of the Returning Officer of the County of Durham with the poll books taken at the last election for said County at the Bar of this House on Monday, the nineteenth day of this instant, and also of such witnesses as shall be required by the Petitioner or the sitting Member. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, 7th of February, 1821.

At eleven o'clock the House proceeded to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's with the Address to His Excellency in answer to his Speech at the opening of the present session and having returned, the Speaker reported the same to the House and that His Excellency had been pleased to make a reply thereto which by order of the House he read as follows:—

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, I thank you for this loyal Address, and beg you to be assured that those sentiments of attachment to His Majesty and of condolence on the death of our late revered King which you express in it will be very grateful to your Sovereign.

The kind manner in which you are pleased to notice the increase of the organized territory of the Province, to assure me of your diligent application to the objects I have recommended to your attention, and indeed the whole tenor of your address, evince a disposition so candid and so friendly to the public interest that it is extremely gratifying to me, and it confirms me in an expectation which I had confidently entertained that I shall receive from you the most upright councils and valuable assistance in the discharge of my duty towards your country.

The House then adjourned till three o'clock.

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

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the three following Messages:

P. MAITLAND:

The Lieutenant Governor informs the House of Assembly that he has received from His Excellency the Commander of the Forces a communication to the following effect: that in the wish to encourage the new settlement His Excellency gave two hundred pounds at Richmond to open the great line of road to Beckwith Store; two hundred pounds at Perth to open also towards Beckwith, and two hundred pounds to clear into Lanark Township from Perth, and that His Excellency will repeat this provided the Legislature of Upper Canada, will afford some efficient aid for completing the main line from Richmond Landing place (at the falls of Chaudiere), to Kingston. The aid alluded to in this communication the Lieutenant Governor recommends to the consideration of the House of Assembly.

Government House, 7th February, 1821.

P. MAITLAND:

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly copies of all inquests taken before any Commissioner appointed under an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, for declaring certain persons Aliens and vesting their Estates in his Majesty, together with copies of the minutes of evidence taken before such Commissioners at such inquests so far as the same can be done.

Also a copy of the decision of the Commissioners of appeal as to what are deemed bona-fide debts chargeable against the said Estates; in compliance with the request contained in the address of the House of the 26th February, 1820.

The Lieutenant Governor also transmits copies of the Returns made by the several Officers employed in the various departments of the Provincial Government, of the authority for and date of, their respective appointments, as also of the emoluments annexed to them that are derived from the subject within the Province or paid by the Legislature, together with the date of, and authority for any increase of such emoluments; in compliance with the request contained in the Address of the House of the 1st of March, 1820.

Government House, 7th February, 1821.

THIRD. Amount remitted to the Receiver General of this Province, as its proportion of Provincial Duties from Lower Canada:

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
In 1796	1,205	2	10	1808	2,650	7	1½
1797	1,040	10	0	1809	4,645	10	3
1798	1,206	11	7	1810	4,405	7	10½
1799	1,262	0	5	1811	4,518	1	5
1800	1,560	8	0	1812	3,804	10	3½
1801	1,003	13	4	1813	3,401	0	7½
1802	1,069	3	1½	1814	6,386	2	10
1803	1,172	9	2	1815	39,250	2	9½
1804	1,419	5	7½	1816	27,217	4	9½
1805	1,414	6	8	1817	21,584	17	6
1806	1,364	13	10½	1818	16,653	9	6
1807	2,397	16	5	1819	17,984	8	3
Total, £168,617 4 3½ Currency.							

FOURTH. Amount remitted to the Receiver General of this Province as its proportion of Duties under the 14th Geo. 3rd, Chap. 88, from Lower Canada:

From 1796 to 1818 inclusive—Nothing. In 1819—£2,484 8 7½.
Total—£2,484 8 7½ Sterling.

FIFTH. Amount credited to the Provincial Revenue, by the Receiver General of this Province, for account of interest accruing on Army Bills in the years 1814 and 1815.

In 1814—£117 4 5. 1815—£263 1 11½.
Total—£380 6 4½ Currency.

Inspector General's Office, 23rd December, 1820

J. BABY, Inspector General.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill for repealing an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts to disturb the tranquillity thereof." Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that the Sedition Act repeal Bill be read a second time on Saturday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Baby, moves for leave to bring in a Bill for the more effectual improvement of the Highways and Roads throughout this Province. Which was granted and the Bill read.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves for the second reading of the Highway Bill on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Willson, of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. McNichol, moves that the Clerk be directed to supply six manuscript copies of the Road Bill to be copied and delivered to the Members of this House with the least possible delay. Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Leeds, moves that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be addressed, requesting him to order the Surveyor General to furnish this House with such plan of this Province as convenience will at present admit, and that so soon as a complete Map can be perfected, His Excellency will be pleased to order one for the permanent use of this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Willson from Wentworth moves that Messrs. Doctor Baldwin and Jones from Leeds be a Committee to draft the address and to report the same to the House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, of Lincoln, moves that the House do on to-morrow go into Committee to take into consideration His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's message on the Governor in Chief's communication on the subject of the Roads. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McLean, of Frontenac, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the subject of intercourse with the United States. Which was carried, and Mr. Van Koughnet took the chair of the Committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Saturday.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill for securing the independency of the Commons House of Assembly. Which was granted and the Bill read. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that the independency Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of Allan McNabb, Esquire, Sergeant at arms. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will move to-morrow for the appointment of a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of providing in the most effectual manner for the establishing the limits of Townships, and preventing vexatious suits about the boundaries of Lands in this Province.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that the name of James Gordon, Esquire, member for Kent, be added to the Committee on internal resources. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Leeds, moves that the Committee on internal resources be empowered to send for persons and papers. Which was carried.

Mr. Hagerman gives notice that he will on Saturday next move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws now in force establishing District Courts in this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same.

Mr. McMartin gives notice that he will on Monday next move for a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of addressing His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor relative to the land communication in our sister Province, adjacent to the Province line, and to report by address or otherwise.

Mr. McLean, of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Lancaster and others in the Eastern District. Which was granted, and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of and to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the second session of the first Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, entitled "An Act to confirm and make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted in the country now comprised within the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future solemnization of marriage within the same." The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 8th February, 1821.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Winter Carriages. Which was carried and the Bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McLean, of Stormont, moves that the Winter Carriage Bill be read a second time on Saturday next. Which was carried.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves for leave to bring in a Bill for establishing an uniform Currency in this Province. Which was granted and the Bill read. Mr. Attorney General seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the Bill for establishing an uniform currency shall be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, from the Committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative to any information which may have been received from the Provincial Agent, reported a draft which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the draft be received and read, and it was read the first time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be read a second time this day, and that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same. Which was carried and the address read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the House do now go into Committee to take into consideration the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Which was carried, and Mr. McDonell took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. McDonell reported the address without amendment. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor requesting him to order the proper Officer to lay before this House, copies of the Returns of the Population of this Province for the year 1820, in so far as the same have been received. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that Mr. Hamilton, of Wentworth and Mr. Willson of the same place be appointed a Committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in conformity to the preceding resolution, and to report the same to the House. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into Committee on the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor communicating the donation of His Excellency the Commander of the forces, for the opening of new Roads from Richmond to Perth, Mr. Hamilton of Prescott in the Chair. The House resumed.

Mr. Hamilton reported that the Committee had agreed to a resolution which he was desired to submit to the House. Ordered that the report be received, and it was resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking him for his gracious communication on the subject of the munificent donation of His Excellency the Commander of the Forces, for the opening of the new Roads from Richmond to Perth, and to assure him

that sensible of the importance of that communication and of the liberal aid furnished by His Excellency the Commander of the Forces; this House will take the subject into its most serious consideration and afford such aid as may be within its power.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Mr. Nichol and Mr. Crooks be a Committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in conformity to the preceding Resolution, and to report the same to the House. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that Messrs. Burwell, Jones of Leeds, Wilmot, MacLean of Frontenac, Hornor, Jones of Grenville and Rogers, be a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of providing in the most effectual manner for the establishing the limits of Townships and prevent vexatious suits about the boundaries of lands in this Province, with liberty to send for persons and papers. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to order, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying for information from the Provincial Agent was read the third time, passed and was signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General commanding his Majesty's Forces therein, etc., etc.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly request Your Excellency will be pleased to communicate to this House any information which may have been transmitted to your Excellency by the Provincial Agent respecting any duties in the contemplation of His Majesty's Government to be laid on Timber and other Lumber that be imported into Great Britain from the Provinces of Canada, and also copies of any other communication on subjects connected with the interest of this Province.

(Signed) LEVIUS P. SHERWOOD,

Commons House of Assembly,
8th February, 1821.

Speaker.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moves that Messieurs Robinson and Morris be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House, upon the subject of the Provincial Agent, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, from the Committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Roads from Richmond to Perth, reported a draft which he was ready to submit for the consideration of the House. Ordered that the report be received and the draft was read the first time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the address of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be now read a second time, and that the fifth rule of the House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the said address. Which was carried and the draft was read a second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take the address to His Excellency into consideration. Which was carried, and Mr. McLean of Stormont took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed.

Mr. McLean reported the address without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, from the committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying for Returns of the Population of this Province, reported a draft which he was ready to submit for the consideration of this House. Ordered that the report be received and the draft was read the first time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respecting the Population of the Province be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, from the committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that a Map of the Province should be furnished for the use of this House, reported a draft which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that the draft of an address to be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respecting a Map of the Province be now read a second time, and that the fifth rule of the House be dispensed with as far as it relates to the same. Which was carried and the draft was read the second time. Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that the House do go into committee to take into consideration the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respecting a map of the Province. Which was carried and Mr. Gates took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Gates reported the address without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was carried.

The address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor relative to the Road from Richmond to Perth was then read the third time, was passed and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the most honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc., etc.

May it please your Excellency: We His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer to Your Excellency our humble thanks for Your Excellency's gracious Message, communicating the munificent donation made by his Excellency the Commander of the Forces, for the opening of the new Roads from Richmond to Perth.

We beg leave to assure Your Excellency that sensible of the importance of the line of communication which it is proposed to open, and of the aid so liberally furnished by His Excellency the Commander of the Forces, we will take the subject into our most serious consideration and give such assistance as our means may enable us to afford.

(Signed) LEVIUS P. SHERWOOD, Speaker.

Commons House of Assembly,
8th February, 1821.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Morris be a committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House on the subject

of the new roads in the Richmond and Perth Settlements and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, gives notice that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a Bill further to amend an act passed in the fifty-eighth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to license Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, 'and to make further provision for licensing such Practitioners.'"

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church land in the Town of York. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Ruttan gives notice that he will on Monday next move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an act passed in the fiftieth year of His Reign, entitled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the forty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for the preservation of Salmon.'"

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the inhabitants of the District of Newcastle. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Township of Murray, in the District of Newcastle. Which was granted and the Petition laid on the table.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will on Wednesday next move for leave to bring in a Bill to explain and amend the Laws respecting the issuing of Shop and Tavern Licenses.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that it be resolved that a certain Paper called the Upper Canada Gazette, dated the eighth day of February, instant, said to be printed and published by Robert C. Horne, Esquire, contains a gross misrepresentation of the proceedings of this House and is a breach of its privileges. Which was carried.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that Robert C. Horne, Esq., be ordered by the Speaker to attend at the Bar of this House at its meeting to-morrow to answer certain questions to be put to him by the House. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 9th of February, 1821.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor a Message and the Public Accounts. The Message and the schedule of the accounts were then read as follows:

P. MAITLAND,

The Lieutenant Governor, in transmitting the Public Accounts and the Estimates of the current year, acquaints the House of Assembly that owing to the expiration of the Provisional agreement with Lower Canada he is unable to forward a state of the account with that Province since the thirtieth of June, 1819, any calculation therefore of Revenue from that source can only be grounded on the experience of former years. When the existing arrear on this source of Revenue shall be paid, it will be subject to a deduction of four thousand pounds already received on account of the proportion of duties due to this Province since the expiration of the agreement.

Government House,

7th February, 1821.

P. M.

UPPER CANADA.

Schedule of Public Accounts and Estimates prepared to be laid before the Provincial Legislature in the first Session of the Eighth Parliament.

No.

1. Account of Revenue arising from Shop, Tavern, Still and Wholesale Dealers' Licenses from the 6th January, 1820, to the 5th January, 1821.
 2. Names of persons licensed as Shopkeepers.
 3. Names of persons licensed as Inn-keepers.
 4. Names of persons licensed as Distillers.
 5. Names of persons licensed as Wholesale Dealers in Spirituous Liquors.
- } In the several Districts from
6th January, 1820, to 5th
January, 1821.
6. Account of Revenue arising from duties on Imports from the United States of America, between the 1st of January and the 31st of December, 1820.
 7. Account of Revenue arising from licenses issued to Hawkers and Pedlers within the same period.
 8. Account of Revenue arising from licenses issued to Auctioneers and on Sales at Auction for same period.
 9. Account of Revenue arising from Light House and Foreign Tonnage Duties for the same period.
 10. General Statement of the Receiver-General's Receipts and Payments from 1st January to 31st December, 1821.
 11. Statement of the Receiver-General's Receipts and Payments from 1st to 31st January, 1821.
 12. Account of Warrants issued on the Receiver-General from the first January to the 31st December, 1820.
 13. Account of Warrants issued on the Receiver-General from the 1st to the 31st January, 1821.
 14. Account of payments made to the Receiver-General by Collectors and Inspectors from 1st to the 31st January, 1821.
 15. Account of the appropriation towards the Civil Expenditure for the year 1820.
 16. Schedule of appropriations by various statutes chargeable against the year 1821.
 17. Estimate for 1821 for defraying the expenses of the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government.
 18. Account of monies outstanding in the hands of Collectors and Inspectors, etc., on the 31st December, 1820.
 19. Account of Peter Howard, Esquire, of the expenditure of £500, granted by Provincial Statute 58 Geo. III., ch. 5.
 20. Account of duties collected at the port of Quebec from 6th January to 1st July, 1819, with the proportion thereof to Upper Canada.

J. BABY, *Inspector-General.*

Inspector-General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 1. Provincial Revenue arising from duties imposed on Licenses issued to Shopkeepers, Innkeepers, Distillers, and Wholesale dealers in Spirituous Liquors, in the several Districts of the Province, between the 5th January, 1820, and the 5th January, 1821, so far as the several Inspectors have reported the same.

District.	Number of Shop Licenses.	Number of Tavern Licenses.	Gallons measurement of Stills.	Number of Wholesale Dealers' Licenses.	Proceeds of Shop Licenses.	Proceeds of Tavern Licenses.	Proceeds of Still Licenses.	Proceeds of Wholesale Dealers' Licenses.	Total Currency.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.
Midland	35	68	1,537	.....	210 0 0	412 0 0	192 2 6	0	314 2 6
Johnstown	30	91	481	.....	180 0 0	171 0 0	60 2 6	0	412 2 6
Eastern	17	44	.....	1	102 0 0	235 15 0	0 0 0	5	342 15 0
Newcastle	3	34	1,732	.....	48 0 0	64 0 0	216 10 0	0	328 10 0
Home	30	40	1,914½	.....	180 0 0	245 10 0	239 6 3	0	664 16 3
Niagara	32	48	1,399	.....	192 0 0	195 0 0	174 17 6	0	561 17 6
London	7	38	3,238	1	42 0 0	69 5 0	404 15 0	5	520 0 0
Western	20	14	787½	.....	120 0 0	42 0 0	98 8 9	0	260 8 9
Gore	20	37	2,559½	.....	120 0 0	144 10 0	319 18 9	0	584 8 9
Ottawa	7	14	.....	.....	42 0 0	66 0 0	0 0 0	0	108 0 0
	206	428	13,648½	2	1,236 0 0	1,645 0 0	1,706 1 3	10	4,597 1 3
Deduct allowance to Inspectors...					123 12 0	164 10 0	127 19 1	0 10	416 1 1
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J. BABY, Inspector General.

Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

The Inspector at Drummond Island has paid to the Receiver General a sum of money for account of Licenses issued, but has not yet furnished a return of such Licenses.

No. 2 (UPPER CANADA): Names of Persons licensed as Shopkeepers to retail Spirituous Liquors between the 5th January, 1820, and the 5th January, 1821, in the several Districts of the Province, as far as the Inspectors have accounted for the same.

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

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| 1. George Ham & Co. | 13. Peter Flatt. | 25. John Kirby. |
| 2. Walter McCuniffe. | 14. John Harkes. | 26. Loomas Norton. |
| 3. Absalom Truax. | 15. John Mair. | 27. Peter Smith. |
| 4. Thomas Turpin. | 16. John W. Meyers. | 28. Duncan McDonell. |
| 5. Robert Graham & Co. | 17. John Clark. | 29. George Cooper. |
| 6. McDonell & Aykroyd. | 18. Archibald Richmond. | 30. John King. |
| 7. Henry Lasher & Co. | 19. Alexander McLeod. | 31. Michael Salmon. |
| 8. Mowat & Bruce. | 20. Michael Coyle. | 32. Catharine Donohoe. |
| 9. William Powell. | 21. William Dalton. | 33. Fair & Russell. |
| 10. John Deane. | 22. Samuel Aykroyd. | 34. John Turnbull & Co. |
| 11. Neil McLeod. | 23. William Mitchell. | 35. Samuel Aykroyd. |
| 12. Lewis Thorpe. | 24. Allan McPherson. | |

JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.

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| 1. Justice S. Merwin. | 11. Ephraim Dunham. | 31. Benjamin Delisle. |
| 2. Ephraim Webster. | 12. Alexander Waugh. | 22. George McClanahan. |
| 3. Walter F. Gates. | 13. Alex. & Wm. Morris. | 23. Samuel Davidson. |
| 4. Billa Flint. | 14. William Morris & Co. | 24. Michael & Thos. Burns. |
| 5. T. Doxey & F. Wood. | 15. Samuel Purdy & Co. | 25. John Watson. |
| 6. Elnathan Hubbel. | 16. J. & S. Deming. | 26. Charles Jones. |
| 7. George Tibbits. | 17. Jones & Vanslyck. | 27. Roderick Easton. |
| 8. George Willard. | 18. Charles & J. McDonell. | 28. Roderick Matheson. |
| 9. Averil & Gilberts. | 19. George Lyon. | 29. Stephen Beach. |
| 10. Henry Jones. | 20. Mathias Link. | 30. Patrick Nowlan. |

EASTERN DISTRICT.

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| 1. John & James Dunlop. | 7. Peter Chesley. | 13. George Hoople. |
| 2. Peter McIntosh. | 8. Philip Van Koughnet. | 14. Adam Dickson. |
| 3. Daniel Carey. | 9. Noah Dickinson. | 15. William Bruce. |
| 4. John B. Sibert. | 10. Guy C. Wood. | 16. Dingwall & McMillen. |
| 5. Robert Colquhoun. | 11. Simon Fraser. | 17. Stacey, Hawley & Co. |
| 6. George Brouse. | 12. Paul Glasford. | |

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

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| 1. Sheldon Hawley. | 4. William Orr. | 7. Mark Burnham. |
| 2. John Brown. | 5. William Page. | 8. James G. Bethune. |
| 3. Cornelius Webster. | 6. Charles Anderson. | |

HOME DISTRICT.

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| 1. William Allan. | 11. McGinnes & Montgomerie. | 21. Denis Fitzgerald. |
| 2. Peter McDougal. | 12. Alexander Wood. | 22. William Smith. |
| 3. Wood & Anderson. | 13. H. McK. Murchison. | 23. William Gernon. |
| 4. James Nation & Co. | 14. Thomas Carfrae. | 24. D'Arcy Boulton, Jr. |
| 5. Simon Kemp. | 15. Sullivan & Stotesbury. | 25. Edward Oates. |
| 6. Daniel Brooke. | 16. Thomas Stephens. | 26. William Smith. |
| 7. Alexander Legge. | 17. Young & Monro. | 27. Quetton St. George & Co. |
| 8. Henry Drean. | 18. Peter Robinson. | 28. Daniel Brooke. |
| 9. John Carfrae. | 19. Peter Robinson. | 29. Peter Patterson. |
| 10. Joseph Cawthra. | 20. George Duggan. | 30. George Foster. |

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

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| 1. Wm. & Geo. Hepburne. | 12. Clark & Street. | 23. Quetton St. George. |
| 2. Wm. & Geo. Hepburne. | 13. John Crooks. | 24. William Chisholm. |
| 3. Ralfe M. Longe. | 14. Grant & Kerby. | 25. Ball & Nelles. |
| 4. Thomas McCormick | 15. David Thompson. | 26. John Wilson. |
| 5. John Eastwood. | 16. Reuben Tisdale. | 27. John & Alex. McKay. |
| 6. John Young. | 17. Gilbert McMicking. | 28. Henry Nelles. |
| 7. R. & Adam Crysler. | 18. Daniel McDougal. | 29. Thomas Racey. |
| 8. Adam Brown. | 19. John Ross. | 30. William Crooks. |
| 9. Gilbert McMicking. | 20. George Keefer. | 31. Robert Moore. |
| 10. James McCam. | 21. Richard Woodruff. | 32. Edward Hopkins. |
| 11. Robert Kirkpatrick. | 22. James Crooks. | |

LONDON DISTRICT.

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| 1. Cross & Fisher. | 4. John Kirkpatrick. | 6. Duncan Campbell. |
| 2. Daniel Ross. | 5. William Wilson. | 7. William Fisher. |
| 3. Hamilton & Warren. | | |

WESTERN DISTRICT.

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| 1. Angus McIntosh. | 8. John G. Watson. | 15. Abraham Marshall. |
| 2. Duncan McGregor. | 9. Toussaint Maisenville. | 16. Berczy, Mason & Co. |
| 3. Alexander McIntosh. | 10. George B. Hall. | 17. William Jones. |
| 4. John Wilson. | 11. Daniel Fisher. | 18. John McGregor. |
| 5. James Gordon & Co. | 12. Alexis Maisenville. | 19. John Gentle. |
| 6. George Jacob. | 13. Daniel Pastorious. | 20. Matthew D. Nelson. |
| 7. J. B. Baby. | 14. George Jacob, Jr. | |

GORE DISTRICT.

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| 1. William M. Jarvis. | 8. Matthew Crooks. | 15. James Crooks. |
| 2. Thomas Race. | 9. Samuel Erb. | 16. James Crooks. |
| 3. Richard Hatt. | 10. Thomas Racey. | 17. John Secord. |
| 4. Manuel Overfield. | 11. Samuel Tisdale. | 18. Absalom Shade. |
| 5. Abraham K. Smith. | 12. Bolton & Company. | 19. William Kent. |
| 6. Abraham K. Smith. | 13. Titus G. Simons. | 20. Edward Pilkington. |
| 7. William B. Sheldon. | 14. John K. Simons. | |

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

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| 1. Hamiltons & Gibson. | 4. John McDonell. | 6. John McIntyre. |
| 2. Hamiltons & Gibson. | 5. Alexander Grant. | 7. Alexander Cameron. |
| 3. Samuel Stephens. | | |

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICT.		DISTRICT.		DISTRICT.	
Midland.	35	Home.	30	Gore	20
Johnstown.	30	Niagara.	32	Ottawa.	7
Eastern.	17	London.	7		
Newcastle.	8	Western.	20	Shop Licenses	206

J. BABY, *Inspector-General.*

Inspector-General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 3 (UPPER CANADA): Names of Persons licensed as Innkeepers in the several Districts of the Province, between the 5th January, 1820, and the 5th January, 1821, as far as the Inspectors have accounted for the same—accounting for the Provincial duty only.

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
1. John Blake	10	0	0	35. Noxen Harris	4	0	0
2. John Hynes	10	0	0	36. Joseph Losee	4	0	0
3. Robert Walker	10	0	0	37. John Gardiner	4	0	0
4. Eli Peters	4	0	0	38. Daniel Ostrum	4	0	0
5. Darius Fisk	4	0	0	39. Richard Davenport	4	0	0
6. John Anney	4	0	0	40. W. L. Bowen	4	0	0
7. Jarvis Worden	10	0	0	41. William Clough	4	0	0
8. Matthias Badgley	4	0	0	42. Henry McGough	10	0	0
9. John Vincent	6	0	0	43. Duncan McDonell	6	0	0
10. John Moore	10	0	0	44. Andrew Johnston	6	0	0
11. John Darley	10	0	0	45. Abel P. Forward	6	0	0
12. John Martin	6	0	0	46. John Hutchinson	4	0	0
13. James Powley	4	0	0	47. Henry Redner	4	0	0
14. Benjamin Olcott	10	0	0	48. Richard Young	4	0	0
15. Charles Odell	4	0	0	49. Roswell Leavens	6	0	0
16. Valentine Morney	6	0	0	50. Margaret Simpson	6	0	0
17. Samuel Hinckley	4	0	0	51. John Taylor	6	0	0
18. Rufus Barret	4	0	0	52. John Ouillette	6	0	0
19. Sarah Patrick	10	0	0	53. Thomas Ayre	6	0	0
20. Samuel Purdy	6	0	0	54. John Scantlebury	10	0	0
22. Abraham Amey	4	0	0	55. Cecily Morin	10	0	0
22. Abraham Amey	4	0	0	56. Wm. J. P. Bartels	4	0	0
23. Matthew Burnett	4	0	0	57. Jacob Howell	4	0	0
24. John Dowlan	10	0	0	58. Henry Buller	4	0	0
25. Thomas Davis	4	0	0	59. Richard Bond	10	0	0
26. Thomas Park	4	0	0	60. Theophilus Nelson	6	0	0
27. Haffel Coy	10	0	0	61. John Links	4	0	0
28. Peter V. Dorland	4	0	0	62. Archibald Campbell	4	0	0
29. Peter Davy	6	0	0	63. Samuel Merrill	10	0	0
30. John G. Clute	4	0	0	64. John Grant	6	0	0
31. James Bayman	10	0	0	65. Stephen Fairfield	4	0	0
32. Elijah Beach	4	0	0	66. Daniel Youngs	4	0	0
33. Orrin Ranny	4	0	0	67. Etienne Petre	6	0	0
34. John Ellerbeck	10	0	0	68. Edward Dunn	10	0	0

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JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
1. Andrew Hill	1	0	0	47. Charles Dunham	5	10	0
2. Sylvester Dempsey	1	0	0	48. Stephen Cornwell	5	10	0
3. Thomas Wrath	1	0	0	49. Ira Lewis	1	0	0
4. Thomas McCray	1	0	0	50. Stephen Collins	1	0	0
5. John Steel	1	0	0	51. Samuel Wilson	1	0	0
6. Andrew Barrie	1	0	0	52. George W. Tucker	3	0	0
7. Richard Allan	1	0	0	53. Thomas Brown	3	0	0
8. Mary Richardson	1	0	0	54. Daniel McIntosh	3	0	0
9. William Vaughan	1	0	0	55. Samuel Gray	5	10	0
10. Roger Moore	1	0	0	56. John Kincaid	5	10	0
11. Levi Hotchkiss	1	0	0	57. Esquire Mott	1	0	0
12. Gerard B. Chapman	1	0	0	58. Walter Toplin	1	0	0
13. Stephen Blanchard	1	0	0	59. John Seelye	1	0	0
14. Richard Olmstead	1	0	0	60. Harley Easton	1	0	0
15. Ezekiel Rose	1	0	0	61. James Mains	1	0	0
16. Samuel Rose	1	0	0	62. Peet Seelye	1	0	0
17. James Saunders	1	0	0	63. John E. Borden	1	0	0
18. Robert Vincent	1	0	0	64. Elisha Chamberlin	1	0	0
19. Patrick Newlan	1	0	0	65. Joshua Adams	1	0	0
20. George McConnel	1	0	0	66. John Balderstone	1	0	0
21. Ira Honeywell	1	0	0	67. Brimsley Ruel	1	0	0
22. Wm. Burton	1	0	0	68. Daniel L. Baldwin	1	0	0
23. Thomas Wickman	1	0	0	69. William McNish	1	0	0
24. Josiah Moss	1	0	0	70. John Oliver	1	0	0
25. John Craig	1	0	0	71. Angus Cameron	1	0	0
26. John Dickson	1	0	0	72. Wellesley Ritchie	1	0	0
27. Isaac Hurd	1	0	0	73. Henry Stephens	1	0	0
28. Abraham Cummins	1	0	0	74. William Shelton	5	10	0
29. David Shipman	1	0	0	75. Joseph Segar	1	0	0
30. Clark Nichols	1	0	0	76. George Brooks	1	0	0
31. Nehemiah Simmons	5	10	0	77. Dorman D. Wolf	1	0	0
32. William Doak	5	10	0	78. John Adamson	1	0	0
33. James Hall	5	10	0	79. Jeremiah Mallory	1	0	0
34. Zenor Orton	1	0	0	80. Uri Stone	5	10	0
35. Enos Beach	1	0	0	81. Abram Dayton	2	0	0
36. Samuel P. Thomas	1	0	0	82. Joseph Legary	1	0	0
37. Ebenezer Wilson	5	10	0	83. William Blair	1	0	0
38. Horace Dickenson	5	10	0	84. William Tolman	1	0	0
39. Mary Sherwood	1	0	0	85. John McCaul	1	0	0
40. John Brownson	5	10	0	86. Stephen Richards	5	10	0
41. Urana McNeal	1	0	0	87. Patrick McNish	5	10	0
42. James B. Howard	1	0	0	88. Daniel Campbell	1	0	0
43. John Mallory	1	0	0	89. Billa Flint	5	10	0
44. Stephen Andrews	1	0	0	90. Rice Honeywell	5	10	0
45. Peter Cole	1	0	0	91. Abel Griffin	1	0	0
46. David Manhart	2	0	0				

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EASTERN DISTRICT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
1. William McNarin	6	0	0	15. Mary Hanes	6	0	0
2. William McLaughlin	6	0	0	16. Richard Loucks	6	0	0
3. Jeremiah Tuttle	6	0	0	17. John Ault	6	0	0
4. Charles Dillabough	6	0	0	18. John Baker	6	0	0
5. John Stoneburner	6	0	0	19. Christy Campbell	6	0	0
6. Catharine Shaver	6	0	0	20. Philip Monro	6	0	0
7. Adam Baker	6	0	0	21. John A. Wart	6	0	0
8. Alexander Grant	6	0	0	22. Henry Waggoner	6	0	0
9. Joseph Smallman	6	0	0	23. Catharine Jackson	3	0	0
10. Murdock McPherson	4	0	0	24. Alsaunt Chesley	6	0	0
11. Charles Westley	4	0	0	25. Malcolm McMartin	6	0	0
12. Philip Loucks	6	0	0	26. Mary McDonell	6	0	0
13. John Chesley	6	0	0	27. Conrad Shaver	6	0	0
14. James Frazer	6	0	0	28. John Pierse	6	0	0

EASTERN DISTRICT.—Continued.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
29. Alexander McDonell	6	0	0	38. Hannah Thompson	1	0	0
30. Michael Cook	6	0	0	39. Ranald McDonell	6	0	0
31. Donald McDonell	6	0	0	40. John Pillar	4	0	0
32. William Baker	6	0	0	41. Allan Cameron	1	0	0
33. Catharine Campbell	6	0	0	42. Jacob Waggoner	6	0	0
34. Harmonus Cryderman	1	0	0	43. Sewel Cutler	6	0	0
35. William Wood	6	0	0	44. Oliver Bagg	1	15	0
36. Farquhar McLennon	6	0	0				
37. Alexander McDonnell	6	0	0		£235	15	0

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
1. Edward Jones	1	0	0	18. E. I. Henderson	2	0	0
2. John Blair	1	0	0	19. Joel Dean	2	0	0
3. George G. Kent	2	0	0	20. Thomas Powers	1	0	0
4. Levi Loomis	1	0	0	21. Hannah Gagerman	2	0	0
5. Joseph Carl	1	0	0	22. Josiah Proctor	2	0	0
6. Thomas D. Sandford	2	0	0	23. Levi Barnhart	1	0	0
7. Thomas M. Spalding	2	0	0	24. John Grover	2	0	0
8. Abijah Smith	2	0	0	25. John Singleton	2	0	0
9. Joseph Keeler	2	0	0	26. John Hutchinson	3	0	0
10. James Bates	1	0	0	27. James Ewing	2	0	0
11. Benjamin Young	3	0	0	28. Timothy Kittridge	2	0	0
12. Thomas Hartwell	2	0	0	29. Elijah Birdsley	1	0	0
13. Archibald Blanchard	3	0	0	30. Benjamin Dean	3	0	0
14. John Deyell	1	0	0	31. Peletiah Soper	2	0	0
15. Samuel Potter	4	0	0	32. Archibald Wilcox	1	0	0
16. Henry Murray	4	0	0	33. Robert Williams	1	0	0
17. Aaron Elsworth	1	0	0	34. John Brown	2	0	0
					£64	0	0

HOME DISTRICT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
1. John Wells	6	0	0	21. Adna Bates	6	0	0
2. Martin Snider	6	0	0	22. Zachariah Galloway	6	0	0
3. Isaac White	6	0	0	23. Levi Bidgelow	10	10	0
4. Samuel Lunt	6	0	0	24. David Cummings	6	0	0
5. Asa Reynolds	5	0	0	25. Joseph Johnston	6	0	0
6. Charles C. Lunt	6	0	0	26. Stilwell Wilson	10	10	0
7. Catharine Stebbins	10	10	0	27. S. Thomas	3	0	0
8. Phillip Coody	5	0	0	28. John Henery	5	0	0
9. James McNabb	5	0	0	29. Joseph Shaw	10	10	0
10. Thomas Silverthorn	5	0	0	30. James Parker	10	10	0
11. Amasa Wilcocks	5	0	0	31. John Still	3	0	0
12. Jarius Ashley	6	0	0	32. Moody Farewell	3	0	0
13. N. Gamble	6	0	0	33. John Hay	10	10	0
14. Michael Whitmore	6	0	0	34. Jacob Smith	5	0	0
15. Ulick Howard	6	0	0	35. W. D. Forrest	10	10	0
16. David Thomson	3	0	0	36. John Montgomery	6	0	0
17. James Flake	6	0	0	37. Lewis Bapp	1	0	0
18. John Jordan	10	10	0	38. Ashur Monday	1	0	0
19. William Cooper	5	0	0	39. William Lyons	10	10	0
20. David Bridgeford	6	0	0	40. James McLean	1	0	0
					£245	0	0

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
1. Daniel Secord	7	0	0	6. Paul Shipman	7	0	0
2. John Brown	7	0	0	7. William Steel	1	0	0
3. John Knox	4	0	0	8. Samuel Dalson	4	0	0
4. William Winn	7	0	0	9. Thomas Stewart	1	0	0
5. Thomas Whitton	7	0	0	10. James Johnston	4	0	0

NIAGARA DISTRICT.—Continued.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
11. John Steel	1	0	0	31. Dennis Wolverton	4	0	0
12. William Teney	4	0	0	32. John More	4	0	0
13. Jacob Luse	1	0	0	33. Richard Hill	4	0	0
14. Hugh McClive	4	0	0	34. Lewis Smith	7	0	0
15. Martin Holder	4	0	0	35. Andrew Rorback	4	0	0
16. Mary Rogers	7	0	0	36. Joseph Brown	4	0	0
17. Agnes Rogers	7	0	0	37. Henry Groff	1	0	0
18. James Querratt	4	0	0	38. Mary Palmer	4	0	0
19. William Quider	1	0	0	39. Benjamin Hardison	7	0	0
20. George Morris	4	0	0	40. John Wright	4	0	0
21. Herman Larraway	4	0	0	41. John Shaw	4	0	0
22. Samuel Swayze	4	0	0	42. John Milton	4	0	0
23. Frederick Smith	4	0	0	43. John Nancier	1	0	0
24. Jonathan Hamond	1	0	0	44. Robert Runchey	4	0	0
25. John Maxwell	4	0	0	45. Abraham Nevilles	4	0	0
26. Divan B. Yate	4	0	0	46. Elizabeth Osterholt	1	0	0
27. Adam Crysler	4	0	0	47. Calvin Cook	1	0	0
28. John Adams	7	0	0	48. Edward Philpot	1	0	0
29. Charles Anderson	7	0	0				
30. David Corgil	7	0	0				
					£195	0	0

LONDON DISTRICT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
1. Samuel Williams	1	10	0	20. Philip Beemer	3	0	0
2. Frederick L. Gibbs	1	10	0	21. John Vandeburgh	2	0	0
3. Abner Owen	3	0	0	22. David Mandeville	2	0	0
4. Peter Jackson	1	10	0	23. Jacob Feit	1	0	0
5. Matthias Steel	3	5	0	24. Gilman Willson	1	10	0
6. Finlay Malcolm	3	0	0	25. Alexander Ross	2	0	0
7. Nathan Caswell	2	0	0	26. John Fowler	1	15	0
8. Henry Carryll	1	15	0	27. Joseph Hannagan	1	10	0
9. William McCartney	1	15	0	28. William Park	1	10	0
10. Daniel Dodge	1	15	0	29. Lyman Thryston	2	0	0
11. Calvin Martin	1	15	0	30. Justus Wilcocks	2	0	0
12. William Dell	3	0	0	31. James Garner	1	10	0
13. Mary Dutcher	1	0	0	32. Benjamin Stewart	1	0	0
14. John Coltman	1	15	0	33. John Mabee	1	15	0
15. Truman Waters	1	10	0	34. B. B. Brigham	1	15	0
16. Singleton Gardiner	1	0	0	35. Asa Townshend	1	0	0
17. Jacob Sovereign	1	10	0	36. George Sovereign	3	0	0
18. Matthias Cowell	1	10	0	37. Thomas Slinger	2	0	0
19. Joseph Davis	2	0	0	38. William Lawrence	1	0	0
					£69	5	0

WESTERN DISTRICT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
1. Benjamin Lavelle	3	0	0	8. Joseph Pougette	3	0	0
2. Thomas Lewis	3	0	0	9. Augustin Le Grave	3	0	0
3. Lawrence Boismeir	3	0	0	10. Leturne Réaume	3	0	0
4. Joseph Dumarse	3	0	0	11. J. B. Soulier	3	0	0
5. William Forsyth	3	0	0	12. Michael Fox	3	0	0
6. William Ambridge	3	0	0	13. Michael Gerard	3	0	0
7. William Searle	3	0	0	14. Angelique Dragon	3	0	0
					£42	0	0

GORE DISTRICT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
1. Jacob Bowman	4	5	0	6. John Rykeman	5	10	0
2. Henry Carpenter	4	5	0	7. George Carey	5	0	0
3. William Binkley	4	5	0	8. Mary A. Terryberry	1	15	0
4. Peter Bomberger	3	0	0	9. William Chase	4	5	0
5. Daniel Munn	4	5	0	10. Thomas Choat	1	15	0

No. 4 (UPPER CANADA): Names of persons licensed as Distillers, in the general Districts of the Province, between the 5th January, 1820, and the 5th January, 1821, as far as the Inspectors have accounted for the same.

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.

	Gals.
Parker Smith	90
Joseph McCarnon	56
Absalom Kirby	200
Andrew Clark	30
Benjamin Fairfield	244
Edmund Marsh	80
J. B. Worden	251
Jesse Wells	60
Jesse Henderson	116
John C. Striker	140
Simon Ashley	60
Stephen Randal	60
Strats Sager	150
	<u>1,537</u>

	Gals.
William Merrill	60
C. H. Belomy	48
Selah Hawks	56
J. & S. Stoddard	80
B. & S. Chaffey	93
James McClatchie	24
Timothy Smith	66
Henry Graham	54
	<u>481</u>

At 2s. 6d.=	£60	2	6
At 2s. 6d.=	£192	2	6

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

HOME DISTRICT.

	Gals.
Joseph A. Keeler	102
Eliakim Burnham	120
Henry Trent	80
Matthew Wilson	214
Myndert Harris	131
Ichabod Hill	80
James Brooks	45
Jane Marsh	260
James Radcliffe	200
Joseph Ellis	107
Henry Ruttan	150
Alexander McDonell	110
Samuel Crippen	115
	<u>1,732</u>

	Gals.
John Wilson	180
W. G. Hepburne	540
James Fenwick	145
Isaiah Willmot	184
David Morgan	80
William Roe	120
Henry White	150
Abraham Recer	120
William Robinson	170
Edward Thomson	70
William Fairwell	80
John Burke	75½
	<u>1,914½</u>

At 2s. 6d.=	£239	6	3
At 2s. 6d.=	£216	10	0

LONDON DISTRICT.

	Gals.
Ezekiel Foster	181
Job Loder	271
Leo Sovereign	50
Horace Foster	62
Charles Ingersoll	100
Thomas Still	120
William Bird	450
William Schuyler	265
Silas Montross	40
Heth Kitchen	80
Rufus Pomroy	160
Elijah Doan	132
T. Hodgkinson	116
L. Sovereign	100
Ezekiel Foster	100
H. F. Sheehan	190
M. F. Tisdale	250
H. Malcolm	50
McF. Wilson	52
Luke Teeple	48
Swede Gardener	80
Smith & Williams	238
Silas Montross	80
Thomas Still	24
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	3,238

At 2s. 6d. = £404 15 0

WESTERN DISTRICT.

	Gals.
John Little	139
R. Huffman	135
E. Buchanan	60
Frederick Arnold	173½
James McGregor	120
Ch. Arnold	160
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	787½

At 2s. 6d. = £98 8 9

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

	Gals.
John Street	216
John Eastwood	100
Abraham Bowman	80
David Horton	100
John McKing	75
Nicholas Barmore	85
James Maclem	100
Charles Anderson	100
C. Berry	150
Jacob Cutler	80
John Crooks	150
John Clark	103
Thomas Hughet	60
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	1,399

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GORE DISTRICT.

	Gals.
W. H. Coulson	226
John Erb	119
Samuel Andruss	285
Absalom Shade	160
James Racy	200
Titus G. Simons	230
Mathew Crooks	250
James Crooks	225
Edward Robinson	39
Andrew VanEvery	73½
Erastus Derby	96
Elijah Secord	220
Daniel Secord	110
Isaac Noyes	163
W. B. Sheldon	163
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	2,559½

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J. BABY, Inspector General.

Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 5 (UPPER CANADA): Names of Persons licensed as Wholesale Dealers in Spirituous Liquors in the several Districts of this Province, between the 5th January, 1820, and the 5th January, 1821, as far as the Inspectors have accounted for the same.

EASTERN DISTRICT, George Robinson.

LONDON DISTRICT, William Van Allen.

J. BABY, Inspector General.

Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 6. Account of Revenue arising from Duties on Merchandise imported from the United States, at the several Ports of Entry within this Province, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1820, inclusive, so far as the several Collectors have reported the same.

Port.	Collector.	Total Collection.			Expense of Collection.			Net Revenue.		
		£	s.	d	£	s.	d	£	s.	d
Cornwall	John Chrysler	21	1	2½	10	0	7½	10	0	7½
Prescott	Alexander McMillen ...	97	1	4	48	10	8	48	10	8
Brockville	L. P. Sherwood	159	3	0½	79	11	6½	79	11	6½
Gananoque	Joel Stone	12	3	8½	6	1	10½	6	1	10½
Kingston	C. A. Hagerman	170	7	7	100	0	0	1,070	7	7
Belleville	Simon McNabb	26	10	6	13	5	3	13	5	3
Newcastle	James Richardson	39	10	8	19	15	4	19	15	4
Hope	M. F. Whitehead	23	15	0	11	17	6	11	17	6
York	William Allan	445	16	9	100	0	0	345	16	9
Burlington Bay ...	John Chisholm	88	7	8	44	3	10	44	3	10
Niagara	Thomas McCormick	143	1	10½	71	10	11½	71	10	11½
Queenston	Thomas Dickson	332	17	7½	100	0	0	232	17	7½
Fort Erie	John Warren	240	19	9	100	0	0	140	19	9
Chippawa	Robert Kirkpatrick	80	18	8	40	9	4	40	9	4
Dover	Robert Nichol	61	2	9	30	11	4½	30	11	4½
Turkey Point	George Ryerson	2	11	5½	1	5	8½	1	5	8½
Taltot	M. Burwell	10	12	6	5	6	3	5	6	3
Amherstburgh	John Wilson	64	12	10½	32	6	5	32	6	5½
Sandwich	William Hands	155	5	0½	77	12	6½	77	12	6½
Drummond Island ..	T. E. Anderson	61	7	9½	30	13	10½	30	13	10½
		3,236	7	9½	923	3	0½	2,313	4	9½

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Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 7 (UPPER CANADA) : Account of Licenses issued to Hawkers and Pedlers, as per Return received from Collectors, between the 21st of February, 1820, and the 31st January, 1821.

Port of			
Port Hope.....	John Dickson, licensed at Brockville as a Foot Pedler...	£5	
	add duty for one Horse	5	
	Burrel Burnham, Foot Pedler	5	
		<u> </u>	15
York.....	Peter Burns, Foot Pedler	5	
	John Robinson, Foot Pedler	5	
	Benjamin Bleakley, Foot Pedler	5	
	John Robinson, Foot Pedler	5	
	John Masson, with one Horse	10	
		<u> </u>	30
Kingston.....	Fer'd O'Donnell, Foot Pedler	5	
	Francis McNeil, with one Horse	10	
	Patrick McGan, Foot Pedler	5	
	Joseph Lang, Foot Pedler	5	
	Timothy Danoke	5	
	Thomas Kelly, Foot Pedler	5	
	Patrick Quin, Foot Pedler	5	
	Elisha Brockwell, Foot Pedler	10	
		<u> </u>	50
Niagara.....	Elisha Judson, with two Horses	15	
	Ephraim Powell, with two Horses	15	
		<u> </u>	30
Chippawa.....	D. B. Yale, with one Horse	10	
	D. B. Yale, with one Horse	10	
		<u> </u>	20
Cornwall.....	John Jacob, Foot Pedler	5	
	Eugene O'Donohoe, Foot Pedler	5	
	Barnard Kelly, Foot Pedler	5	
		<u> </u>	15
Prescott.....	John Alley, with one Horse	10	
		<u> </u>	10
Brockville.....	Cumens Adams, with one Horse	10	
	Warren Adams, with two Horses	15	
		<u> </u>	25
		<u>£195</u>	
	Deduct allowance to Collectors	9	10
		<u>£185</u>	10

J. BABY, Inspector General.

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31st January, 1821.

No. 8 (UPPER CANADA): Amount of Revenue arising from Licenses issued to Auctioneers and on Sales of Auction, between the 21st February and the 31st of December, 1820, so far as the several collectors have reported the same.

Port of	Person Licensed.	Amount of sales.			Duty.			Total.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brockville	Adiel Sherwood				5					
Kingston	Charles Dawson				5					
	John Strange				5					
	Michael Morin				5					
Hope	Alex McDonell				5					
York	William Wade				5					
	Thomas Mosley				5					
	J. FitzGibbon				5					
Niagara	Thomas Horner				5					
Amherstburg	John Wilson				5					
Sandwich	Berzy, Macon & Co				5					
	William Hands				5					
										60
Brockville		237	15	4	5	18	10½			
Kingston		1,469	19	2	36	14	11½			
Hope		63	10	0	1	11	9			
York		336	16	4	8	8	4½			
Niagara		112	5	5	2	16	1½			
Amherstburg		40	2	7	1					
Sandwich		22	9	9½		11	2½			
										57 1 4½
										117 1 4½
	Collector's allowance of 5 per cent									5 17 ½
	Net Revenue									111 4 4

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No. 9 (UPPER CANADA): Account of Tonnage Duty collected between the 1st of January and 31st December, 1820, inclusive, so far as the several collectors have reported the same.

Port of	Collectors.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.
Prescott	Alexander MacMillan		9	3
Kingston	C. A. Hagerman	67	18	
Belleville	Simon MacNabb	9	8	6
Newcastle	James Richardson		9	6
Hope	M. F. Whitehead	1	11	3
York	William Allan	233	1	9
Burlington Bay ..	John Chisholm	5	10	3
Niagara	Thos. McCormick		8	3
Queenston	Thomas Dickson	19	3	
Fort Erie	John Warren	20	16	9
Dover	Robert Nichol		6	1½
Sandwich	William Hands	1	9	9
	Total Currency	£351	13	4½

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Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 10 (UPPER CANADA): General Statement of the Receiver General's Receipts and Payments of the Provincial Revenue between the 1st of January and the 31st December, 1820.

	RECEIPTS.			AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in the Receiver General's hands on the 31st December, 1819	10	3	7 $\frac{18}{10}$			
To Amount received from the Receiver General of Lower Canada as this Province's proportion of Import Duties collected at the port of Quebec, under Prov. Stat. for the half year to the 1st July, 1819.	7,852	12	2 $\frac{1}{2}$			
To Amount received from the Receiver General of Lower Canada, in part of this Province's proportion of Import Duties collected at the Port of Quebec under Provincial Statutes for the half year to the 6th January 1820.	3,349	17	6			
To Amount transferred as a loan out of a Fund belonging to the Crown on the 23rd August, 1820, to be repaid so soon as the Provincial Funds will permit.	2,000					
To Amount received from Inspectors of Districts for Duties on Shop, Tavern, Still and Wholesale Dealers' Licenses, between the 1st January and 31st December 1820.	3,491	15	11 $\frac{15}{10}$			
To Amount received from Collectors of Ports for Duties on Merchandise imported from the United States within the same period.	1,876	1	1			
To Amount received from Collectors for Duties on Licenses to Hawkers and Pedlars	208	15				
To Amount received from Collectors of Ports for Duties on Licenses to Auctioneers and on Sales at Auction	49	17	2 $\frac{1}{2}$			
To Amount received from Collectors for Light House and Foreign Tonnage Duties	178	5	9			
To Amount received from Wm. Allan, Esquire, Treasurer of the Home District of Common School Money repaid by him pursuant to Provincial Statute of 59. Geo. 3, Chap. 7.	228	3	3			
To Amount received from Major Titus G. Simons, being so much due by him out of the Bounty Money to Volunteers for the incorporated Militia, advanced to him by order of Major Gen. Sheaffe, in March and in April, 1813, now repaid	63					
To Amount of Balance in advance by the Receiver General on the 31st December.	43	5	4 $\frac{7}{10}$			
Total Currency	19,351	17	0			

No. 10 (UPPER CANADA): General statement of the Receiver General's Receipts and payments of the Provincial Revenue between the 1st of January and the 31st December, 1820.

	PAYMENTS			AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Amount of Warrants issued on the Receiver General by His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Lieutenant Governor between the 1st January and 21st February, 1820.	7,580	3	9 $\frac{1}{2}$			
By Amount of Warrants issued on the Receiver General by His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Lieutenant Governor and His Hon. Samuel Smith, Esq., Administrator, between the 22nd February and the 31st December, 1820	11,196	13	11 $\frac{1}{2}$			

By the Receiver General's Allowance of 3½ per cent. on the sum of £11,202.9.8½, the amount of this Province's proportion of import Duties collected in Lower Canada under Provincial Statutes	392	1	8½
By the Receiver General's Allowance of 3 per cent. on the sum of £6,095.18.3½, the amount of Duties, etc., paid into the Receiver General's hands between the 1st January and the 31st December, 1820	182	17	- 6½
Total Currency	£19,351	17	0

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Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 11 (UPPER CANADA): Statement of the Receiver General's Receipts and Payments of the Provincial Revenue between the 1st and 31st January, 1821.

RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
To Amount received from Collectors on account of Duties between the 1st and 31st January	2,586	3	0½
To Amount received from Zacheus Burnham, Esq., Treasurer of the Newcastle District, of Common School Money repaid by him pursuant to Provincial Statute of 59 Geo. 3rd. Chap 7.	286	12	0
Currency	£2,872	15	0½

There appears by this Statement to be a Balance of £523 8s. 8¾ 1-10d. Currency, in favor of the Provincial Fund. That Fund is however subject to the repayment of a Loan of £2,000 from the Crown advanced to carry on the Public Service. See the General Statement from 1st January to 31st December, 1820. Number 10.

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No. 11 (UPPER CANADA): Statement of the Receiver General's Receipts and Payments of the Provincial Revenue between the 1st and 31st January, 1821.

PAYMENTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
By Amount of Balance in advance on the 1st January	43	5	4¾/10
By Amount of Warrants issued within the above period as per account No. 13.	2,219	17	3½
By the Receiver General's allowance of 3 per cent. on the sum of £2,872.15.0½ received from Inspectors, Collectors and Treasurers within the same period	86	3	7¾/10
	£2,349	6	3¾/10
By Amount of Balance in the Receiver General's hands on the 31st January, 1821.	523	8	8¾/10
Currency	£2,872	15	0½

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31st January, 1821.

No. 12 (UPPER CANADA) : Account of Moneys paid by the Receiver General of the Province in pursuance of Warrants issued by His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor, and His Honor Samuel Smith, Esquire, Administrator, out of the Funds arising from Duties imposed by the Provincial Legislature between the 1st January and 31st December, 1820.

Amount of Warrants issued between the 1st January and 21st of February, 1820, as stated in accounts laid before the Legislature on the 21st of February, 1820.	7,593	8	2
Less two Warrants in favour of Mrs. Elizabeth Lawe, which being erroneous were cancelled and others issued subsequent to 21st February and charged hereafter,	13	4	4½
	<u>£7,580</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9½</u>
- To John Powell, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Council, being the allowance for copying Clerks in his office during the 5th Session of the seventh Parliament.	25	0	0
Grant Powell, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Assembly being the allowance for copying Clerks in his office during the fifth Session of the seventh Parliament.	25	0	0
Grant Powell, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed for revising and superintending the Printing of a new edition of the Provincial Statutes, being to enable him to pay for the Binding of one hundred Volumes of the said Statutes as prayed for in the Joint address of the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament dated 4th March, 1818, presented to Mr. President Smith,	75	0	0
William Lee, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, being to enable him to pay the contingent expenses of the Legislative Council during the fifth Session of the seventh Provincial Parliament,	66	13	9
Grant Powell, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Assembly being to enable him to pay the contingent expenses incurred in his office during the fifth Session of the seventh Provincial Parliament,	535	12	3
Allan McNabb, Esquire, Serjeant at arms, being to enable him to pay the contingent expenses of the House of Assembly during the fifth Session of the seventh Provincial Parliament,	74	10	9½
Mrs. Elizabeth Lawe, Widow and administratrix of the late Mr. George Lawe, Usher of the Black Rod, being 93 days' salary remaining due to the late Mr. George Lawe as Usher of the Black Rod from the 8th July to the 8th October, 1816	12	14	9½
Mrs. Elizabeth Lawe, Widow and Administratrix of the late Mr. George Lawe, Usher of the Black Rod, being 100 days' salary additional due to the late Mr. George Lawe as Usher of the Black Rod from the 1st July to 8th October, 1816, inclusive,	13	13	11½
John Beikie, Esquire, pursuant to Provincial Statute entitled "An Act to provide for the remuneration of John Beikie, Esquire, for past service rendered to this Province,"	200	0	0
Robert C. Horne, Government Printer, being for the Printing of the Statutes passed in the fifth session of the seventh Parliament	80	0	0
William Halton, Esquire, being his half year's salary as Agent for this Province, resident in England, from the 23rd September, 1819, to the 22nd March, 1820, inclusive.	277	15	6½

Abraham A. Rapelje, Esquire, Sheriff of the London District, being his salary as Sheriff of the London District from 8th September, 1818, to 2nd March, 1820, inclusive	74	2	2½
The Reverend John Wilson, being his half year's salary as Teacher of the Public School in the Midland District from 1st July to 31st December, 1819,	50	0	0
Robert C. Horne, Government Printer, being the balance of his account for the printing of a new edition of the Provincial Statutes,	211	16	8
William Hands, Esquire, Sheriff of the Western District, being one year's salary to him as Sheriff of the Western District from the 3rd of March, 1819, to 2nd of March, 1820, inclusive,	50	0	0
Colonel Nathaniel Coffin, Adjutant General of Militia, being his additional salary as Adjutant General of Militia of this Province from the 25th September, 1819, to the 21st March, 1820, inclusive 178 days at £165 per annum,	80	9	3½
Thomas Ridout Esquire, to enable him to pay the rent of a house hired for the use of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly for the year ending 31st March, 1820.....	130	0	0
Thomas Mears Esquire, Sheriff of the Ottawa District, being one year's salary to him as Sheriff of the Ottawa District from 8th April 1819 to 7th April 1820, inclusive	50	0	0
Mr. Henry James, Teacher of the Eastern District School, being his half year's salary as Teacher of the Eastern District School from 21st August 1819 to 20th February 1820, inclusive.....	50	0	0
George Hillier Esquire, Private Secretary, being on account of the expenses of the Lieut.-Governor's office for the half year commencing 1st January last	100	0	0
Titus G. Simons Esquire, Sheriff of the District of Gore, being one year's salary to him as Sheriff of the District of Gore from the 8th April 1819 to 7th April 1820, inclusive	50	0	0
Andrew Mercer, being 107 days' salary to him as second Clerk in the Executive Council office from the 1st January to 6th April 1820, inclusive, at £150 Sterling per annum	48	19	10
Grant Powell and James McAulay Esquires, being for remuneration of services performed in revising and superintending the printing of a new edition of the Provincial Statutes	200	0	0
Thomas Ridout Esquire, Surveyor General, being on account of his services in carrying into effect the provisions of the 22d clause of Provincial Statute of 49th Geo. 3d., Chapter 7	77	0	0
Lieutenant Colonel James FitzGibbon, being to defray the expenses attending the assembling and holding of a Militia General Court Martial on Colonel Beasley at the 40 Mile Creek in the Township of Grimsby on the 24th January 1820.....	159	17	1½
The Reverend Ralph Leeming, being his Half Year's Salary as Teacher of the Public School in the Gore District from the 30th November 1819 to the 31st May 1820, inclusive	50	0	0
Catharine McLeod, being two years' Pension to her from 1st January 1818 to 31st December 1819	40	0	0
Captain John McGregor, being Half a Year's Pension to him as Captain of the late Independent Company of Kent Volunteer Militia, disabled by the loss of an Arm in the action with the Enemy at the Long Woods on the 4th March 1814, from 1st January to 30th June 1820, inclusive	53	11	5

George Hillier Esquire, Private Secretary, being 182 days Salary to him as Private Secretary, from 1st January to 30th June 1820, inclusive, at ten shillings Sterling per day.....	101	2	2½
Major Titus G. Simons, being his Half Year's Pension as Major of the 2d Battalion of the York Militia, disabled by the loss of the use of his Right Arm in action with the Enemy at Lundy's Lane on 25th July 1814, from 1st January to 30th June 1820.....	107	2	10½
Edward McMahon Esquire, being his half year's salary as Chief Clerk in the Lieutenant Governor's Office, from 1st January to 30th June 1820	101	7	9½
John Lyons, being his half year's salary as second Clerk in the Lieutenant Governor's Office, from 1st January to 30th June 1820.....	83	6	8
Thomas FitzGerald Esquire, being 159 days' salary to him as junior Clerk in the Lieutenant Governor's Office, from 24th January to 30th June 1820, inclusive	72	16	0½
Colonel Nathaniel Coffin, Adjutant General of Militia, being his half year's salary as Adjutant General of Militia of this Province, from the 1st January to 30th June 1820, inclusive.....	100	0	0
John Powell Esquire, being one year's salary to him as Clerk of the Legislative Council, from the 8th January to 7th July 1820, inclusive	62	10	0
John Powell Esquire, being half a year's additional salary to him as Clerk of the Legislative Council, from 8th January to the 7th July 1820, inclusive	37	10	0
John Powell Esquire, being 91 days' salary to him further additional as Clerk of the Legislative Council from the 1st January to 31st March 1820, inclusive	25	0	0
The Honorable James Baby, Inspector of Public Provincial Accounts, being his half yearly salary as Inspector General from 1st January to 30th June 1820	202	15	6½
Captain John McDonell, being half a year's pension to him as a Captain of the late Battalion of incorporated Militia, disabled by loss of an arm with the enemy at Lundy's Lane on 25th July 1814, from 1st January to 30th June 1820, inclusive	53	11	5
Edward McMahon Esquire, being half year's salary as General Agent for the payment of Militia Pensions, from 1st January to 30th June 1820, inclusive	75	0	0
The Honorable and Reverend Doctor Strachan, being 91 days' additional salary to him as Chaplain to the Legislative Council, from 1st January to 31st March 1820	12	10	0
William Warren Baldwin Esquire, being 91 days' additional salary to him as Master in Chancery attending the Legislative Council, from the 1st of January to 31st March 1820, inclusive.....	12	10	0
William Warren Baldwin Esquire, being half a year's salary to him as Master in Chancery attending the Legislative Council, from the 8th January to 7th July 1820, inclusive.....	25	0	0
The Hon. and Reverend Doctor John Strachan, being his half yearly salary as Chaplain to the Legislative Council, from 8th January to 7th July 1820, inclusive	25	0	0
William Lee Esquire, being his half year's salary as Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, from 8th January to 7th July 1820.....	25	0	0
William Lee Esquire, being 91 days' additional salary to him as Usher of the Black Rod, from the 1st January to 31st March 1820.....	12	10	0

Mr. Hugh Carfrae, being half year's salary as Door Keeper of the Legislative Council, from the 8th January to 7th July 1820, inclusive	10	0	0
Grant Powell Esquire, being half a year's salary as Clerk of the House of Assembly, from the 8th of January to 7th July 1820, inclusive..	62	10	0
Grant Powell, Esquire, being half year's salary as Clerk of the House of Assembly, from 8th January to 7th July, 1820, inclusive.....	37	10	0
Grant Powell Esquire, being 91 days' further additional salary as Clerk of the House of Assembly, from the 1st of January to the 31st March, 1820, inclusive	25	0	0
The Reverend Robert Addison, being his half year's salary as Chaplain to the House of Assembly, from the 8th January to the 7th July, 1820, inclusive	25	0	0
The Reverend Robert Addison, being 91 days' additional salary to him as Chaplain to the House of Assembly, from 1st January to 31st March, 1820, inclusive	12	10	0
Mr. Allan McNabb, being half year's salary to him as Sergeant at Arms, from the 8th January to the 7th July, 1820, inclusive.....	25	0	0
Mr. Allan McNabb, being 91 days' additional salary to him as Sergeant at Arms, from the 8th January to the 7th July, 1820, inclusive....	12	10	0
Mr. William Knott, being his half year's salary as door keeper of the House of Assembly, from the 8th January to 7th July, 1820, inclusive	10	0	0
Mr. William Knott, being 91 days' additional salary to him as door keeper of the House of Assembly, from 1st January to 31st March, 1820, inclusive	2	10	0
Mr. John Hunter, being his half yearly allowance as Usher of the Court of King's Bench, from 1st January to 30th June, 1820, inclusive...	5	0	0
Mr. James Bridgland, being his half year's allowance as keeper of the Court of King's Bench, from 1st January to 30th June, 1820, inclusive	5	0	0
William Chewett, Esquire, being his half year's salary as principal Clerk in the Surveyor General's department, from the 1st January to 30th June, 1820	101	7	9½
William Chewett, Esquire, being as well for his usual daily pay as senior Surveyor and Draftsman in the Surveyor General's department, as for a ration of provisions from 1st January to 30th June, 1820, inclusive, 182 days at 11s. 3d. per day.....	102	7	6
Samuel Ridout, Esquire, being his half year's salary as second Clerk in the Surveyor General's department, from 1st January to 30th June, 1820, inclusive	83	6	8
John Small, Esquire, Clerk of the Executive Council, being in addition to his salary for the half year, from 1st January to 30th June, 1820, inclusive	55	11	1½
John Beikie, Esquire, being his half year's salary as chief Clerk in the Executive Council office, from 1st January to 30th June, inclusive.	101	-7	9½
Mr. George Savage, being his salary as second Clerk in the Executive Council office, from the 17th day of April to the 30th June, 1820, inclusive	34	6	10
John Spencer, Esquire, being one year's salary to him as Sheriff of the District of New-Castle, from 2d March, 1819, inclusive	50	0	0
Mr. Hugh Carfrae, being 91 days' additional salary as Door Keeper of the Legislative Council, from 1st January to the 31st March, 1820, inclusive	2	10	0

The Reverend John Wilson, being his half year's salary as Teacher of the Sunday school in the Midland District, from the 1st January to the 30th June, 1820, inclusive	50	0	0
Lieutenant James McGregor, being one half year's Pension to him as a Lieutenant in the late independent Company of Kent Volunteer Militia, disabled by a wound received in action at the river Thames on the 9th July, 1814, from 1st January to 30th June, 1820, inclusive	37	10	0
The Reverend John Leeds, being his half year's salary as Teacher of the Public School in the District of Johnstown, from the 10th November, 1819, to the 9th May, 1820, inclusive	50	0	0
Lieutenant Daniel McDougal, being his half year's Pension as a Lieutenant of the late Battalion of Incorporated Militia, disabled by several wounds received in action with the enemy at Lundy's Lane on 25th July, 1814, from 1st January to 30th June, 1820, inclusive.	37	10	0
George Hillier, Esquire, Private Secretary, being to enable him to pay the Montreal Fire Insurance of the Government House, £3,000, for the year 1820	30	5	0
George Crookshank, Esquire, Acting Receiver General for the use of Government, being the sum appropriated towards the support of the Civil Government of this Province for the year commencing the 1st day of April, 1820	2,500	0	0
George Hillier, Esquire, Private Secretary, being the balance due on his account of the ordinary and incidental Expenses of the Lieutenant Governor's office for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1820, inclusive	134	9	5½
Colonel Nathaniel Coffin, Adjutant General of Militia, being the amount of his contingent account for the half year ended 30th June, 1820.	143	2	7½
John Small, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown and of the Common Pleas, being the amount of his account for the half year ended 30th June, 1820	71	13	4
The Honorable James Baby, Inspector General, being the amount of his account for the ordinary and incidental expenses of his office from the 1st January to 30th June, 1820, inclusive.....	234	0	5½
John Small, Esquire, Clerk of the Executive Council, being the amount of his account for the usual allowances and contingencies in the Crown office from the 1st January to 30th June, 1820.....	157	10	0
George Crookshank, Esquire, Receiver General, being the amount of his account of the ordinary and incidental expenses of his office from 1st January to 30th June, 1820	276	1	8½
Robert C. Horn, Government Printer, being the amount of his account for the half year ended 30th June, 1820	65	11	11
William Allan, Esquire, Collector of Customs at the Port of York, being the amount of his account of expenses of the Light House at York, from 1st January to the 30th June, 1820, inclusive	48	2	2
Thomas Ridout, Esquire, Surveyor General, being the amount of his account for the expenses incurred in his department for the half year ended 30th June, 1820	288	16	5½
Duncan Cameron, Esquire, Register of the Province, being the amount of his account for fees on public instruments and the allowance for rent of an office, from 1st January to 30th June, 1820, inclusive	129	11	8
James B. Macauley, Esquire, Clerk of Assize, being the amount of his account as Clerk of Assize in the Home District, for the half year ended 30th June, 1820	9	14	5½

Duncan Cameron, Esquire, Secretary of the Province, being the amount of his account for fees on public instruments and the rent of an office for the half year ended 30th June, 1820	95	17	2
John B. Robinson, Esquire, Attorney General, being the amount of his account for the half year ended 30th June, 1820	230	4	3½
The Honorable and Reverend Doctor Strachan, being his half year's salary as Teacher of the public school in the Home District, from the 19th February to the 18th August, 1820, inclusive	50	0	0
Mr. William Merrill, being his half year's salary as Teacher of the public school in the Western District, from 24th December, 1819 to the 23rd June, 1820, inclusive	50	0	0
Lieutenant Philip P. Empey, being one half year's pension to him as a Lieutenant of the Battalion of Stormont Militia, disabled by loss of a leg in action with the enemy at Ogdensburgh, on the 22nd February, 1813, from 1st January to 30th June, 1820, inclusive ..	37	10	0
The Reverend William McAulay, being his half year's salary as Teacher of the public school in the District of Newcastle, from the 1st January to 30th June, inclusive	50	0	0
Mr. James Mitchell, being one year's salary as Teacher of the public school in the London District, from 25th May, 1819, to 24th May, 1820, inclusive	100	0	0
The Honorable William Dummer Powell, being his allowance of travelling expenses as Judge of Assize on the Eastern, Johnstown, and Midland Circuits, for the year 1820	125	0	0
William Campbell, Esquire, being his allowance of travelling expenses as Judge of Assize on the Newcastle and Niagara Circuits, for the year 1820	83	6	8
D'Arcy Boulton, Esquire, being his allowance of travelling expenses as Judge of Assize in the Western, London, and Gore Circuits for the year 1820	125	0	0
Mr. James Boulton, Clerk of Assize, being his allowance of travelling expenses as Clerk of Assize on the Western, London, and Gore Circuits, for the year 1820	50	0	0
Mr. Henry James, being his half year's salary as Teacher of the public school in the Eastern District, from 21st February to 20th August, 1820, inclusive	50	0	0
John Beverly Robinson, Esquire, Attorney General, being his allowance of travelling expenses on the Niagara, Gore, London and Western Circuits, for the year 1820	83	6	8
Henry John Boulton, Esquire, Solicitor General, being his allowance of travelling expenses on the Newcastle, Midland, Johnstown and Eastern Circuits for the year 1820	83	6	8
John Powell, Esquire, Clerk of Assize, being his allowance of travelling expenses as Clerk of Assize on the Eastern, Johnstown and Midland Circuits for the year 1820	50	0	0
James B. McAulay, Esquire, Clerk of Assize, being his allowance of travelling expenses on the Niagara and Newcastle Circuits for the year 1820	33	6	8
George Crookshank, Esquire, Acting Receiver General, being the amount of the ordinary and incidental expenses of his office as Acting Receiver General, from 1st July to 30th October, 1820	144	10	10½

William Halton, Esquire, being his half year's salary as Agent for this Province, resident in England, from 23rd March to 22nd September, 1820, inclusive	277	15	6½
Allan McLean, Esquire, being 145 days' allowance as Speaker of the House of Assembly, from 7th January to 31st May, 1820, inclusive	79	4	8
Allan McLean, Esquire, being 126 days' allowance as Speaker of the House of Assembly, from 27th January to 31st May, 1820, inclusive	68	17	0½
Adiel Sherwood, Esquire, being to enable him to pay the amount due to the Teachers of the Common Schools of the District of Johnstown, under the Act of the 56th, George 3rd, for their services prior to the passing of the Statute of 60th, Geo. 3rd, relating to such Schools	305	10	9
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Amount of Warrants issued between 22nd February and 31st December, 1820.	11,196	13	11½
Amount of Warrants issued between the first of January and 21st February, 1820	7,580	3	9½
Amount of Warrants issued between the 22nd February and 31st December, 1820	11,196	13	11½
Total	£18,776	17	9½

J. BABY, Inspector General.

Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 13 (UPPER CANADA): Account of the moneys paid by the Receiver General of the Province in pursuance of Warrants issued by His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor, out of the Funds arising from duties imposed by the Provincial Legislature between the first and 31st January, 1821.

George Hillier, Esquire, Private Secretary, being 184 days' salary to him as Private Secretary, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive at ten shillings Sterling per day	102	4	5½
Edward McMahon, Esquire, being his half year's salary as Chief Clerk in the Lieutenant Governor's office, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive	101	7	9½
Mr. John Lyons, being his half year's salary as Second Clerk in the Lieutenant Governor's office, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive.	83	0	8
Thomas FitzGerald, Esquire, being his half year's salary as Junior Clerk in the Lieutenant Governor's office, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive	83	6	8
John Small, Esquire, Clerk of the Executive Council, being in addition to his salary for the half year, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive	55	11	1½
John Beikie, Esquire, being his half year's salary as Chief Clerk in the Executive Council office, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive	101	7	9½
Mr. George Savage, being his half year's salary as Second Clerk in the Executive Council office, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive	83	6	8

William Chewett, Esquire, being as well as for his usual daily pay as Senior Surveyor and Draughtsman in the Surveyor General's Department as for a ration of provisions for the half year, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive, 184 days at 11s. 3d. Currency per day	103	10	0
William Chewett, Esquire, being his half year's salary as Principal Clerk in the Surveyor General's Department, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive	101	7	9
Samuel Ridout, Esquire, being his half year's salary as Second Clerk in the Surveyor General's Department, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive	83	6	8
Colonel Nathaniel Coffin, Adjutant General of Militia, being his half year's salary as Adjutant General of Militia of this Province, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive	100	0	0
The Honorable James Baby, being his half year's salary as Inspector General of Public Provincial Accounts, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive, 184 days at 20s. Sterling per day	204	8	10
Edward McMahon, Esquire, being his half year's salary as General Agent for the payment of Militia Pensions, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive	75	0	0
John Powell, Esquire, being his half year's salary as Clerk of the Legislative Council, from 8th July, 1820 to 7th January, 1821, inclusive	62	10	0
John Powell, Esquire, being his half year's additional salary as Clerk of the Legislative Council, from 8th July, 1820, to the 7th January, 1821, inclusive	37	10	0
The Honorable and Reverend Doctor John Strachan, being his half year's salary as Chaplain of the Legislative Council, from the 8th July, 1820 to 7th January, 1821, inclusive	25	0	0
William Kemble, Esquire, being his half year's salary as Master in Chancery attending the Legislative Council, from 8th July, 1820, to 7th January, 1821, inclusive	25	0	0
William Lee, Esquire, being his half year's salary as Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, from 8th July, 1820 to 7th January, 1821 inclusive	25	0	0
Hugh Carfrae, being his half year's salary as Door Keeper of the Legislative Council, from the 8th July, 1820, to the 7th January, 1821, inclusive	10	0	0
Grant Powell, Esquire, being his half year's salary as Clerk of the House of Assembly, from the 8th July, 1820, to the 7th January, 1821, inclusive	62	10	0
Grant Powell, Esquire, being his half year's additional salary as Clerk of the House of Assembly from the 8th July, 1820 to the 7th January, 1821, inclusive	37	10	0
The Reverend Robert Addison, being his half year's salary as Chaplain to the House of Assembly, from 8th July, 1820, to the 7th January, 1821, inclusive	25	0	0
Allan McNabb, Esquire, being his half year's salary as Sergeant at Arms from the 8th July, 1820, to 7th January, 1821, inclusive	25	0	0
Mr. Wm. Knott, being his half year's salary as Door Keeper to the House of Assembly, from 8th July, 1820 to the 7th January, 1821, inclusive	10	0	0

Mr. John Hunter, being his half year's allowance as Usher of the Court of King's Bench, from the 1st July to the 31st December, 1820, inclusive	5	0	0
Mr. James Bridgland, being his half year's allowance as Keeper of the Court of King's Bench, from the 1st July to the 31st December, 1820, inclusive	5	0	0
Samuel Ridout, Esquire, being an addition to his salary as Second Clerk in the Surveyor General's Department, from the 1st July to the 31st December, 1820, inclusive	18	1	1½
The Reverend Wm. McAulay, being his half year's salary as Teacher of the Public School in the Newcastle District, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive	50	0	0
The Reverend John Wilson, being his half year's salary as Teacher of the Public School in the Midland District, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive	50	0	0
Mr. William Merrill, being his half year's salary as Teacher of the Public School in the Western District, from 25th June to 24th December, 1820, inclusive	50	0	0
Captain John McDonell, being half year's pension to him as Captain of the late Battalion of Incorporated Militia, disabled by the loss of an arm in action with the enemy at Lundy's Lane, on the 25th July, 1814, from 1st July to 31st December, 1820, inclusive	53	11	5
Captain John McGregor, being half a year's pension to him as Captain of the Independent Company of Kent Volunteer Militia, disabled by the loss of an arm in action with the enemy at the Long Woods, on the 4th March, 1814, from the 1st July to the 31st December, 1820, inclusive	53	11	5
The Reverend Ralph Leeming, being his half year's salary as Teacher of the Public School in the Gore District, from the 1st June to 30th November, 1820, inclusive	50	0	0
Titus G. Simons, Esquire, being his half year's pension as Major of the 2nd Battalion of York Militia, disabled by the loss of the use of his right arm by a wound received in action with the enemy at Lundy's Lane, on the 25th July, 1814, from the 1st July to the 31st December, 1820, inclusive	107	2	10½
Colonel Nathaniel Coffin, Adjutant General of Militia, being the amount allowed in Council of his account for the half year ended the 31st December, 1820	105	13	7½
William Allan, Esquire, Collector of Customs, being the amount of his account for expenses of the Light House at York, for the half year ended 31st December, 1820	48	12	6
Total Currency	£2,219	17	3½

J. BABY, Inspector General.

Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 14 (UPPER CANADA): Schedule of Payments made to the Receiver General by Collectors and Inspectors on account of duties between the 1st and the 31st January, 1821.

Collectors.	Currency.		
Thomas McCormick	£85	0	0
Christopher A. Hagerman	225	10	0
Alexander McMillan	54	0	0
M. F. Whitehead	15	10	5½
John Warren	152	3	3
Thomas Dixon	258	14	3
John Chisholm	42	3	0
John Wilson	15	5	0
Joel Stone	5	15	0
Inspectors.			
Thomas Mears	31	2	0
John Cumming	255	13	4
Oliver Everts	187	12	9
Isaac Swayze	347	10	6½
John Willson	340	6	10½
Collectors and Inspectors.			
William Allan	414	16	7
William Hands	50	0	0
George Ryerson	105	0	0
	<u>£2,586</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0½</u>

J. BABY, Inspector General.

Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 15. Abstract Account of the appropriation for the year 1820, towards defraying the Expenses of the Administration of Justice and support of the Civil Government of the Province.

Appropriation of £4,815 Sterling, equal to	£5,350	0	0	Currency
Expended by Warrants issued on the Receiver General	5,347	13	10½	
Unexpended	£	2	6	10½

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31st January, 1821.

J. BABY, Inspector General.

NOTE.—The Estimate for the year 1820 was £8,435, of which so much as above was provided by the Provincial Legislature. The total expenditure for the Civil Service for that year is found to be 6,990 only.

Leaving a surplus in favour of the Estimate for 1821, of£ 1,445 Sterling.

No. 16 (UPPER CANADA): Schedule of appropriations made by various Provincial statutes chargeable against the year 1821.

Salaries of the Officers of the Legislature	£790	0	0
Printing the Laws	80	0	0
Eight Sheriffs	400	0	0
Nine District Schools	900	0	0
Adjutant General's Salary	200	0	0
Clerks of the Legislature, additional Salary	150	0	0
Pensions to Catharine McLeod and Charlotte Overholt, including arrears	100	0	0
Militia Pension Agent's Salary, should the statute provided therefor be renewed	150	0	0
Civil Administration	2,500	0	0

Speaker of the House of Assembly (additional salary).....	£200	0	0
Provincial Agent resident in England	555	11	1
Common Schools by statute 60th, Geo. 3d.....	2,500	0	0
Salary of the Inspector General	405	11	1½
Militia Pensions.			
Arrears to 31st December, 1820.....	£20,558	6	8
Half year to 30th June, 1821.....	3,300	0	0
		<u>23,858</u>	<u>6 8</u>
Estimates.			
For Common Schools under statute 56, Geo. 3d, to pay for services performed prior to the passing of the statute 60 Geo. 3d, relating to such schools	200	0	0
Contingencies of the Pension Agent's office, if the Lists of Pensions be published	320	0	0
Contingencies of the Adjutant General's office.....	350	0	0
Expense attending the Light House at York	110	0	0
		<u>£33,769</u>	<u>8 10½</u>
Contingencies of both Houses of Parliament during the ensuing session not yet provided for by the Legislature.....	400	0	0
		<u>£34,169</u>	<u>8 10½</u>

J. BABY, Inspector General.

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31st January, 1821.

No. 17. Estimate for the year 1821 of the Expenses of the Civil Government of Upper Canada, exclusive of the sum provided by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and paid in England.

For the Administration of Justice, including the Crown and the Attorney General's offices	£1,800
Office of the Government	1,150
Receiver General's office	490
Surveyor General's office	1,300
Executive Council office	650
Secretary and Registrar of the Province.....	400
Inspector General's Officers	420
Wounded Militia Officers	685
Government Printer	120
Repairs and contingencies of the Government House.....	200
Casual and other Expenses	500
	<u>£7,715</u>
Total Estimate.	
Estimate as above	£7,715
By Imperial Parliament	10,825
	<u>£18,540</u>
Sources whence derived.	
By vote of the Imperial Parliament	£10,825
Unexpended of the amount of the Estimate for 1820.....	1,445
Probable proceeds of the 14th Geo. 3d., Chap. 88, in this and the Lower Province in 1820	3,219
	<u>£15,489</u>
To be provided by the Provincial Legislature	3,051
	<u>£18,540</u>

J. BABY, Inspector General.

Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 18 (UPPER CANADA): Account of Public Moneys outstanding in the hands of the Inspectors and Collectors on account of duties on 31st Dec., 1820.

Inspectors.

John Cumming	£398	16	4
Oliver Everts	280	2	9½
Nell McLean	72	11	7½
Elias Jones	27	4	3
Isaac Swayze	324	2	3½
George Ryerson	288	15	6
John Willson	144	18	7½
William Hands	151	8	1
Thomas Mears	46	4	1
		£1,734	3 6½

Collectors.

John Crysler	£240	10	5
Alexander McMillen	55	15	3½
Joel Stone	12	15	6½
C. A. Hagerman	773	7	4½
James Richardson	9	10	11½
William Allan	510	2	6½
John Chisholm	29	5	6½
John Symington	16	9	2
Thomas Dickson	174	0	10½
John Warren	317	14	4
Robert Nichol	44	2	0
George Ryerson	6	15	11½
William Hands	108	7	3½
John Wilson	29	17	9½
Estate of J. Muirhead	10	0	0
Alexander Clark	74	18	10
Robert Kirkpatrick	21	19	4
Mahlon Burwell	5	6	3
		£2,440	19 5½
Total Currency		£4,175	3 0½

J. BABY, Inspector General.

Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 19. Account of Peter Howard, Esquire, of the Expenditure of £500, granted by Statute of 58, Geo. 3rd, Chapter 5.

Copy.

Detailed Account of the Expenditure of the Money appropriated for the Perth Road under the direction of Peter Howard, Esquire, Commissioners of the said Road.

Receipt No. 1, of Joshua Adams	£100	0	0
" No. 2, Henry Stephens	0	10	0
" No. 3, William Deak	13	10	0
" No. 4, Lewis Ireland	1	2	6
" No. 5, J. Nazell	3	0	0
" No. 6, William Rowsom	4	6	0
" No. 7, Richard Ruyer	2	14	0
" No. 8, Clerk Nickals	1	11	2
" No. 9, Aaron Allan	1	0	0
2d " No. 10, Clerke Nickals	4	0	0
" No. 11, William Tolman	50	0	0
" No. 12, Benjamin Lyman	50	0	0

Receipt No. 13,	Mathew M. Howard	£36	0	0
" No. 14,	James Brown	94	0	0
" No. 15,	Edmund Bladget	100	0	0
" No. 16,	His own account of men and oxen employed that could not find themselves	38	8	0
		£500 1 8		

N.B. The labour for the above sums that are not sworn to was done under the Inspection of the Commissioner.

Given under my hand,

(Signed) P. HOWARD,

Commissioner for Perth Road.

A true Copy, J. B., Inspector General

J. BABY, Inspector General.

Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1821.

No. 20 (UPPER CANADA): Statement of duties collected at the port of Quebec between the 6th January and first July, 1819, on which this Province is entitled to its proportion.

Duties under Statute 14, Geo. 3rd	£7,964	7	7
" under the Provincial Acts, 23rd, 35th, and 41st, Geo. 3rd	13,462	6	9½
" under the Provincial Acts 53rd, Geo. 3rd	15,086	7	4½
" under the Provincial Acts 55th, Geo. 3rd	11,852	15	10
" the Provincial Acts 59th, Geo. 3rd	497	6	11½
		£48,863 4 6½	
Deduct expenses of collection	1,952	16	10½
		£46,910 7 8	
Proportion of one fifth for Upper Canada, Currency ..		£9,382	1 6
This Amount has been accounted for by the Receiver General and apportioned between the Crown and Province.			
Viz: To the Crown	£1,529	4	3½
To the Province	7,852	12	2½
Two Warrants .....	.....	5	0
		£9,382 1 6	

There has also been received by the Receiver General of Upper Canada the sum of £4,000 Currency in part of this Province's proportion accruing within the half year ending 5th January, 1820, but no statement of the duties collected at the Port of Quebec for that period has yet been received.

J. BABY, Inspector General.

Inspector General's Office,
31st January, 1820.

R. C. Horne appeared at the Bar of the House, pursuant to order.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that the following questions be put to Mr. Horne. Which was carried.

Question.—Are you the Printer and Publisher of the Paper called the Upper Canada Gazette, dated the 8th day of February, 1821, and now shown to you?

Answer.—I am.

Question.—Was the account of the Debates and Proceedings supposed to have taken place in the Commons House of Assembly of this Province, and inserted in that paper, taken from any Minutes or Notes furnished by yourself, or were such Notes or Minutes furnished by any and what other person?

Answer.—They were not taken by myself, they were furnished by a person named Francis Collins.

R. C. Horne was then heard in his defence.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that R. C. Horne, Esquire, having been heard at the Bar his defence be entered on the Journals of this House. Which was ordered and is as follows:—

I had taken very great pains to procure and publish the Debates of the present Session, and had anticipated the approbation, not of the Public only, but of this Honorable House. Some idea may then be formed what my feelings and extreme mortification were to learn that I had not merely committed some errors, but entirely misrepresented and mutilated the language and sentiments of most of the Gentlemen who spoke. Not being myself present during any part of the debates which are printed, I was obliged to rely on the assurance of my Reporter, that he had strictly conformed to my instructions to be completely impartial, and above all to be correct in what he did report. From the length of many of the speeches, the substance only could be attempted, and I sincerely regret that my object has not been satisfactorily effected.

Every Gentleman now present to whom I have the honor to be personally known I am confident will entirely acquit me of the slightest intentional misrepresentation of any one's words or opinions, but although innocent of all intention of doing wrong, yet as I am very sensible the injury to the Honorable Members is as great as if it was wilful, I shall not only submit with resignation to the decision of this House, but as far as I am able will endeavour to retrieve the error by a public acknowledgment.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that it be resolved that the Speaker be directed to admonish Robert Charles Horne, that in reporting the Debates and Proceedings of this House he will be considered responsible for their correctness, and do further order that the said Robert C. Horne do insert in the next Upper Canada Gazette the following notice:

From the incompetence or negligence of our Reporter the Debates of the House of Assembly inserted in the last number of this paper were so imperfectly and untruly reported that no dependence can be placed in their accuracy.

In amendment, Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that all the words in the original motion be expunged after the word "that" and that the following words be inserted, it be resolved that Robert Charles Horne having in his defence fully satisfied this House of the purity of his intentions and his extreme regret at the misrepresentations of certain Debates of Members of this House as given in a certain news-paper entitled the Upper Canada Gazette, dated at York the 8th day of February, 1821, the said Robert C. Horne be admonished by the Speaker and dismissed. Which was carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Address of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that a Map of the Province be furnished for the use of the House was read the third time, passed and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada and Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc., etc.

May it please your Excellency: We His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled beg leave to address your Excellency, and request you will be pleased to order the Surveyor General to furnish the Commons House of Assembly with a Map of the Province as organized under the recent Surveys, and that if such cannot be immediately had, one of those now in use may be furnished for present reference until a more perfect one can be prepared.

Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that Messieurs Robinson and Morris be a committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House upon the subject of a Map of this Province, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying for returns of the Population of the Province was read a second time. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the house do on to-morrow go into committee on the address. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves for leave to bring in a bill to amend an act passed in the fifty-eighth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to repeal an act passed in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled an act to license practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for licensing such practitioners." Which was carried and the bill read. Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that the Physic and Surgery bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Adam Dixon of Cornwall in the Eastern District, Merchant. Which was granted and the petition laid on the Table.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Samuel Ridout, Esquire, and other Sheriffs. Which was granted and the petition laid on the Table.

Mr. Hamilton of Prescott, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that the petition of Stephen Serjeants and Robert Brock be now read. Which was carried and the petition was read. Mr. Hamilton of Prescott, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that the petition of Stephen Serjeants and Robert Brock be referred to a select committee of five members with powers to report by bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hamilton of Prescott, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that Messrs. Robinson, Crooks, White and Hamilton of Lincoln be a committee to report on the petition. Which was ordered.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Ferdinand Van Sicklen. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. McDonell gives notice that he will on Monday next move that a committee be appointed to view the premises appropriated for the accommodation of the Commons House of Assembly. for the purpose of ascertaining what conveniences they at present afford; what further if any improvements can be made to promote these conveniences. what measures ought to be adopted for the protection of the premises during the recess of Parliament, as also the expediency of having the Building, Furniture, etc., insured against Fire.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 10th February, 1821.

Mr. Robinson, of the committee to carry up to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor several addresses of this House, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make to them respectively the following replies:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I thank you for your prompt attention to the object of my message.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: In compliance with your request I shall direct a Map of the Province to be immediately prepared and furnished to your House, and in the mean time that one of those now in use be forwarded to you for present reference.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I have received no communication from the Provincial Agent on the subject of any duties contemplated by His Majesty's Government to be laid on Timber or other Lumber imported into Great Britain from the Canadas.

The only communication I have received from that officer has been on the subject of Public Buildings, which with the plan therein referred to was laid before the Legislature in a former Session.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Sedition Law Repeal Bill was read the second time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee to take into consideration the Sedition Law Repeal Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Ruttan took the chair of the committee.

The House resumed. Mr. Ruttan reported the Bill as amended. On the question for receiving the report the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Ruttan, Baldwin, Gordon, Jones of Leeds, Randal, Gates, Peterson, Chisholm, Kerr, Nichol, Shaver, Walsh, Hornor, Van Koughnet, Clark, Willson of Wentworth, Hamilton of Wentworth, Robinson, Rogers, White, Wilmot, Wilson of Prince Edward, Baby, Jones of Grenville, Hamilton of Lincoln, Casey—26.

Nays: Messrs. McMartin, Hamilton of Prescott, McLean of Stormont, Attorney General, MacLean of Frontenac, Burwell, Hagerman, McDonell, Morris—9.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of 17, and the report was received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the sedition Act Repeal Bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the number of overseers of Highways, Pound Keepers and Church Wardens now authorised by law: Which was granted and the bill read. Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the bill to increase the number of overseers of Highways and Pound-keepers and Town and Church Wardens now authorised by law be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, from the committee to report on expiring laws, delivered the following report, which was read:

Your committee appointed to report what laws have expired or are about to expire have diligently examined the same and report as follows, viz.: An Act to repeal part of and to alter and amend the laws now in force for granting pensions

to persons disabled in the service and the widows and children of persons who may have been killed in the service and to extend the provisions of the same, expires at the end of the present Session of Parliament.

An Act to repeal part of and to amend an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to repeal part of and to alter and amend the laws now in force for granting pensions to persons disabled in the service and the widows and children of persons who have been killed in the service, and to extend the provisions of the same." The foregoing statute being a permanent law. Quere? If the persons therein mentioned are not entitled to the same bounty as the widows and children of Officers killed in the service?

An Act to impose a duty upon persons selling wine, brandy, and other spirituous liquors by wholesale expires at the end of the present Session.

An Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to Inn-keepers and to give Justices of the Peace, in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective Districts, authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses, expires at the end of the present Session.

An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Kingston: Forfeited by non-use 1st January, 1821.

An Act to increase the salaries of certain officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, expired 1st April, 1820.

An Act for making further and more ample provision for the Adjutant General of the Militia of this Province, expired 22nd March, 1820.

An Act to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland Navigation, expires at the end of the present Session.

Which we most humbly submit to the Honorable House.

(Signed) ALEXR. McMARTIN, Chairman.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. McMARTIN, moves for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law establishing the District Courts in this Province. Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that the District Court Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that he have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of, and to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act passed in the second Session of the first Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, entitled "An Act to confirm and make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted in the country now comprised within the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future solemnization of Marriage within the same." Which was granted and the Bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the Marriage Act Amendment Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the petition of John Blanchard be now read. Which was carried and the petition read.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the petition of Edmund Mott be now read. Which was carried and the petition was read.

Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Lennox and Addington be now read. Which was carried and the petition was read.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the Public Accounts be referred to a Committee of Finance, and that Messrs. Attorney General, McLean, of Frontenac, Hagerman and Rogers, compose the said committee, with power to send for persons and papers. Which was ordered.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that the petition of the Serjeant-at-Arms be now read. Which was carried, and the petition read as follows:—

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly, in Provincial Parliament assembled. The petition of Allan McNabb, Esquire, Serjeant-at-Arms, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioner was appointed Serjeant-at-Arms in 1814, and received from his predecessor the annexed Resolutions and Documents, together with verbal instructions relative to the duties of his office, by which it appeared that among others he had the safe keeping of all the furniture, &c., belonging to the House. That at the close of each and every Session, your Petitioner was obliged to give to the Clerk, for the information of the House, an Inventory of all such articles as were paid for by the House, a duplicate of such inventory, together with abstracts in quadruplicate of all the disbursements expended for the House (stationery and Clerk's wages excepted), into the Lieutenant Governor's office if required upon oath, before any warrant for the contingent accounts were signed, and this was invariably adhered to until the prorogation of the Parliament in 1816, when your petitioner came to the House to take the inventory as usual, all the furniture was removed, and was told that the Clerk had locked them all up, which he still continues to do, by what authority your petitioner knows not, by which means he is totally prevented from performing that part of his duty which he was required to do by special order of your Honorable House. Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable House may be pleased to pass a Resolution giving him such instructions as may enable him to know what is his duty, for at present he is curtailed of every part of what was customary for him to do (except the mace), and, as he has already observed, without knowing by what authority.

That your petitioner further begs leave to state that until the erection of the present Parliament House he was permitted to occupy during the recess such apartments as were vacant. But that since the completion of the new building he has been deprived of that privilege, which has not only been allowed him heretofore, but is likewise, as he is informed, attached to the office of Serjeant-at-Arms in Great Britain. Should the several duties heretofore imposed on your petitioner be still thought necessary to be continued, he respectfully begs leave to submit to your Honorable House whether during the recess of Parliament the usual indulgence heretofore extended to him of occupying and taking charge of the vacant apartments of the House might not be continued.

And as in duty bound will ever pray.

A. McNABB, Serjeant-at-Arms.

5th February, 1821.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the name of Hamilton, of Wentworth, be added to the Committee of Finance. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, gives notice that he will on Tuesday next move that the petition of Edmund Mott and John Blanchard be referred to a select committee to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Mr. Hamilton, of Lincoln, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves for leave to bring up the petition of John Wagstaff, of the town of Niagara.

Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. McLean of Frontenac, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring up the Petition of the inhabitants of the township of Kingston, Loughborough and Portland. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, gives notice that he will on Monday move that the names of nine members be drawn by ballot, who shall be a committee to examine and report on all such petitions as shall be ordered to be referred to a committee. The House then adjourned.

Monday, 12th February, 1821.

The Clerk acquainted the Speaker that William McCormick, Esquire, member for Essex, had taken oath and that gentleman had been introduced by Messrs. Gordon and McMartin and took his seat.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that it be resolved that there being no standing order for closing the doors of this House during prayers the original custom of the House be in future adhered to.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Hamilton of Prescott, Baldwin, Casey, Nichol, Gordon, Gates, Burwell, Chisholm, Wilson of Prince Edward, Peterson, Willson of Wentworth, White, Hamilton of Wentworth, McCormick, Kerr, Ruttan, Horner, Baby, Rogers, Randal, Hagerman—21.

Nays: Messrs. Jones of Grenville, Shaver, Attorney-General, Van Koughnet, Hamilton of Lincoln, McDonell, Morris, McMartin—8.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirteen.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Sedition Law Repeal Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the Bill for repealing the Sedition Act do now pass, and it be entitled an act to repeal an act passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign entitled "An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof." Which was carried and the Bill signed.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Gordon be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal an act passed in the forty-fourth year of His late Majesty's reign entitled 'An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof,'" and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered. Mr. Van Koughnet of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal an act passed in the forty-fourth year of His late Majesty's reign, 'An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof,'" and to request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

James Kerby, Esquire, returning officer for the fourth riding of the County of Lincoln, appeared at the Bar of the House pursuant to order. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the writ of Election and Indenture for the fourth riding of the County of Lincoln be now read. Which was carried and the Writ and Indenture were read.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor a message which was read by the Speaker as follows:

P. MAITLAND.

The Lieutenant Governor thinks proper to acquaint the House of Assembly that many Townships have been surveyed and are in part settled which are not

included in any organized County or District, and recommends the circumstance to the consideration of the Legislature.

P. M.

Government House, 12th February, 1821.

The following questions were then put to James Kerby, Esquire, at the Bar of the House by the Speaker:

Question.—Were you Returning Officer at the last Election for the Fourth Riding of the County of Lincoln?

Answer.—I was.

Question.—Was any Election held for the said Riding, was any return made, and who was intended to be returned?

Answer.—An Election was held, a return was made of Robert Randal, Esquire.

Question.—Is Mr. Randal now here the person chosen at such Election and whose name was intended to be returned by you?

Answer.—He is here present.

Question.—Is the indenture now shown to you the one executed by Mr. Randal and the Freeholders in your presence?

Answer.—It is.

Question.—Have you any, and if so, what reason for not signing and sealing the said Indenture?

Answer.—I did not, from ignorance of the mode of preparing the Indenture.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that it be resolved that the Returning Officer for the Fourth Riding of the County of Lincoln having transmitted an imperfect Return to the Writ of Election for the said Riding, and having acknowledged at the Bar of this House that Robert Randal, Esquire, was duly elected to represent the said Riding, be directed to amend the return in conformity to the tenor of the Writ. Which was carried.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that this House do on to-morrow resolve itself into committee to take into consideration the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of certain Townships not included in any organized County or District. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill for Preventing Illegal Marriages was called for a second reading, when Mr. Nichol, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that the question be not now put. Which was lost. The Bill was then read a second time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that this House do go into committee on Wednesday next upon the Bill for Preventing Illegal Marriages. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that James Kerby, Esquire, having amended the Return of the Writ of Election for the fourth riding of the County of Lincoln, be discharged, and that he be allowed his expenses in attending here for that purpose. In amendment, Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that after the word "discharged," in the original motion, the whole be expunged. Which was carried. The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Highway Bill was read the second time.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. McLean, of Stormont, moves that this House do on Thursday next resolve itself into a committee to take into consideration the Road Bill. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to communicate with His Excellency the Governor General

upon the propriety and the expediency of opening and continuing the road called Dundas Street in a direct line from the bridge across the River Delisle, to Saint Anne's Ferry, as also the opening the road in front from the Settlement at Côteau du Lac to the division line of the two Provinces. Which was carried.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that Messrs. McDonell, McLean of Stormont, Van Koughnet, and Hamilton of Prescott, be a select committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor pursuant to the preceding resolution. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Winter Carriage Bill was read the second time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the House do now go into committee to take into consideration the Winter Carriage Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Morris took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Morris reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves for leave to bring in a Bill for the more effectual preservation of salmon and to regulate the fishing in any of the rivers and creeks within this Province. Which was granted and the Bill read. Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves that the Bill for the Preservation of Salmon be read a second time on Wednesday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Currency Bill was read the second time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee on the Currency Bill. Which was carried and Mr. Casey took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported the Bill as amended: Ordered that the report be received.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the Currency Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Physic and Surgery Bill was read the second time. Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee on the Physic and Surgery Bill. Which was carried and Doctor Baldwin took the Chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Doctor Baldwin reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that it be resolved that nine members of those attending during the present Session be selected by ballot who shall be a committee to take into consideration and report on all petitions which shall be ordered to be referred to a select committee. In amendment, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moves that after the word "that" in the original motion all the words be expunged and the following be inserted, every petition to this House shall be referred to a select committee, consisting of not more than nine members, which committee shall be chosen by ballot. Which was put and lost. The original question was then also put and lost.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, 13th February, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Currency Bill was read the third time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that the Currency Bill do now pass and that it be entitled an Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province. Which was carried and the Bill signed. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that Messrs. McDonell and Gordon be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill entitled "An Act to

establish a uniform currency throughout this Province," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Marriage Act Amendment Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the Marriage Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Robinson took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported progress and obtained leave to sit again tomorrow.

Mr. McDonell of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill entitled "An Act to establish a uniform Currency throughout this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. McLean, of Stormont, of the committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the roads communicating with this Province from Lower Canada reported that they had prepared a draft which he was ready to submit for the consideration of the House. Ordered that the report be received and the draft was read the first time. Mr. McLean, of Stormont, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying him to communicate with His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of opening Roads in the Province of Lower Canada near the Province line be read a second time this day, and that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the said address. Which was carried and the address was read the second time.

Mr. McLean, of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee to take into consideration the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of opening roads in the Province of Lower Canada near the Province line. Which was carried and Mr. Hagerman took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hagerman reported the address without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. McLean, of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor requesting him to communicate with His Excellency the Governor General be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the District Court Bill was read the second time. Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee to take into consideration the Bill to explain the several laws now in force establishing a District Court throughout this Province, and for extending the Jurisdiction of the same. Which was carried and Mr. Casey took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported progress and obtained leave to sit again this day three months.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that a Select Committee be appointed to whom the petitions of Edmund Mott and John Blanchard be referred, and that Messrs, McMartin, Hamilton, of Lincoln, and Gates compose the said committee and that they report thereon by Bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

The address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the roads on the Province line, was read the third time, was passed and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to represent to Your Excellency that the inhabitants of this Province in general, and more especially those in the eastern part of it, suffer very great inconvenience from the want of roads in that part of Lower Canada adjoining the Province line corresponding with, and continuing those which have been open through the Eastern District to the line. We are well assured that the inconvenience arising from the want of such roads must be equally felt by many of the Inhabitants of Lower Canada and that it would tend very materially to the advantage of both Provinces if such roads were opened and established, and as the present session of the Legislature of our sister Province affords a fair opportunity of bringing forward this subject for public consideration, we humbly request that your Excellency will be pleased to communicate to His Excellency the Governor General the anxious desire of this Province that the intercourse with Lower Canada by land may be made practicable in front on the shore of Lake St. Francis by the opening of a road from the settlement above Côteau-du-Lac to the Province line, and that it could not but be productive of very essential benefit to both Provinces if the road now in use to the river De Lisle through the county of Glengarry were continued from the bridge of that river to Vaudreuil, near Saint Ann's Ferry, whereby the distance from the Province line to Montreal would be shortened nearly fifteen miles.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messrs. McLean, of Stormont, and McMartin be a committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House upon the subject of a communication with His Excellency the Governor General respecting the opening of roads in the Province of Lower Canada near the Province line and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Horner, moves that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking him for his most Gracious Message on the subject of the organization of the new Townships, and assuring him that this House will not fail to give it due consideration. Which was ordered.

Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that Messrs. Hagerman and Hamilton, of Wentworth, be a committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his most gracious Message relative to certain townships not included in any county or district. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the Winter Carriage Bill. Mr. Casey took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Jabez Colver, of Yarmouth, in the London District, Yeoman. Which was granted and the Bill laid on the table.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves for leave to bring up the petition of sundry Inhabitants of the District of Niagara. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves for leave to bring up the petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Waterloo in the Gore District of this Province. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Elizabeth Lawe, of Niagara, with accompanying documents. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that the answer of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to the address of this House on the subject of communications from the Provincial Agent be taken into consideration.

The House then adjourned.

Wednesday, 14th February, 1821.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that the order of this House, dated the sixth of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, respecting the accounts for contingencies be now inserted upon the Journals of the present session, the original Journal in which the same was inserted being destroyed by the enemy but a certified copy being produced. Which was ordered.

Tuesday, 6th March, 1801.

On motion of Mr. Sheriff MacDonell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, the House resolved that all accounts which shall in future be presented by any individual for work or labour done, or for articles furnished for the use of this House shall be sworn to and the affidavit specify that the charges therein contained are the usual charges and the commonly received prices for such work and labour or for such articles furnished.

Attest DONALD MACLEAN, Clk. Assembly.

Clerk of Assembly's Office, York, 27th April, 1811.

Agreeably to notice the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves for leave to bring in a Bill now to explain certain doubts relative to Shop and Tavern Licenses. Which was granted and the Bill read. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that the Tavern License Bill be read a second time on Friday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the Bill to Prevent Illegal Marriages, Mr. Wilmot in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Wilmot reported the Bill amended.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, moves that the report be not now received. On the question the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:—

Yeas: Messrs. Gordon, Hamilton of Lincoln, Walsh, Nichol, Baldwin, Clark, Chisholm, Wilson of Prince Edwd., White, Wilson of Wentworth, Peterson, Hamilton of Wentworth, Randal, Rogers, Hornor—15.

Nays: Messrs. Jones of Grenville, Robinson, Hagerman, McMartin, Jones of Leeds, Shaver, Van Koughnet, McCormick, Burwell, MacLean of Frontenac, Attorney General, Wilmot, Ruttan, Gates, Casey, McLean of Stormont, McDonell, Hamilton of Prescott—18.

It was carried in the negative by a majority of three and the report was received.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the Illegal Marriage Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Marriage Act Amendment Bill, Mr. Robinson in the Chair. The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, of Wentworth, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Gillman Wilson with a document annexed. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr Hornor, moves that the petition of the Serjeant-

at-Arms and the representation of the Clerk of the Assembly be referred to a special committee. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves in amendment that after the word "committee" in the motion the words of five Members to be chosen by ballot and to have power to send for persons and papers be added. Which was carried. The amended question was then put and carried. The House then adjourned.

Thursday, 15th February, 1821.

Mr. Hagerman, of the committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his message, relative to certain unorganized townships, reported a draft which he was ready to submit to the House. Ordered that the report be received and the draft was read the first time.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, from the committee appointed to report on the petition of Mott and Blanchard, reported two bills which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the bills for the relief of Mott and Blanchard were then read for the first time.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. McDonnell, moves that the draft of an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in reply to his message relative to certain unorganized townships in this Province be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the bill to afford relief to Edmund Mott be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the bill to afford relief to John Blanchard be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, from the committee to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the address of this House praying that His Excellency would be pleased to communicate with His Excellency the Governor General relative to the opening of certain roads in Lower Canada, reported that they had done so and that His Excellency was pleased to receive the same, and had made thereto a reply which he was ready to deliver. Ordered that the report be received and the reply was read as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I shall not fail to communicate immediately with the Government of Lower Canada on the subject of your address.

The order of the day for the third reading of the Illegal Marriage Bill being called, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that the Illegal Marriage Bill be recommitted for to-morrow. On which the House divided and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Hornor, Walsh, Hamilton of Lincoln, Chisholm, Baldwin, Nichol, Randal, Peterson, Willson of Wentworth, Wilson of Prince Edward, White, Hamilton of Wentworth, Clark, Ruttan, Rogers, Wilmot, Kerr, Casey, Crooks—19.

Nays: Messrs. Gates, McMartin, Jones of Leeds, Gordon, Burwell, McCormick, Attorney General, Shaver, Van Koughnet, Robinson, McLean of Frontenac, Baby, Jones of Grenville, Hagerman, McDonnell, Morris, McLean of Stormont, Hamilton of Prescott—18.

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

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee to take into consideration the road bill. Mr. Jones of Leeds took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported that the committee had agreed to a resolution which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered

that the report be received and the resolution adopted. Resolved, that it is expedient to proceed further in the consideration of the road bill during the present session, and that it be printed for the information of the Members during the recess.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the marriage act amendment bill, Mr. Robinson in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Robinson reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day the bill for the preservation of salmon was read the second time. Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the bill relative to the preservation of salmon. Which was carried and Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Wilson reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Jones of Grenville gives notice that he will on Saturday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to amend the laws respecting Forfeited Estates.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the petition of the trustees of the Roman Catholic Church land in the town of York, be now read. Which was carried and the petition was read. Mr. McDonell seconded by Mr. Morris gives notice that he will on Friday next move for leave to bring in a bill to empower certain trustees therein mentioned to sell and convey a certain lot of land in the town of York, and to purchase another lot or tract of land for the use and accommodation of a Roman Catholic congregation.

The House then adjourned.

Friday, 16th February, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day the tavern license bill was read the second time. The Attorney General seconded by Mr. Burwell moves that this House do resolve itself into a committee on Saturday se'evenight to take into consideration the tavern license bill. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of certain new townships not organized was read the second time. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee to take into consideration the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his message on the subject of certain townships not organized in any county or District. Which was carried and Mr. Peterson took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Peterson reported the address without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Prescott, moves that the address in answer to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's message on the subject of certain townships not organized in any county or District be engrossed and read a third time this day and that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the said address. Which was ordered.

On the order of the day for the House to go again into committee on the bill to prevent illegal marriages being read. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that so much of the order of the day as relates to the illegal marriage bill and the bill for amending the marriage act be postponed till Tuesday next. On which the House divided and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Walsh, Crooks, Nichol, Baldwin, Chisholm, Kerr, Robinson, Peterson, Wilson of Prince Edward, Randal, Willson of Wentworth, Hamilton of

Lincoln, Clark, Hamilton of Wentworth, Rogers, Hornor, White, Wilmoi, Casey, Baby.—20.

Nays: Messrs. Attorney General, McMartin, Burwell, Gordon, McCormick, Shaver, Van Koughnet, McLean of Frontenac, Gates, Hagerman, McLean of Stormont, McDonell, Morris, Jones of Grenville, Hamilton of Prescott, Ruttan. 16.

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

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the salmon bill. Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Wilson reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves for leave to bring in a bill empowering certain trustees therein mentioned to sell and convey a certain tract of land in the town of York, and to purchase another lot or tract of land for the use of a Roman Catholic congregation. Which was granted and the bill read. Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the Roman Catholic Trustee Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the Physic and Surgery bill. Doctor Baldwin took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Doctor Baldwin reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of certain townships not organized, was read the third time, was passed and signed by the Speaker, as follows:

To-His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General, commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc., etc.

May it please your Excellency: We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled, return your Excellency our grateful thanks for your gracious message on the subject of the organization of the new townships, and assure your Excellency that we shall not fail to give it due consideration.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. Crooks, and Hamilton of Prescott, be a committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the address in answer to his message, on the subject of certain townships not organized in any County or District, to know when he will be pleased to receive the same, and to present it. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that it be resolved that this House do proceed to ballot for the select committee on the letter of the Clerk and petition of Allan McNabb, Esquire, Serjeant at Arms and other the matters connected with the public buildings on opening of the House to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the Winter Carriage Bill. Mr. Morris took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Morris reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the Winter Carriage Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the resolutions respecting the Provincial Agent do lie on the table. Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the Clerk of this House do report all communications made by the Provincial Agent to the Speaker of this House on Tuesday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Independency Bill was read a second time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the bill for securing the Independency of the Commons House of Assembly. Which was carried and Mr. Gordon took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Gordon reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Dr. Baldwin, moves that the bill for securing the Independency of the Commons House of Assembly be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that it be resolved that a select committee be appointed to inquire into the circumstances attending a recent sacrilegious outrage on the parish church of the town of York, which committee shall consist of five members and shall have power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that the name of the Attorney General be expunged from the resolution appointing a committee of finance and that that of Burwell be inserted, it being inconvenient for the Attorney General to attend. Which was ordered.

Mr. Crooks of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Serjeant and Brock, delivered a report which was received and read as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Serjeant and Robert Brock, of the District of Ottawa in this Province, claiming the exclusive right to build saw-mills on a particular construction, and to dispose of patent rights to the same in this Province agreeable to a model and specification accompanying the said petition.

Beg leave to report to your honorable House that they have carefully examined the said model and specification, and are of opinion that Letters Patent ought to issue to the said Stephen Serjeant and Robert Brock and their assigns for and during such period of time, and under such restrictions as to your honorable House shall seem meet.

All of which is humbly submitted.

JAMES CROOKS, Chairman.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 16th February, 1821.

Mr. Hamilton of Prescott gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that a committee be appointed to draw up a bill granting an exclusive privilege or Letters Patent to Stephen Serjeant and Robert Brock for years for the purpose of building saw-mills of a particular construction.

Mr. McLean of Stormont gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that in future it shall be a rule of this House that all petitions to be introduced shall be brought in immediately after the minutes are read and that such petitions shall be read by the Clerk, before the order of the day is taken up after the same shall have lain on the table two days.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Wentworth, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Hamilton Merritt, Esq. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Morris gives notice that he will on Tuesday next move for the appointment of a select committee to take into consideration His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's message, on the subject of certain townships not comprised in any organized County or District, with power to send for persons and papers, and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The House then adjourned.

Saturday, 17th February, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House proceeded to ballot for a committee to take into consideration the letter of the Clerk and the petition of the Serjeant at arms, when the following members were chosen: Messrs. McDonell, Van Koughnet, Rogers, Nichol and Gordon.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Winter Carriage Bill was read the third time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Gates moves that the Winter Carriage Bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to regulate Winter Carriages in certain districts of this Province." Which was carried and the bill signed. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that Messrs. McDonell and Hamilton of Prescott be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, the Bill entitled "An Act to regulate Winter Carriages in certain districts of this Province," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Independency Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that the Independency Bill do now pass, and that it be entitled an Act for the better securing the Independency of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province. On which the House divided and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Hamilton of Lincoln, Baby, Baldwin, Nichol, McCormick, Gates, Gordon, Van Koughnet, Jones of Leeds, Burwell, Wilmot, Walsh, Shaver, Peterson, Willson of Wentworth, Clark, Casey, Rogers, White, Hornor, Kerr, Robinson, Attorney General, Crooks—24.

Nays: Messrs. Jones of Grenville, Randal, Wilson of Prince Edward, Ruttan, McLean of Stormont, McLean of Frontenac, McDonell, Hagerman, Hamilton of Prescott, Morris—10.

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

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves the adoption of this clause as a rider: And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this act shall continue and be in force for eight years and from thence to the end of the then next ensuing session of Parliament. On which the House divided and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Jones of Grenville, Hamilton of Lincoln, Baby, Nichol, Gordon, McCormick, Van Koughnet, Gates, Wilmot, Shaver, Clark, Wilson of Prince Edward, Ruttan, Casey, Kerr, Robinson, McLean of Stormont, Attorney General, McDonell, Hagerman, Hamilton of Prescott, Morris, Walsh—23.

Nays: Messrs. Baldwin, Jones of Leeds, Burwell, Randal, Peterson, Willson of Wentworth, McLean of Frontenac, Rogers, Hornor, White, Crooks—11.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twelve, and the bill was passed and signed by the Speaker.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Hamilton of Lincoln be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act for the better securing the Independency

of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves for leave to bring in a bill to amend the laws respecting forfeited estates. Which was granted and the bill read. Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that the forfeiture amendment bill be read a second time on Wednesday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the Salmon bill. Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Wilson reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that it shall be a rule of this House that all petitions to be introduced shall be brought in immediately after the minutes are read, and that such petitions shall be read by the Clerk before the order of the day is taken up after the same shall have lain on the table two days.

In amendment the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that after the work "Clerk," the remaining words of the motion be expunged, and that these words be inserted after the third reading of any bill that may stand for that purpose on the order of the day, and before the rest of the order of the day is gone into, provided such petition shall have lain on the table two days. Which was carried. The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Mr. Crooks of the committee to present an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of certain townships not organized reported that they had done so.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McLean of Frontenac, seconded by the Attorney General moves that the petition of the Inhabitants of the townships of Kingston, Loughborough and Portland be now read. Which was carried and the petition was read.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that the petition of sundry Inhabitants of the District of Niagara be now read. Which was carried and the petition was read.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the Physic and Surgery Bill. Mr. Randal took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Randal reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the Physic and Surgery Bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hamilton of Prescott, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the Attorney General and Mr. Hagerman be a committee to draw up a bill granting to Stephen Sergeant and Robert Brock an exclusive privilege for years of building saw-mills of a particular description. Which was lost.

The House then adjourned.

Monday, 19th February, 1821.

Mr. Geale, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province," sent up from this House, which they had passed with some amendments which they recommended for the adoption of this House.

Mr. McDonell, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to regulate Winter Carriages in certain districts of this Province," and to request their concurrence thereto reported they had done so.

Amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled "An Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province." were then read the first time and were as follows:

Amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled "An Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province."

Press 1, Line 2.—After the word "Province" insert "And whereas the several Gold and Silver coins current in this Province, have respectively a nominal legal value in Pounds, Shillings and Pence bearing the relative proportion of ten to nine to the sterling money of account in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, nevertheless in some parts of this Province accounts continue to be kept, and contracts to be made in New York currency, estimating the Spanish Milled dollar at eight shillings, bearing to sterling money of account the proportion of sixteen to nine, which diversity must necessarily occasion great and manifest confusion."

Press 1, Line 16.—After "account" insert "entered and."

Press 1, Line 18.—After "been" insert "entered."

(Signed) W. DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Passed the Legislative Council, 19th February, 1821.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province" be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act for the better securing the Independency of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province" and request their concurrence thereto reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House proceeded to the trial of the Durham election. The Speaker and the Members were then duly sworn. The petition of John David Smith, of the County of Durham, Esquire, and others was then read.

The sitting Member allowed that John David Smith was a Freeholder for the said County.

The Solicitor General appeared at the Bar and was admitted as council for the petitioners.

Thomas Ward, Esquire, returning officer at the late election for the County of Durham, was called to the Bar and being duly sworn was questioned as follows:

Question.—Were you the returning officer at the last election for the County of Durham

Answer.—I was.

Question.—Did you proceed to the election of a member to serve in Parliament for that county and who were the candidates?

Answer.—I did proceed to an election. The candidates were George Strange Boulton and Samuel Street Wilmot, Esquires.

Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that witness be

allowed to answer fully all such matters connected with the question put as such witness pleases, and that he be not interrupted therein but by the chair or vote of the House.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that an amendment that the second question again be put to the witness. Which was carried. The original question as amended was then put and carried.

Question.—Was a Poll demanded at the said election and by whom?

Answer.—A Poll was demanded by George Strange Boulton, Esquire.

Question.—At what hour and upon what day did the Poll open.

Answer.—On the third day of July about 10 o'clock a.m. to the best of my recollection.

Question.—At what hour and upon what day did you finally close the Poll at the said election?

Answer.—On the eighth of July at two o'clock p.m. with the consent of the candidates.

Question.—Did you appoint a Poll Clerk at the said election and what was his name, and was he sworn?

Answer.—I did, his name is Marquis Fayette Whitehead, he was sworn.

Question.—Did you declare the state of the Poll at the adjournment thereof on Wednesday, and who had the majority of votes admitted by you on the Poll book at such adjournment?

Answer.—I cannot recollect.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that the witness be asked whether the Poll book now produced and shown him be the one kept during the last election for the county of Durham? Which was carried.

The foregoing question being then put to the witness, he answered "It is."

Question.—Do any alterations appear in the figures summing up the number of votes at the foot of each column of the Poll book respectively?

Answer.—There are some alterations. After the numbers were summed up I thought it my duty to examine them, and in doing so, detected some errors which I altered. The error being in the first page necessarily altered the whole.

Question.—Were there no other alterations except those which occurred from a mistake in the first page?

Answer.—I do not recollect that there was.

Question.—When and where were the alterations made in the figures summing up the number of votes at the foot of each column of the Poll book respectively?

Answer.—After the close of the Poll at my own office as I think to the best of my recollection.

Question.—Did you strike off any, and what number of votes before the final close of the Poll?

Answer.—I did not strike off any.

Question.—What number of votes were struck off in the presence and by the consent of the respective candidates?

Answer.—I do not remember how many were struck off (none by the consent of the candidates) there might have been two or three during the Poll.

Question.—Were all those opposite whose names L.T.S.D. were written actually struck off before or after the close of the Poll?

Answer.—There were none struck off only crossed which I considered bad votes and virtually struck off by the memorandum I made opposite to their names.

Question.—Were these crosses made before you declared Mr. Wilmot duly elected?

Answer.—I do not recollect whether they were or were not. I think they were not. I considered myself fully authorized to make these crosses, as I did not consider them good votes nor receive them as such.

Question.—Did you receive the votes opposite to whose names you wrote L.T.S.D. upon the Poll book with a full conviction of their being bad votes at the time they were taken?

Answer.—I considered them bad votes.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that an objection to any question proposed by counsel, he may request by motion of a member at any time to be heard at the Bar. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, 20th February, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Physic and Surgery Bill was read the third time. Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the Physic and Surgery Bill do now pass and that it be entitled an Act to repeal part of and amend the provisions of an Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of his late Majesty's reign entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act to license practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for licensing such practitioners.'"

In amendment to which Mr. McLean of Frontenac, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves that the following clause be adopted as a rider to the Bill.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in the said recited Act or in this present Act be construed to extend to any person practising Physic, Surgery or Midwifery within this Province, who may have been resident therein from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and who may have usually practised Physic and Surgery until the passing of an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to license practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province," in any township within this Province when there is no licensed practitioner resident within the said township.

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

Yeas: Messrs. McMartin, Van Koughnet, Randal, Peterson, Wilson of Prince Edward, Willson of Wentworth, Hornor, Hamilton of Wentworth, Casey, McCormick, Baby, McLean of Frontenac, Rogers, Gates, Ruttan, Hamilton of Lincoln, White, Wilmot, Shaver: 19.

Nays: Messrs. Nichol, Gordon, Jones of Grenville, Burwell, Jones of Leeds, Chisholm, Baldwin, Robinson, Kerr, Walsh, Attorney General, Crooks, Hagerman, McLean of Stormont, McDonell, Morris—16.

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

The title was then moved on which a division took place, and the Yeas and Nays were as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. McMartin, Jones of Grenville, Jones of Leeds, Van Koughnet, Wilson of Prince Edward, Randal, Peterson, Clark, Hamilton of Wentworth, Kerr, Hornor, McCormick, Casey, Ruttan, Baby, McLean of Frontenac, White, Wilmot, Rogers, Gates, Hamilton of Lincoln, Hagerman, Shaver, McLean of Stormont, Morris.—25.

Nays: Nichol, Gordon, Burwell, Chisholm, Robinson, Willson of Wentworth, Walsh, Baldwin, Attorney General, Crooks, McDonell.—11.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fourteen and the Bill was signed.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Ruttan be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the provisions of an Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to license practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province, and to make further provision for licensing such practitioners," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House proceeded in the trial of the Durham Election.

When Thomas Ward, Esquire, was examined as follows:

Question.—Did you cross any of the votes admitted by you to Poll at the early part of the election without the consent of the respective candidates, and if you did were the candidates both present when you so crossed them?

Answer.—I did not to the best of my recollection.

Question.—Did you receive any evidence to invalidate the vote of any person received by you on the Poll before you set a cross opposite to his name?

Answer.—I did not.

Question.—Did you reject any votes without evidence?

Answer.—Not to my recollection. The only evidence which I had of the illegality of the Location Ticket votes was my own legal construction of what was a freehold. One of Mr. Wilmot's voters was struck off by consent on my saying (as register of the County) that the voter was not a Freeholder.

Question.—What reason had you for considering the votes opposite to which you placed a cross illegal, and why did you strike them out?

Answer.—They were not in possession of a freehold so as to entitle them to a vote, therefore I struck them out.

Question.—If you considered them illegal why did you admit them on the Poll at all?

Answer.—I did it with a view to prevent riot which I apprehended, but did not enter them as or consider them voters, but merely as a memorandum and stated so at the time.

Question.—Did you inform either of which or both of the candidates of your intention ultimately to reject the voters marked L.T.S.D.?

Answer.—I do not recollect that I did.

Question.—Are you sure you did not?

Answer.—I am not sure that I did not.

Question.—Have you any reason to believe you did?

Answer.—I believe I did to both the candidates to the best of my recollection.

You have sworn that although you admitted the votes marked L.T.S.D. upon the Poll to preserve the peace and prevent a riot you intended ultimately to reject those votes.

Question.—Did you inform either or both and which of the candidates of that determination?

Answer.—I merely considered them as memorandums and did not enter them as votes; both the candidates heard me say so.

Question.—What mark exists upon the Poll book denoting that votes which have been rejected are rejected?

Answer.—L.T.S.D. were marks denoting rejection, and the word "objected" and a cross and L.D.S.D.N.D. explained "no vote, Reserved lot" and crosses with figure 1 objected "no freehold" U.S. 12 years U.S. 3 years, no deed from Government were other notes of rejection.

Question.—When did you reject the votes opposite to which the letters L.T.S.D. and L.T.S.D.N.D. are written?

Answer.—At the close of the Poll on the scrutiny.

Question.—When were the letters L.T.S.D. and L.T.S.D.N.D. written opposite the votes having those initials affixed?

Answer.—At the same time the names were returned on the Poll book.

Question.—What distance of time intervened between the reception of the first vote having the initials L.T.S.D. and its rejection?

Answer.—The first vote so marked was taken about three o'clock p.m. on the first day and rejected on the last day, namely: the 8th about two o'clock in the afternoon.

Question.—Did Mr. Wilmot or any person in his interest request you to close the Poll on the first day on account of the crowd that was collecting and what answer did you give him?

Answer.—No person ever required me so to do to the best of my knowledge.

Question.—When did you first apprehend a breach of the peace and observe any indications of a riot?

Answer.—About the hour of three p.m. on the third day of July, when Charles Fothergill, Esquire, entered the Poll room and immediately made an attack on Mr. Wilmot with warm language. There was great disturbance kept up the whole afternoon. The same time a vote of L.T.S.D. was given in and objected to by me. There was so much confusion that no votes were taken for a considerable time.

Question.—Was Mr. Fothergill present when the vote in question was tendered and received or was it tendered and received previous to the coming of Mr. Fothergill into the Poll room?

Answer.—I believe it was received after Mr. Fothergill had done speaking. Mr. Fothergill was in the room at the time.

Question.—Was any other noise or disturbance made than is usual at elections, and were the people armed?

Answer.—There was more disturbance than is usual at elections. The people were not armed.

Question.—In what did the disturbance consist?

Answer.—In Mr. Bannister and several others interfering with voters, and by Mr. Bannister taking the Statute in his hand and in a very loud manner persuading the people that they had a right to vote, and also persuading them to swear to their qualification.

Question.—Did the disturbance described in your answer to the last question occasion the intimidation you have mentioned as the inducement for receiving the votes marked L.T.S.D. and L.T.S.D.N.D. on the Poll?

Answer.—It was a continuation of that disturbance occasioned by Mr. Fothergill entering the Poll room.

Question.—Were any menaces used by any person or persons when the persons having the initials L.T.S.D. came to vote, and did any person or persons use

any threats towards you of what would be the consequence should you refuse their votes?

Answer.—I did not hear any.

Question.—Did you return thanks to any and what magistrate for swearing in a number of special constables and thereby preventing a riot on the occasion?

Answer.—On the morning of the 4th, in consequence of the severe riots the night before a number of special constables were appointed by the magistrates. when Mr. Fothergill harangued the people and exhorted them to be quiet for which I thanked him.

Question.—Did the riotous behaviour of the electors continue every day during the Poll?

Answer.—It did not during the time of polling.

Question.—What was the riotous conduct in particular which induced the swearing in of the special constables?

Answer.—Not being present I cannot say what it was, after the close of the Poll the first day, when I had retired to my home.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, 21st February, 1821.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Samuel Shipman of the District of Johnstown. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves for leave to bring up the petition of sundry inhabitants of the township of Brockville. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Hamilton, of Lincoln, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moves that the petition of John Wagstaff of the town of Niagara be now read. Which was carried and the petition was read.

Mr. Hamilton, of Lincoln, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that Messrs. Jones of Leeds, Kerr and Van Koughnet be a committee to take into consideration the petition of John Wagstaff of the town of Niagara, and report the same to the House with power to send for persons and papers. Which was ordered.

Mr. Randall, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves for leave to bring up a petition of sundry inhabitants of the district of Niagara. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

The petition of Gilman Willson of the township of Dunwich in the district of London was then read.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the petition of Gilman Willson with the annexed documents be referred to a committee with power to send for persons and papers, and to report by Bill or otherwise, and that Messrs. Baldwin, Hamilton of Lincoln, and Chisholm do constitute the said committee. Which was ordered.

The House then proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

Thomas Ward, Esquire, was called to the Bar and further examined.

Question.—Did Mr. Boulton request that the Poll might be closed on Wednesday, and if yes, why did you not do it?

Answer.—He did not.

Question.—Did Mr. Boulton express his willingness that the Poll might be closed on Wednesday?

Answer.—He did not.

Question.—Did you ever hear Mr. Wilmot express any intention or idea of giving up the contest?

Answer.—I did not.

Question.—Did you either by yourself or your clerk put up a statement of the result of the Poll at the adjournment of the Poll on Wednesday?

Answer.—I cannot recollect that it was done on that day.

Question.—Do you recollect having done so on that day or any other day?

Answer.—On the first day at the close of the Poll I directed the state of the Poll to be published by the Clerk, and at the final close of the Poll on another, Mr. James Boulton had the state of the Poll given him by the Poll Clerk.

Question.—Had not Mr. Boulton a very large majority as appeared by the state of the Poll you furnished to Mr. James Boulton?

Answer.—The numbers were given as they stood on the Poll book which gave Mr. Boulton a large majority at that time.

Question.—Will you say positively that you do not know which candidate had the majority of votes admitted by you on the Poll at the adjournment thereof on Wednesday?

Answer.—I rather think Mr. Wilmot had a majority of legal votes casting up the names on the book as they stood, with the objections against them Mr. Boulton had.

Question.—Had not Mr. Boulton a large majority each day until Friday as appeared by the Poll book?

Answer.—Including the exceptionable votes he had.

You have sworn that the initials L.T.S.D. mean rejected at the close of the Poll, but that such initials were put opposite such vote when it was received.

Do you mean that you marked votes rejected at the time you received them, and rejected them at a future period without any additional mark of rejection?

Answer.—Those marks were marks of rejection at receiving the vote, the votes so marked were afterwards rejected with an additional mark of a X casting them up after the close of the Poll.

Question.—When and where was that additional mark of a X added?

Answer.—After the close of the Poll at my own office.

Question.—Do you mean after Mr. Wilmot was declared duly elected?

Answer.—After the close of the Poll, and having declared Mr. Wilmot duly elected, the crosses were made by me at my office, and at the close of the Poll I told the people that I had always considered the L.T.S.D. votes as illegal and that I was confirmed in that opinion by the advice of Counsel, and that my oath of office which I then read compelled me to reject them and declare Mr. Wilmot elected. I made the crosses at my office to prevent mistakes in summing up by distinguishing the legal from the illegal votes.

Question.—If you considered the votes opposite to whose names L.T.S.D. are written as illegal from the beginning and not votes at all, why did you at different times add them up with the other votes and allow them to form part of the aggregate number of votes put up at the Hustings for the information of the public?

Answer.—I thought it my duty to give the list as it stood on the Poll book.

Question.—Did you then consider them as forming a part of the Poll?

Answer.—I did not consider them as forming part of the Poll as legal votes.

Question.—For what purpose did you put up a statement of the Poll on the Hustings?

Answer.—For the information of the people as to the state of the Poll book.

Question.—Were there separate columns in the statement distinguishing the number of the good from the rejected votes?

Answer.—I believe there were not.

Question.—Are you not certain there were not?

Answer.—I cannot speak positively.

Question.—Did you cast up the Poll at the close thereof and declare the numbers publicly, and subscribe your name thereto previous to your declaring Mr. Wilmot duly elected?

Answer.—The number of votes were summed up by the Poll Clerk previous to my declaring the election ended. I did not declare the numbers. I was ready to do so. I did not sign it, it was signed by the Poll Clerk. After the scrutiny was over the votes were cast up.

Question.—Did you sum them up on the Poll book under the columns of votes denoting for whom they had polled?

Answer.—They were summed up by my clerk, the alteration of the incorrect summing up was made by myself excepting the last page.

Question.—When were they so summed up by the clerk?

Answer.—The clerk will be able to answer, I am unable to do it.

Question.—When were the words “no vote” written opposite to James Jolly’s name, in the Poll book?

Answer.—I cannot say, it was written by the Poll Clerk.

Question.—Did James Jolly vote before the arrival of Mr. Fothergill with the 150 men you have mentioned?

Answer.—He did.

Question.—Did any of the voters opposite whose names L.T.S.D. are written take the Freeholder’s oath?

Answer.—Some of them were sworn that they considered that according to the statute as it was explained to them they had a right to vote. On reflection I thought I had done wrong and refused to swear any more.

At two o’clock the House adjourned till four.

At four o’clock the House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the proprietors of the steam-boat Frontenac. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves for leave to bring up the petition of George Ferguson and others of the County of Carleton. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

The petition of William Hamilton Meritt, Esquire, was read.

The petition of Elizabeth Lawe, widow of the late Captain George Lawe of the 1st regiment of Lincoln Militia was read.

The petition of Abraham Erb, Samuel Eby, Christian Shontz, and other inhabitants of the township of Waterloo in the Gore District was read.

The petition of Jabez Collver of Yarmouth, in the London District, was read.

The petition of Ferdinand Van Sicklen of the town of York was read.

Thomas Ward, Esquire, was again called to the bar of the House and examined by the Counsel for the sitting Member, (George Ridout, Esquire.)

Question.—Do you recollect the names of all the candidates mentioned at the last election for the County of Durham?

Answer.—Besides Mr. Boulton and Mr. Wilmot, a Mr. Soper was talked of, but I do not know whether he was moved and seconded.

Question.—At the last election for Durham, as Returning Officer, what description of property did you consider it required to entitle a man to a good vote?

Answer.—That the voter ought to be in possession of his land by virtue of a deed from the Crown or from some individual, registered, and that a man might vote upon an estate in fee of his wife, and those holding lands in fief, or in reversion, or by certificate derived under the authority of the Governor and Council of the Province of Quebec, and being of the yearly value of forty shillings sterling or upwards, over and above all rents and charges payable out of or in respect of the same.

Question.—Did you allow persons to vote who held lands upon location tickets, or what were your reasons for refusing them?

Answer.—I did not allow them to vote as not considering them in possession of a freehold, according to my instructions.

Question.—Did you allow their names to be entered on the Poll and why?

Answer.—I did it to keep peace and prevent riot as I said before.

Question.—Did Mr. Boulton, one of the candidates see, or had he an opportunity of seeing the objections made to the votes offered when those objections were entered on the Poll book?

Answer.—He did see them entered and paid great attention to the entry of the objections.

Question.—Did you add the word "objected" and the letters in some instances L.T.S.D. and in other cases L.T.S.D.N.D. opposite each name as the person presented himself at the Poll, or in any instance were those letters or the word "objected" added afterwards?

Answer.—These letters and the word "objected" were added when the person presented himself at the Poll, and I do not recollect any instance of doing so afterwards.

Question.—Did you enquire how long each person to whose vote you objected (he having only a location ticket) had been in the United States or had resided in this Province?

Answer.—I did not; that inquiry took place by Mr. Wilmot.

Question.—Did those who had deeds for lands which they had first occupied under location tickets produce such deeds at the Hustings or satisfactorily prove that they possessed them, and upon such proof did you admit their vote as a good vote?

Answer.—To the best of my recollection two or three of that description produced their deeds and were admitted to vote; all who had deeds produced them.

Question.—What was the longest interval of time between the polling of any vote or name admitted on the Poll book, and at whose request did you wait?

Answer.—There was one day in which no vote was taken: I waited at the request of no one.

Question.—In summing up the Poll book after the Clerk, in whose favour did the alterations stand?

Answer.—In favour of Mr. Boulton, one on the first page.

Question.—What was the nature of the scrutiny and of the objections then made, and after the scrutiny did the candidates appear satisfied with it?

Answer.—The scrutiny began with the first name and went through the book, Mr. Wilmot objecting to all the names marked objected on location ticket.

Mr. Boulton was not satisfied and entered his protest to the return after the scrutiny.

Question.—Did Mr. Boulton attempt to produce any authority to show that the person possessing a location ticket had a good vote?

Answer.—He did not.

Question.—In summing up the number polled were you governed by the objections made opposite each name on the Poll book?

Answer. I was.

Question.—After the scrutiny and after summing up the votes on the Poll book, did you declare Mr. Wilmot duly elected by a majority of legal votes?

Answer. I did.

Question.—Before Mr. Bannister interfered in the manner you stated had you expressed your opinion upon the legality or illegality of the votes under location tickets?

Answer.—I had.

Question.—Were any of the party headed by Charles Fothergill, Esquire, armed with clubs or sticks?

Answer.—I did not perceive any when they arrived.

Question.—Were any of the same party armed with clubs or sticks at or near the Poll during the polling that afternoon?

Answer.—I do not recollect seeing them.

Question.—Did not each person who voted upon location tickets acknowledge the fact of their not having such title?

Answer.—They did.

Question.—Did you tender those voters the proper Freeholders' oath and did they refuse to take it?

Answer.—I did not, I was not requested to do it.

Question.—What oath did the electors offer or was proposed by Mr. Boulton or his friends, that they should take, and why did you refuse to administer it?

Answer.—The oath proposed by Mr. Bannister, was that they, the voters considered they had a title under the authority of the Governor General and Council of Quebec, by having their location tickets. I refused to administer it, thinking Mr. Bannister was misleading them to swear falsely.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that the witness be requested to write down as nearly as his memory enables him, the oath which was administered to the persons offering to vote under location tickets.

Which was carried and was as follows:

You swear you have such freehold under this location ticket as entitles you to vote, or give your vote at this election, so help you God.

Question.—Was that the form or nearly the form of oath administered on all occasions?

Answer.—Only on occasion of location ticket holders, to others leaving out the words "location Ticket" it was the same.

Question.—In what manner was the state of the Poll given when it was given to the person requesting such statement?

Answer.—Before the scrutiny as it stood on the book, after the scrutiny, the objected votes were struck out and only the legal votes set down.

Question.—Upon what grounds was James Jolly's vote refused?

Answer.—He came with a location ticket only.

Question.—Immediately before the closing of the Poll (which was done by

consent you say) or afterwards was any evidence offered to establish the right of the voters you rejected?

Answer.—None.

Question.—Were Mr. Wilmot's objections to the persons against whose names L.T.S.D. are written made before or after they had declared for whom they voted?

Answer.—After they had voted.

Mr. M. F. Whitehead was then called to the bar and examined by the Counsel for the petitioners.

Question.—Were you the Poll Clerk at the last election for the County of Durham?

Answer.—I was.

Question.—Did the returning officer declare the state of the Poll at the adjournment thereof on Wednesday, and who had the majority of votes admitted by him on the Poll book at such adjournment?

Answer.—I do not recollect that the state of the Poll was declared particularly on Wednesday.

Question.—Did the Returning Officer declare the state of the Poll on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, and who had the majority of votes admitted by him on the Poll according to such statement?

Answer.—I think the Poll was stated on Monday and perhaps on Tuesday when the majority of votes in the statement were for Mr. Boulton. I cannot recollect as to Wednesday or Thursday.

Question.—What is the highest majority you recollect to have been stated at any time during the election in favour of Mr. Boulton?

Answer.—I do not recollect.

Question.—Was any statement of the Poll given after the principal part of the votes from Cavan had polled?

Answer.—I have no particular recollection, I think it very probable a statement might have been given after the Cavan votes had polled which happened on Tuesday.

Question.—If such a statement was given, did it not include the Cavan votes?

Answer.—If a statement was given it must have included the Cavan votes.

Question.—Did you not frequently during the election furnish the friends of the different candidates with statements of the numbers on the Poll for the information of themselves and the electors?

Answer.—I did.

Question.—Upon these occasions which candidate uniformly had the majority according to such statements?

Answer.—The majority was in favour of Mr. Boulton.

Question.—When and where were the figures now written at the foot of each column of votes on the Poll book written?

Answer.—As they now stand they were written at Mr. Ward's office after the return.

Question.—Were those figures written the same day the election closed?

Answer.—They were not until the next week.

Question.—Were those figures written upon erasures and when were the erasures made?

Answer.—Some were, some of the erasures were made during the election and probably some of them after to correct errors in the casting up?

Question.—When was the memorandum at the foot of the Poll book dated 8th July last, and signed by you written and where?

Answer.—At Mr. Ward's office at the time stated before, when he had corrected the errors in casting up the Poll book.

Question.—When were the words "no vote" L.T. opposite the name of James Jolly on the Poll book written?

Answer.—I think it was during the election before the scrutiny.

Question.—Were all the votes which are now crossed on the Poll book crossed before Mr. Wilmot was declared duly elected?

Answer.—They were not, fourteen for Mr. Wilmot and one for Mr. Boulton were so crossed, if I have counted right.

Question.—What was the meaning of those crosses?

Answer.—They were considered by the candidates as illegal votes and crossed by consent.

Question.—Were they marks of rejection on the scrutiny?

Answer.—They were.

Question.—Was there any other mark of rejection used on the scrutiny and now on the Poll book?

Answer.—There were in many places L.T.S.D. and L.T.S.N.D. and some other marks were considered marks of rejection by Mr. Wilmot and the Returning Officer.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, 22nd February, 1821.

The petition of Samuel Ridout, Esquire, Sheriff of the Home District and other sheriffs was read. Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the petition of Samuel Ridout, Esquire, sheriff of the Home District and other sheriffs of this Province be referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Rogers, McMartin, McDonell and Morris, to report thereon by bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

The petition of Adam Dixon of the township of Cornwall in the Eastern District was read.

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the petition of William Hamilton Meritt, Esquire, be referred to the committee on internal resources and to be reported upon by bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of the township of Murray in the District of Newcastle was then read.

The House then proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

M. F. Whitehead was called to the bar and further examined as follows:

Question.—Did Mr. Wilmot require any oath to be put to the voters against whose names L.T.S.D. are written?

Answer.—To several of the first.

Question.—Why did he not continue to cause them to be sworn?

Answer.—He thought it was useless trouble to swear them all, as he considered the same objection to the first applied to them all, and that was also the opinion of the Returning Officer.

Question.—Did Mr. Ward refuse to swear them and assign any and what reason for such refusal?

Answer.—I am not aware that he refused to swear them, the Returning

Officer said he thought it was not necessary to swear them, I am not aware that he refused them.

Question.—Did he intimate that he would in future refuse to administer the oath and give any and what reason why he would refuse?

Answer.—Not to my knowledge.

Question.—What oath was administered to those that were sworn?

Answer.—I do not recollect the exact words of the oath. The substance was that they possessed a freehold in the County of Durham, which entitled them to a vote at the election.

Question.—Who administered the oath and how many persons took it?

Answer.—It was administered by the Returning Officer. I think there were about sixteen of Mr. Boulton's voters sworn.

Question.—Was the oath tendered and administered before they declared for whom they voted?

Answer.—I am pretty positive it was not. They first said for whom they intended to vote, before it was administered.

Question.—After the fourteen votes were struck off, who had polled for Mr. Wilmot and the one who had polled for Mr. Boulton, what was the next step taken?

Answer.—The votes (with the exception of those marked with objection) were counted up and the Returning Officer read to the gentlemen present his oath of office, and after saying that he had had doubts on the report and that he had taken counsel and maturely weighed the matter in his own mind, he felt it is his duty to declare Mr. Wilmot duly elected by a majority of legal votes.

Question.—Did any intimation fall from the Returning Officer previous to his rejecting the fifteen votes before mentioned and reading his oath of his intention to reject all the votes opposite whose names L.T.S.D. were written?

Answer.—I frequently heard the Returning Officer say previous to striking off the fifteen votes, that he should be under the necessity of striking them off as he thought it was his duty to do so.

Question.—Were any and what observations made by the Returning Officer when the first vote polled opposite whose name L.T.S.D. are written?

Answer.—The Returning Officer directed me not to receive any of those votes without marking the word "objected" opposite their names and afterwards L.T.S.D. I do not recollect any other particular observation of the Returning Officer as I was engaged in entering the votes.

Question.—Did he or not *distinctly* say that he considered them mere memoranda, and that they were not entered as votes at all?

Answer.—I do not recollect any such observation, such an observation might have been made, but I have no recollection of it.

Question.—Do you think such observations could have been publicly made with a view of informing the electors and candidates without your hearing it?

Answer.—I think such an observation might have been made without my hearing it, as I was much engaged and did not always attend to what was saying.

Question.—Did you hear it mentioned as a matter of general report and common notoriety during the election, that such observations had been made, or did you ever hear Mr. Ward say he had so informed the parties?

Answer.—I heard it talked of during the week of the election, that the Returning Officer meant to strike off those votes as illegal. I likewise heard Mr. Brown, of Port Hope, a friend of Mr. Boulton say that if they were struck

off, Mr. Boulton would have satisfaction elsewhere, or words to that effect. I do not recollect hearing Mr. Ward say he informed the parties, but he frequently told me so.

Question.—Did the Returning Officer ever say why he received these votes if he was fully satisfied they were not votes at all.

Answer.—I heard the Returning Officer say that he was induced to receive these votes to keep the peace, as he was afraid peace would not be kept if he refused to do so, or words to that effect. I heard no other reason assigned.

Question.—Do you believe that to have been his true reason? And was there to your mind any reasonable apprehension of danger?

Answer.—I do really believe it was his true reason, and that there were sufficient grounds for apprehension. I believe that if these votes had not been taken down, the consequence would have been serious, and that a riot would have ensued.

Question.—Did any person threaten any violence, if he or his friends should be refused to vote, and did the Returning Officer, to your knowledge, communicate his fears to the magistrates, and request their support; or do you know that he made no such application

Answer.—I did not hear any particular persons use threats, I was not aware that Mr. Ward applied for constables before that afternoon, or that he thought he would want them before the Cavan people arrived. After the adjournment he applied for constables, which were provided the next morning. I do not think he could have procured constables at the moment the Cavan people arrived.

Question.—What was the conduct of the Cavan people which induced you to suppose they intended a riot?

Answer.—It was not so much the conduct of the people themselves as of Mr. Fothergill, who entered the Hustings with several of the Cavan people, and attacked Mr. Wilmot with violent language. He said that he heard that there was a contention among the people, that he had read the statute and went out to meet and quiet them. He told them that as British subjects they had a right to vote, and advised them to insist upon it. The people appeared very much in liquor. I heard Mr. Fothergill say the day before yesterday that he had done so. Those of the Cavan people who did not enter with Mr. Fothergill crowded about the house in a tumultuous manner; and I feel assured that a riot would have ensued, had not the votes been taken. After the close of the Poll of that day, a riot actually took place between the Cavan people and the old inhabitants.

Question.—What was the precise state and condition of the Poll book when Mr. Wilmot was declared duly elected?

Answer.—The same as it is now, with the exception of the heading the crosses on the Cavan votes, the correction of the errors in casting up the numbers at the bottom, and the affidavits endorsed.

Question.—What were the numbers on the Poll book in favor of each candidate before you altered it at Mr. Ward's office, and what are they now?

Answer.—The numbers including the Cavan votes, if I have reckoned rightly, were for Mr. Boulton one hundred and seventy-two, and for Mr. Wilmot seventy-four. Striking out the Cavan votes, they are now forty-nine for Mr. Boulton, and correcting an error in adding seventy-three for Mr. Wilmot.

Question.—Did Mr. Boulton request the Returning Officer to administer the oath to any of those persons with the letters L.T.S.D. opposite their names, and

who do not appear by the Poll book to have been sworn, and was his request refused?

Answer.—I am not aware of any such request being made, and refused; but it might have been done without my knowledge.

Question.—Did Mr. Boulton, or any person acting in his behalf, attend at the scrutiny, and was any, and if any, what objection was made to the crossing and rejecting the L.T.S.D. and L.T.S.N.D. votes?

Answer.—Mr. Boulton and Mr. Wilmot both attended. Mr. Boulton did not object to the votes in question, nor to the crossing or rejection as far as I recollect. Mr. Wilmot and the Returning Officer both objected to those votes. Nothing was said at the scrutiny by the Returning Officer of his intention to reject the L.T.S.D. votes in question; there was no crossing of the votes at that time.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Casey moves that the last question and answer be expunged from the minutes of this House. Which was lost.

The House then adjourned till 4 o'clock, p.m.

At four o'clock the House met pursuant to adjournment. The following petitions were then read:

The petition of the inhabitants of the District of New Castle.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of the London District, and the petition of Thomas Dalton of Kingston, Brewer.

Mr. McLean of Frontenac, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Kingston, Loughborough and Portland. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward, seconded by Mr. Peterson, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Hallowell and others. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Hamilton, of Prescott, gives notice, that he will on Monday next move for leave to bring in a bill to grant letters patent or an exclusive privilege for years to Stephen Sergeant and Robert Brock, to build Saw Mills throughout this Province of a particular description.

The petition of Elisha Camp of Sackets Harbor, in the state of New York, was then read.

Mr. Van Koughnet of the committee to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of and amend the provisions of an Act passed in the fifty-eighth of His late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign entitled, 'An Act to license Practitioners in Physic and Surgery throughout this Province' and to make further provision for licensing such Practitioners," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

The Attorney General gives notice that he will move on Saturday next for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the sale of lands and tenements in execution.

The House proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

M. F. Whitehead was again called to the bar, and examined by the Counsel for the sitting Member.

Question.—Are you acquainted with the nature of the location tickets held by the inhabitants of Cavan? If you are, relate the substance as nearly as you can of such location tickets.

Answer: I have seen many of the location tickets held by those people. The condition is I think to clear and fence five acres, to build a dwelling house within

two years, and on proof of that and actual settlement, a deed was to issue for one hundred acres to him and his heirs, under the regulations of an Order in Council of the sixth of July, one thousand eight hundred and four.

Question.—Can you say whether the persons whose names were entered with the initials annexed and who declared for Mr. Boulton, were U. E. Loyalists or their descendants, or, according to your belief, emigrants?

Answer.—I believe they were principally emigrants. I do not think one U. E. Loyalist voted on location ticket.

Question.—Do you know whether the location tickets are retained by the individuals who may subsequently obtain deeds for the lands that may be therein specified, or are they lodged in any particular office when the patents are issued?

Answer.—In every case in which I have had to sue out a patent on a location ticket, the ticket has been required to be lodged in the office of the Attorney General before a patent could issue.

Question.—Do you know why Jolly's name was entered on the Poll book, although he voted on a location ticket?

Answer.—When Jolly came to vote, it was supposed he had a deed. Mr. Wilmot afterwards finding he had voted on a location ticket, he was required to be struck off at the desire of Mr. Wilmot. I think I heard Jolly say himself afterwards that he had no deed. I heard Mr. Boulton say so also.

Question.—About the time that Jolly's vote was presented, did you imagine, or was it believed that any vote had hitherto been given but upon a deed at that election?

Answer.—It was supposed, that all the votes before Jolly's were given upon deeds as no location tickets were presented previous to Jolly's vote, though several votes previous to Jolly's were rejected at the scrutiny, it being understood they had no freeholds.

Question.—Can you state the manner in which the vote and objection was taken down, when the person came to the Poll, whose vote was not considered good.

Answer.—The person's name was taken down, and then the objection and initials.

Question.—Were all those questions put and answers given before the entry was made in the Poll book?

Answer.—They were not generally.

Question.—Did any person come forward to vote for Mr. Wilmot on location tickets, and if they were not received what was the reason and the probable numbers?

Answer.—Several came to vote for Mr. Wilmot on location tickets. Mr. Wilmot hearing they intended to vote for him, thanked them and declined their votes, saying, he did not think them legal. The number I cannot say.

Question.—Was there any distinction made in the statement given at different times of the Poll between those votes that were considered good, and those that were marked objected with the initials?

Answer.—There was no difference in the notices struck up on the door. It strikes me there were distinctions in the statements I gave to the friends of the candidates.

Question.—Did not Mr. Wilmot object to every vote offered under a location ticket in the hearing and presence of the voters and Mr. Boulton?

Answer.—I think he did, and that the voters and Mr. Boulton must have heard it.

Question.—Was there any remark made at the time of the scrutiny by any person, and in whose hearing respecting the objected votes with the initials L.T.S.D. and the nature of such remarks?

Answer.—I do not at this time recollect, that any remarks were made on the subject at the time of the scrutiny.

Question.—Why did you not put “no vote” to all the voters who are marked L.T.S.D. as well as to that of James Jolly, which you have said was written during the election, and before the Poll closed?

Answer.—They were put down subject to a scrutiny as objectionable. Jolly’s was put down as a good vote, but objected to afterwards.

Question.—Was the same Freeholders’ oath administered in all cases?

Answer.—I believe it was; I am not aware of any difference in the oath administered.

Question.—Was there any consent of the candidates, to your knowledge, that the Returning Officer might defer his consideration of the votes objected to and marked L.T.S.D. and L.T.S.N.D. till after the close of the Poll, and then strike them off, or admit them as he thought right?

Answer.—I do not recollect any such consent coming to my knowledge.

Question.—What did Mr. Ward publicly say at the time of closing the Poll, with respect to the Poll?

Answer.—I did not recollect his making any declaration with regard to the state of the Poll at that time.

Question.—Were any votes on location tickets received after the appointment of the Special Constables, and when there was no apprehension of disturbance?

Answer.—There were many.

Question.—Do you know, whether the counsel which the Returning Officer said he received, was obtained by him before or after the votes were admitted on the Poll?

Answer.—I am not aware when the Returning Officer received counsel.

Question.—Can you declare any thing material to the merits of this election besides those matters of which you have given evidence?

Answer.—I do not know of any thing at present.

At nine o’clock p.m. the House adjourned till ten o’clock to-morrow.

Friday, 23rd February, 1821.

Mr. Crooks gives notice, that he will on Monday next move for leave to bring in a Bill, to extend the provision of the laws now in force for laying out and keeping in repair the roads and highways in this Province.

The following petitions were then read:

The petition of Samuel Shipman of Yonge in the District of Johnstown.

The petition of the inhabitants of the Town of Brockville.

The petition of sundry Freeholders and inhabitants resident in the District of Niagara.

The petition of George R. Ferguson and others, of the Township of Drummond in the County of Carleton, and District of Johnstown.

And the petition of Thomas Markland, Peter Smith, John Kirby, of the Township of Kingston, Esquires, and others.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell moves, that Mr. McMartin, McLean of Stormont, and Crooks, be appointed a select committee, to take the message of

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of certain Townships not comprised in any organized County or District into consideration, with power to send for persons and papers, and report thereon by Bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hagerman gives notice, that he will on Tuesday next move for leave to bring in a Bill, to relieve the proprietors of the steam-boat Frontenac from the payment of light house tonnage duty agreeably to the prayer of their petition.

Doctor Baldwin gives notice, that he will on Thursday next move for leave to bring in a Bill for appropriating a certain sum of money for repairing the roads approaching the Town of York.

Mr. Crooks seconded by Mr. Hagerman moves, that the names of James Gordon and Mahlon Burwell, Esquires, be added to the committee on the unattached Townships. Which was ordered.

The Attorney-General gives notice, that he will move on Wednesday next for leave to bring in a Bill, to legalize the issuing of small notes in this Province.

Mr. Robinson seconded by the Attorney General moves, that the petition of Ferdinand Van Sicklen be referred to a select committee, composed of Messrs. Baldwin and McDonell, and that they have power to send for persons and papers, and to report by Bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

James Boulton was called to the Bar, and examined on the part of the petitioners.

Question.—What do you know in particular respecting the last election for the County of Durham?

Answer.—I was present on Monday the first day, one hundred and sixty men from Cavan and the back townships came to the hustings, playing "God Save the King," and hurra'd for the King. They went to Mr. Boulton's House, except a few who remained in the Poll Room with Mr. Fothergill. On Thursday I asked the Returning Officer for the state of the Poll. Afterwards the Returning Officer gave me one written by himself, one hundred and sixty-four for Mr. Boulton, fifty-five for Mr. Wilmot, leaving a majority for Mr. Boulton. I showed the statement to others in the presence of the Returning Officer. The Returning Officer frequently both before and afterwards, told me, that Mr. Boulton continued to have a large majority, and never made any remark stating the votes to be bad. I was present when several of the Cavan voters were sworn by the Returning Officer. The oath was, that they had such freehold as entitled them to vote in the County. The same oath was administered to others, who were not location ticket holders, and all others. Whitehead told Mr. Wilmot, that he should charge him two shillings and six pence for each oath, and after several were sworn, Mr. Wilmot declined requiring any more to be sworn, saying that he supposed they were all alike, and had done their settling duties. Very few were afterwards sworn. On Friday very few votes were taken, on Saturday eight or ten came from Cavan, to vote for Mr. Boulton. Previously it had been agreed between the parties, that at the close of the Poll all votes which were shown to be bad, should be struck off. On Saturday afternoon about two o'clock, we went together into the Poll Room with the Returning Officer (Mr. Bannister and myself think the Clerk of the Poll was not there) six or seven settlers were struck off at that time, and crossed. They had not got through the book when I was sent away, and on my return soon after the scrutiny was ended. Before I left the room, all the Cavan votes received on

the Poll Book with the initials opposite their names were objected but not crossed. I think, when I left the room, there were not more than ten or fifteen votes remaining on the Poll Book. I did not see the Poll Book afterwards on that day. At the close of the Poll, and I think at the door of the hustings, the Returning Officer said that he had received an opinion as to the legality of the Cavan votes, which decided him to reject them as illegal, and that he should reject them. After Mr. Boulton was satisfied that the Returning Officer was going to return Mr. Wilmot, he and Mr. Smith, and several of his friends expressed their regret that they did not know it sooner, as they would have been able to bring in enough of votes to have given him the majority, and I know they could have done so.

Question.—Were there not very few of the Cavan voters present when Mr. Fothergill interrogated Mr. Ward relative to his admission of the legality of the voters?

Answer.—Very few, indeed.

Question.—Did Mr. Boulton and his friends appear to anticipate the return of Mr. Wilmot until the time it took place? and was not the conduct of the Returning Officer a complete surprise upon them as far as you could judge?

Answer.—Until about half an hour before the Poll was actually closed, none of Mr. Boulton's friends had any doubt that he would be returned, and the conduct of the Returning Officer was a complete surprise on them as far as I could judge. Until that time Mr. Boulton was confident of his return, and the other party seemed to be satisfied that he would be returned.

Question.—Did Mr. Ward, to your knowledge, communicate anything to Mr. Boulton during that half hour relative to his intention? And what came to your knowledge to alter the expectation that Mr. Boulton would be returned?*

Answer.—I do not know of any communication from the Returning Officer to Mr. Boulton I formed my opinion from the manner of Mr. Wilmot and Report. Mr. Smith, the Magistrate, told me that he had heard Mr. Ward was going to return Mr. Wilmot.

The House then adjourned till four o'clock p.m

At four o'clock the House met pursuant to adjournment.

James Boulton was examined by the Counsel for the sitting Member (George Ridout, Esquire).

Question.—Did you see any statement given that distinguished between good and bad votes?

Answer.—I did not. I saw only one statement.

Question.—Did you hear Mr. Boulton declare during the election, and if so at what time, that he would prove to the Returning Officer that the votes marked with the initials on the Poll Book, were good votes?

Answer.—I never did.

Question.—Did you ever hear it intimated by Mr. Boulton, or any other person during the election, that Mr. Ward objected to the votes with the initials annexed, and why he objected to them as good votes?

Answer.—I am not certain that I heard Mr. Boulton and others say there was an objection intended to be made to those votes as not having a Freehold. I think I did, it was before the votes began to be taken on Monday.

Question.—Did not Mr. Boulton hear, to your knowledge, or had he not an opportunity of knowing that Mr. Ward objected to the Cavan votes with the initials as bad votes, and that he only inserted them for the sake of peace, and merely as a memorandum?

Answer.—I do not know anything about it. I think, if it had been publicly expressed, Mr. Boulton would have had as good an opportunity of knowing it as any one.

Question.—Did you see many Cavan people about the hustings when Mr. Bannister was insisting with the Returning Officer that their votes should be received?

Answer.—When Mr. Bannister was reading and explaining the statute to the people, there were several of both parties, both Cavan people and other settlers.

Question.—Do you think the chief apart of those who were headed by Mr. Fothergill were then present?

Answer.—The chief part were not there.

Question.—Do you know, whether many of the Cavan voters were present when persons first came forward to vote on location tickets?

Answer.—I know there were few. The others were at my brother's house.

Question.—Did you hear Mr. Boulton make any remark, either publicly or privately, on any expression of Mr. Ward's respecting the votes he had objected to, although admitted on the Poll Book?

Answer.—I did not till after the close of the Poll.

Question.—Can you state what led you to suppose that Mr. Wilmot's party seemed confident Mr. Boulton would be returned?

Answer.—Mr. Wilmot said on Tuesday, in my hearing, that if he did not get more support on the next day, he would give it up, which, together with the surprise expressed by Mr. Wilmot's party, as well as the other on the return of Mr. Wilmot, convinced me that they expected Mr. Boulton would be returned.

Question.—Do you know whether any, and if so, what were the probable numbers of the old inhabitants who had not voted at that election who had good votes in that County?

Answer.—I know of myself ten or fifteen who had votes in the County of Durham and resided out of it, viz., in the Home District and County of Northumberland, and some in the County of Durham.

Question.—Were six or seven Cavan votes struck off and crossed at the scrutiny before you went away, if so, upon what ground were they struck off?

Answer.—None of the Cavan votes were struck off before I went away. The whole of the Poll Book had been gone through, with the exception of about twenty, as near as I could judge without counting.

Question.—Are you positive you heard Mr. Wilmot say on Tuesday that he would give up the election if he had not more support, and if you are positive, do you recollect whether any and what person was present?

Answer.—I am positive I heard Mr. Wilmot say so. Two or three persons were present. I think Mr. Bannister was one of them.

Question.—Did you ever hear Mr. Boulton say, during the election, that he would find law to support the votes that were objected with the initials annexed?

Answer.—I never heard him say, during the election, that he would.

Witness examined by Members of the House.

Question.—Were you at the Poll generally during the whole of the election?

Answer.—I was away some times two or three hours at a time, but generally speaking I was at the Poll.

Question.—Were you near enough to the Returning Officer to see him take down the votes L.T.S.D. and L.T.S.N.D. and whether there were any words set against these votes different from other votes?

Answer.—The Returning Officer did not take the votes himself, but gave

the name to the Poll Clerk in another room. I saw him take down some of the votes L.T.S.D. and L.T.S.N.D. opposite to the first of which on each page the word "objected" was inserted, and ditto to the others as they followed on that page.

Witness examined by the Solicitor General, Counsel for the Petitioners.

Question.—Did not the word "objected" mean that Mr. Wilmot objected to the vote according to your understanding? And who objected to them?

Answer.—Mr. Wilmot examined into the qualification of the voters as they came up, and the word "objected" meant objected by Mr. Wilmot.

Question.—Did the Cavan voters generally vote before they were objected to?

Answer.—I never heard anything of objections till I saw them on the Poll Book.

Witness examined by Members of the House.

Question.—Do you know that Mr. Wilmot objected to those votes merely because they were offered or in favor of Mr. Boulton and not to himself, or did he object to the whole of them, that is the location ticket votes?

Answer.—I think he objected to them on account of their intention to vote for Mr. Boulton.

The only one who voted for Mr. Wilmot was Jolly, who was supposed to have a deed. Mr. Wilmot put up in Cavan a paper soliciting their votes, and therefore I suppose Mr. Wilmot considered them good. Mr. Wilmot objected to the whole of them because they voted for Mr. Boulton.

Question.—Did the hand-bill you saw signed by Mr. Wilmot, soliciting support at the election, address the people of Cavan in particular, or was it addressed to the County generally?

Answer.—Addressed to the people of the Township of Cavan alone, sent, as Mr. Lawson told me, by Mr. Wilmot to him as in a letter, and put up on the Reverend Mr. Thompson's House.

Question.—When the Returning Officer gave you the state of the Poll, showing Mr. Boulton to have a large majority, did he make any remarks, and what?

Answer.—The only remark he made was that that was the state of the Poll, and handed me the paper.

Question.—At what time did Mr. Smith, the magistrate, inform you that it was Mr. Ward's intention to return Mr. Wilmot?

Answer.—About half an hour before the Poll closed.

Question.—When the location ticket voters came in and gave their votes on the last days of the election, when there was no appearance of disturbance, did you hear the Returning Officer make any, and what remarks, about receiving such votes?

Answer.—I heard no other remarks than the usual inquiry.

Question.—Were you present when the first location ticket voter polled for Mr. Boulton?

Answer.—I was not there when it was given.

Question.—Did you hear the Returning Officer express any decided opinion respecting the right of the Cavan voters to vote, before any of them came to the Poll, or did you hear anything said by him on that subject, and what?

Answer.—A fortnight before the election I told Mr. Ward that Mr. Boulton was sure to succeed, as the Cavan people would all vote for him. Mr. Ward observed that in that case, and if they all voted for him, no doubt he would; he never gave a decided opinion.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday, 24th February, 1821.

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that Messrs. Burwell, MacMartin and Clark be a committee to take into consideration the petition of Elizabeth Lawe, with power to report by bill or otherwise, which was ordered.

The petition of the inhabitants of the Townships of Kingston, Loughborough, and Portland was then read.

Also the petition of Stephen Conger and others, of the Township of Hallowell was read.

Mr. Wilson, of Prince Edward, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that Messrs. MacLean, of Frontenac, Robinson, Ruttan, Crooks, Randal and Attorney General be a committee to take into consideration the petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Hallowell and others, which was ordered.

Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, of Lincoln, moves that the name of W. W. Baldwin be added to the committee, which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Wilson, of Wentworth, moves that further proceedings in the matter of the Durham election be postponed till Monday, which was lost.

Mr. Wilson, of Wentworth, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that the Counsel for the Defendant having prayed for the postponement of his defence until Monday next, that the same be granted, and that the contested election be on the order of the day for Monday next, on which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays being taken, were as follows:

Yeas. Messrs. Casey, MacMartin, Robinson, Chisholm, Hornor, Peterson, Baldwin, Crooks, MacCormick, Randal, Clark, Rogers, Wilson of P.E., Wilson of Wentworth, Hamilton of Wentworth, MacLean of Frontenac, White.—17.

Nays. Messrs. Burwell, Walsh, Baby, Kerr, Ruttan, Hamilton of Lincoln, Van Koughnet, Gates, Hagerman, Attorney General, Shaver, MacLean of Stormont Jones of Leeds, MacDonell, Jones of Grenville, Morris.—16.—Majority 1.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of one, and it was ordered accordingly.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, of Wentworth, moves that Messrs. Clark, Hornor and Wilson, of Wentworth, be a committee to take into consideration the petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Niagara, and to report upon the same by bill or otherwise, which was ordered.

Mr. MacLean, of Stormont, seconded by Mr. MacDonell, moves that the petition of Adam Dixon, of Cornwall, merchant, be referred to a select committee, to report thereon by bill or otherwise, and that Messrs. Van Koughnet, Jones, of Grenville, and Gates do compose the said committee, which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the consideration of the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Town of Brockville be referred to a select committee to consist of the following members, viz., Messrs. Attorney General, Hagerman, Morris, and Jones, of Grenville, and that the said committee report by bill or otherwise, which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the consideration of the petition of Samuel Shipman be referred to a select committee to consist of the following members, viz., Messrs. Attorney General, Hagerman, Morris, and Jones, of Grenville, and that the said committee have power to report by bill or otherwise, which was ordered.

Mr. Ruttan seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves that Mr. Jones, of Grenville, having retired without the House whilst a question on a contested election was pending, be not allowed to vote on any question relative to any further matter of the said contested election.

Mr. Willson, of Wentworth, in amendment moves that the question be not now put.

On motion the House adjourned till four o'clock.

At four o'clock p.m. the House met pursuant to adjournment. Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Tavern License Bill. Mr. Horner took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Horner reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. MacMartin, moves that the Tavern License Bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next, which was ordered.

The Speaker then read a letter from Joseph Fortune, Esquire, Returning Officer at the late election for the Counties of Prescott and Russell.

HAWKESBURY. 17th February, 1821.

Sir,—It gives me much concern to reply to your summons dated at York the 7th instant, in any other way than by personally appearing before the Honorable House of Commons, but being totally unprovided with money to carry me to York, I have been under the necessity of applying for what was necessary to David Pattie, the petitioner against the election of the member returned by me to serve in the present Parliament for the Counties of Prescott and Russell. This fact, and the result of my application, will appear from the accompanying affidavits. I have only further to state that in making the late return of a member, I have acted conscientiously and strictly according to my oath as Returning Officer, according to the best of my judgment, and that I am now ready, and shall at all times be ready, to proceed to York, and there answer for my conduct before your Honourable House, on being furnished the means of doing so.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOSEPH FORTUNE.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into Committee on the Salmon Bill. Mr. Wilson, of Prince Edward, in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Wilson reported the bill amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the Salmon Preservation Bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next, which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock on Monday.

Monday, 26th February, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Tavern License Bill was read the third time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman moves that the Tavern License Bill do now pass, and that the title be An Act to explain doubts which have arisen respecting the right of persons holding a license to keep a House of Public Entertainment to retail spirituous liquors to be consumed out of their houses without any additional license for that purpose, which was carried and the bill signed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House was called.

Absent, Mr. Nichol, sick; Mr. Bostwick, and Mr. Hagerman, of Lennox and Addington.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Forfeiture Amendment Bill was read the second time. Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the Forfeiture Amendment Bill, which was carried. Mr. Clark took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Clark reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

James Boulton was called to the bar and further examined by the House.

Question.—Did the Returning Officer ever, in your hearing, before the voting had ceased, declare his intention to return Mr. Wilmot, unless Mr. Boulton had a majority of other votes besides the ticket voters, or did he say anything in your hearing to lead you to suppose he had such intention?

Answer.—He never did before the voting had ceased.

Question.—How did the scrutiny proceed between the Candidates and the Returning Officer, that is to say, did it commence at the beginning of the book, and descend regularly downwards or otherwise, and how?

Answer.—It commenced at the beginning of the book, and went downwards.

Question.—You have said that Mr. Boulton expected himself to be returned that he thought he had a majority; was that majority understood by you to be inclusive of the ticket votes, or exclusive of them?

Answer.—Inclusive of the ticket votes.

Question.—Were you present at the time that Mr. Fothergill met the inhabitants of the Township of Cavan near Mr. Beaty's, if you were, did he not state to them that it was the intention of the Returning Officer to reject their votes, and did not Mr. Fothergill read the act of the British Parliament 31st Geo. III, and tell those people that they had a right to vote, and persuade them to insist upon that right?

Answer.—It was near Mr. Gifford's where Mr. Fothergill met the people and told them that there was a report that their votes would be rejected. He explained the 31st of Geo. III, and the oath required. He gave his opinion that they had a right to vote, and advised them if they thought, to come to the Poll and insist upon it.

Question.—Did you hear any person tell the Cavan people to come on and drive those Yankies into the lake, and if the expression was made use of, who do you believe was meant by the term Yankies?

Answer.—I never heard such an expression. I was on horseback in the midst of them and most likely must have heard it if it had been made. I never made use of the expression myself to my recollection.

Question.—You mentioned you were present at the Poll the greatest part of the time, did Mr. Wilmot object to any or all of the votes of those persons who voted on location tickets at the time they came to the Poll, and did he not, at that time, insist upon his objection being entered on the Poll Book?

Answer.—I was not present when those votes began to be taken. I never heard Mr. Wilmot insist on such objection. If it was made, it must have been at the first, I think.

Question.—Do you know of any Cavan people's coming to vote for Mr. Wilmot, and that he told them he was sorry they had no votes, or did he request them to offer their votes at the Poll?

Answer.—I was not at the Poll when any of the Cavan voters offered to poll for Mr. Wilmot.

Question.—You mentioned formerly that you were present when Mr. Fothergill had some words with Mr. Ward, were you present when Mr. Fothergill had some altercation with Mr. Wilmot, and were there not at that time many of the persons present from Cavan who claimed to vote on location tickets?

Answer.—I heard no altercation between Mr. Fothergill and Mr. Ward. When words began between Mr. Wilmot and Mr. Fothergill I was present. There were perhaps four or five Cavan people then there. I immediately left the room, and on my return the altercation was ended, and a great many people were present, not Cavan people.

Question.—When you returned to the Poll the first day did Mr. Ward or the Poll Clerk appear much agitated or in fear?

Answer.—I did not observe that Mr. Ward was agitated; I did not see the Poll Clerk.

Question.—Did you hear any person say that he wished he could be at Smith's Creek during the election, for if he could he would head the old settlers, and drive the old countrymen into the lake, and if you did hear any person say so, who was it, or did you hear anything about such a threat?

Answer.—I never heard anybody say so. Mr. Bannister returned from the Poll of the Northumberland election on Wednesday, and told me that Mr. Rogers said to him that he was sorry he could not have been at the Durham election, as he himself would have taken a club and headed the old settlers against the Cavan people.

Question.—Did Mr. Bannister assign any cause for the observation made by Mr. Rogers?

Answer.—He did not as I recollect.

The House then adjourned till four o'clock.

At four o'clock p.m. the House met pursuant to adjournment. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Salmon Preservation Bill was read a third time. Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the preservation of salmon," and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light, on which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas. Messrs. Robinson, Burwell, Kerr, Baldwin, Wilson of Prince Edward, White, Willson of Wentworth, Clark, Hamilton of Wentworth, Crooks, MacLean of Frontenac, Rogers, MacLean of Stormont, Ruttan, Wilmot, Hagerman, Attorney General, Gates, Casey, MacDonell, Jones of Leeds, Morris.—22.

Nays. Messrs. MacMartin, Gordon, Walsh, Hamilton of Lincoln, Van Koughnet, Chisholm, Shaver.—7.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and the bill was signed.

Mr. MacMartin, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messrs. Attorney General and Gates be a committee to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the Bill entitled "An Act to explain doubts which have arisen respecting the right of persons holding a license to keep a House of Public Entertainment, to retail spirituous liquors to be consumed out of the houses, without any additional license for that purpose," and request their concurrence thereto, which was ordered.

Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. MacLean, of Stormont, moves that Mr. Jones, of Leeds, and Robinson be a committee to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the preservation of salmon, and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light" and to request their concurrence thereto, which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves for leave to bring up the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Home District, which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

The House proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

Samuel Street Wilmot, sitting Member for the County of Durham, put in a petition which he prayed might be received.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. MacLean, of Frontenac, moves that the sixth rule of this House be dispensed with as far as regards the petition of Samuel S. Wilmot, and that the said petition be now read, which was carried and the petition read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The petition of Samuel S. Wilmot, Esquire, sheweth, that on the trial of the contested election now before your Honorable House he conceives it necessary in his defence to show the conditions on which certain location tickets are granted. Wherefore he prays that a list of the names opposite to which the initials L.T.S.D. and L.T.S.N.D. are in the Poll Book kept of the last election for the County of Durham be transmitted to the Surveyor General, and that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be requested to order the Surveyor General to furnish information to his Honorable House of the conditions contained in the location tickets issued to the persons named in such list.

And as in duty bound shall ever pray.

SAMUEL S. WILMOT.

The question "shall the prayer of the petition be granted" was put by the Speaker and carried in the negative.

Thomas Ward was called to the bar and questioned by the Solicitor General.

Question.—Did the respective voters opposite whose names L.T.S.D. and L.T.S.N.D. are written inform you personally before or after they had voted for Mr. Boulton that the land in right whereof they voted was derived from location tickets?

Answer.—I received that information from each individual as he voted.

Question.—Did Mr. Fothergill ask you at the time he entered the hustings and before he addressed Mr. Wilmot whether you would receive the Cavan votes, or not, and if so, what answer did you make and was this the first thing Mr. Fothergill did after he entered the hustings?

Answer.—To the best of my recollection there was no conversation between Mr. Fothergill and myself on the subject.

George Ridout, Esq., appeared as Counsel for the sitting Member, and entered on the defence.

Richard Lovekin was called to the bar and sworn.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, 27th February, 1821.

Mr. MacDonell gives notice that he will on Wednesday next move for leave to bring in a bill to make good certain monies issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor pursuant to an address of this House during the last session of Parliament.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves for leave to bring in a bill to relieve the owners of vessels navigated by steam, from the payment of lighthouse tonnage duty, which was granted and the bill read. Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the bill to relieve the owners of vessels propelled by steam from the payment of lighthouse tonnage duty be read a second time on Thursday next, which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Catholic Trustee Bill was read the second time. Mr. MacDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee to take into consideration the Roman Catholic Bill, which was carried, and Mr. Kerr took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Kerr reported the bill without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. MacDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the Roman Catholic Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow, which was ordered.

The House proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Willson, of Wentworth, moves that it be resolved that this House do take into its consideration the merits of the election, as well as the return, and that the Counsel for the petitioner have leave, if he so thinks proper, to enter into any matter connected with the merits of said election.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. MacLean, of Frontenac, moves that the question moved by Dr. Baldwin be not now put, on which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays being taken were as follows:

Yeas. Messrs. Gordon, Chisholm, Burwell, Randal, Robinson, Wilson of Prince Edward, Crooks, Clark, Attorney General, VanKoughnet, Horner, Rogers, Casey, MacLean of Frontenac, Hagerman.—16.

Nays. Messrs. MacMartin, MacCormick, Baldwin, White, Willson of Wentworth, Peterson, Hamilton of Wentworth, Ruttan, Jones of Grenville, Baby, Kerr, Gates, Jones of Leeds, Shaver, MacLean of Stormont MacDonell, Morris, Hamilton of Lincoln.—18.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of two.

On the original question the House divided and the Yeas and Nays being taken were as follows:

Yeas. Messrs. Gordon, Chisholm, MacMartin, MacCormick, Robinson, Randal, Wilson of Prince Edward, White, Baldwin, Willson of Wentworth, Hamilton of Wentworth, Peterson, Baby, Crooks, Clark, Ruttan, VanKoughnet, Kerr, Hornor, Gates, Casey, MacLean of Frontenac, Hamilton of London, Rogers, MacDonell, Morris.—26.

Nays. Messrs. Burwell, Walsh, Attorney General, Jones of Grenville, Jones of Leeds, Hagerman, Shaver, MacLean of Stormont.—8.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eighteen.

The House then adjourned till four o'clock.

At four o'clock p.m. the House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Attorney General of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to explain doubts which have arisen

respecting the right of persons holding a license to keep a House of Public Entertainment, to retail spirituous liquors to be consumed out of their houses without any additional license for that purpose," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Walsh gives notice that he will on Thursday next move for leave to bring in a bill to prevent the destroying of deer in this Province within certain periods of time in each year.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province" was read a second time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, that the House do now resolve itself into a committee to take into consideration the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province," which was carried. Mr. Casey took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported the amendments. Ordered that the report be received.

The Attorney-General, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville moves, that Messrs. Hagerman and Burwell be a committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council, that this House has concurred in the amendments made by them to the bill entitled "An Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province."

In amendment, Mr. Willson of Wentworth seconded by Dr. Baldwin moves, that the further consideration of the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province," be postponed until Thursday next. Which was carried.

Mr. Robinson of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the preservation of salmon, and to make further provision respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also to prevent accidents by fire, from persons fishing by torch or fire-light," and request their concurrence thereto, reported that they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

Seven location tickets were put in by the Counsel for the petitioners, and filed.

And an admission which was assented to by the Counsel for the sitting Member.

The Counsel for the sitting member closed his defence.

The further consideration of the election was then deferred till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee of the whole on the Forfeiture Amendment Bill. Mr. Clark took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Clark reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Jones of Grenville seconded by Mr. MacCormick moves, that the Forfeiture Amendment Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, 28th February, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Catholic Trustee Bill was read the third time. Mr. MacDonell seconded by Mr. Morris moves, that the bill do now

pass, and that the title be "An Act to empower certain trustees therein mentioned, to sell and convey a certain lot of land, in the Town of York, and to purchase another lot or tract of land, for the use and accommodation of a Roman Catholic Congregation. Which was carried, and the bill signed. Mr. MacDonell seconded by Mr. Morris moves, that Messrs. Baby and MacLean of Stormont be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to empower certain trustees therein mentioned, to sell and convey a certain lot of land in the Town of York, and to purchase another lot of land for the use and accommodation of a Roman Catholic Congregation," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol gives notice, that he will on tomorrow move, that a resolution of the House passed in the third session of the seventh Parliament of this Province on Tuesday the twentieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, viz., "That it be resolved, that no known Member of the meeting of persons styling themselves delegates from the different districts of this Province, shall be allowed a seat within the bar of this House," be expunged from the Journals.

Mr. Morris gives notice, that he will on Saturday next move for leave to bring in a bill to establish a market at Perth.

Agreeably to notice, the Attorney General seconded by Mr. Ruttan moves for leave to bring in a bill to legalize small notes of hand and bills in this Province. Which was granted, and the bill read. The Attorney General seconded by Mr. Ruttan moves, that the bill to legalize small notes and bills in this Province be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The report of the Clerk on the communications of the Provincial Agent was presented pursuant to the order of the House of the seventeenth instant, and was read as follows:

Mr. Speaker, The Clerk of Assembly has the honour to report, that in obedience to the order of the House of Assembly of Saturday the 17th instant, he has diligently searched the Journals of this House, and finds but two communications made by the Provincial Agent to the Speaker, viz.: A letter dated London, 10th April, 1819, with copies of a correspondence with the under Secretary of State for the Colonies; and a letter dated London, 5th August, 1820, relating to the Journals.

House of Assembly,
20th February, 1821.

GRANT POWELL,
Clerk.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. MacDonell, seconded by Mr. MacLean of Stormont moves for leave to bring in a bill, to make good certain monies issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in pursuance of an address of this House during the last session of Parliament. Which was granted, and the bill read. Mr. MacDonell seconded by Mr. MacLean of Stormont moves, that the bill to make good certain monies issued and advanced in pursuance of an address of this House during the last session of Parliament, be read a second time on to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Illegal Marriage Bill being called, Mr. Nichol seconded by Dr. Baldwin moves, that the order of the day for the committee of the whole for the consideration of the Illegal Marriage Bill be postponed till Saturday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Speaker's Salary Bill was read the

second time. Mr. Jones of Grenville seconded by Mr. Casey moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the bill to repeal the law granting an addition to the salary of the Speaker of the House of Assembly. In amendment, Dr. Baldwin seconded by Mr. Burwell moves, that the word "now" in Mr. Jones's motion, be expunged, and the words "Saturday Se'nnight" be inserted.

Yeas: Messrs. Clark, Chisholm, Hamilton of Lincoln, Nichol, Burwell, Gordon, Baldwin, Randal, MacCormick, Wilson of Prince Edward, White, Crooks, Peterson, Willson of Wentworth, Hamilton of ditto, Hormor, Rogers, Attorney General, Ruttan, Hegerman, Shaver, Wilmot, Kerr, MacDonell—24.

Nays: Messrs. MacMartin, Walsh, Casey, Gates, VanKoughnet, Jones of Grenville, Jones of Leeds, Morris, Robinson, McLean of Stormont—10.

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

The original question as amended was then put and carried, and it was ordered accordingly.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Wentworth moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of Moulton. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Nichol gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move for the appointment of a committee to inspect the journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to report for the information of this House, their proceedings on the bill sent up to that Honorable House for repealing the Act passed in the forty-fourth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof.

The House then proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

At two o'clock P.M. the House adjourned till four.

At four o'clock the House met pursuant to adjournment. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Forfeiture Amendment Bill was read the third time. Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Burwell moves, that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of late Majesty's Reign entitled an Act vesting in Commissioners the estates of certain Traitors, and also the estates of persons declared Aliens, by an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled an Act vesting in Commissioners the estates of certain Traitors, and also the estates of persons declared Aliens, by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of his Majesty's Reign entitled "An Act to declare certain persons therein described, Aliens, and to vest their estates in his Majesty and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which his Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon." Which was carried, and the bill signed. Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Burwell moves, that Messrs. MacLean of Stormont and Morris be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to amend an act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled an Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors, and also the Estates of persons declared Aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of his Majesty's Reign entitled an Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their Estates in his Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which his Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The petition of the Landholders of Markham was then read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the debate on Mr. Hagerman's motion for leave to bring in a bill relative to Ale Houses was resumed. Leave was granted to bring in the bill, which was then read the first time. Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln moves, that the bill for the regulation of Ale Houses, be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. MacLean of Stormont, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to empower certain trustees therein mentioned to sell and convey a certain lot of land in the Town of York, and to purchase another lot or tract of land for the use and accommodation of a Roman Catholic Congregation," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

The Counsel for the petitioners was heard.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday 1st March, 1821.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Gates moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of Prescott. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Steam Boat Relief Bill was read the second time. Mr. Hagerman seconded by Mr. Gates moves, that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill for exempting vessels propelled by steam from the payment of light-house tonnage duty. Which was carried, and Mr. Rogers took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Rogers reported the bill amended. On the question for receiving the report, the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays being taken, were as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Nichol, Jones of Leeds, Burwell, Hagerman, Casey, Hamilton of Lincoln, Wilson of Prince Edward, Randal, Crooks, Hornor, Rogers, Ruttan, Gates, Shaver, MacLean of Stormont, MacDonell, Jones of Grenville, Hamilton of Prescott, Morris.—19.

Nays: Messrs. MacMartin, Attorney General, Robinson, Baldwin, White, Clark, Willson of Wentworth, Peterson, MacCormick, Hamilton of Wentworth, Kerr, Gordon, Walsh, MacLean of Frontenac, Baby, Wilmot, Van Koughnet.—17.

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

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Nichol moves, that the bill for the Relief of Vessels propelled by steam from the payment of light-house tonnage duty be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was lost.

Mr. Hagerman gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move, that the bill exempting vessels propelled by steam from the payment of tonnage, be read a third time on Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

George Ridout, Counsel for the sitting Member, was heard at the bar, and closed the defence.

At two o'clock p.m. the House adjourned till four.

At four o'clock the House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Geale, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to explain doubts which have arisen respecting the right of persons holding a license to keep a House of Public Entertainment, to retail spirituous liquors to be consumed out of their houses without any additional license for that purpose" sent up from this House which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. MacDonell gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the trial of controverted elections or returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly, and to amend the law now in force for that purpose.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Burwell moves for leave to bring in a bill for the preservation of deer throughout this Province. Which was granted, and the bill read.

Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Burwell moves, that the bill for the preservation of deer throughout this Province, be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into the further consideration of the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province," and finally concurred therein.

The Attorney General seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln moves that Messrs. Hagerman and Burwell be a committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council, that this House have concurred in the amendments made by them to the bill entitled: "An Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province." Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Parish and Town Officers Bill was read the second time. Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. MacMartin moves, that this House do now resolve itself into a committee, to take into consideration the Parish and Town Officers Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Walsh took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Walsh reported, that the committee had agreed to a resolution which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be received. And it was received. Resolved, that it is expedient, that a select committee be appointed to take into consideration the several laws now in force regulating the appointment of Parish and Town Officers, and report the same in a bill together with such amendments as they may think advisable. Mr. Burwell seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville moves, that Messrs. Hagerman, Jones of Leeds, Robinson, Ruttan and Van Koughnet be a select committee to take into consideration the several laws for the appointment of Parish and Town Officers, and report the same in one bill in such manner as may seem most advisable. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the name of Jones of Grenville, be added to the committee to take into consideration the several laws now in force for the appointment of Parish and Town Officers. Which was lost.

On the order of the day for proceeding in the trial of the Durham election being called.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that the further consideration of the Durham election be postponed till Saturday 3 o'clock. In amendment Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Casey moves that the word "Saturday" be expunged and the words "until four p.m. to-morrow" be inserted. Which was lost.

The original question was then put and carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day the trial of the Prescott election was called when the Speaker and the following members were sworn: Messrs. MacMartin, Archibald McLean, Shaver, Gates, Jonas Jones, Charles Jones, Morris, Allan MacLean, Hagerman, Casey, White, James Wilson, Peterson, Rogers, Ruttan, Robinson, Baldwin, the Attorney General, Clark, Robert Hamilton, Randal, Hornor, Burwell, Walsh, McCormick, George Hamilton, John Willson and Crooks.

The House then adjourned till 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

Friday, 2nd March, 1821.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Hagerman seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds moves that the bill to relieve vessels propelled by steam belonging to and navigated by British subjects from the payment of light-house tonnage duty be read a third time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hamilton of Prescott seconded by Dr. Baldwin moves for leave to bring in a bill granting to Stephen Sergeant and Robert Brock the exclusive right and privilege of building saw-mills of a certain description. Which was carried, and the bill read.

Dr. Baldwin seconded by Mr. Crooks moves, that the Patent Saw Mill Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

In amendment, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that in the original motion the words "Tuesday" next be expunged, and that the words this day three "months," be inserted. Which was lost. The original motion was then put and carried.

Mr. Hagerman of the committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council, that this House had concurred in the amendments made by them in and to the bill entitled "An Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province," reported that they had done so.

Mr. Geale, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province," which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

Also, the bill entitled "An Act for the better securing the independency of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province," sent up from this House, which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

The bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province," sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, was then read the first time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province," sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, be read the second time on Tuesday next. Which was ordered.

The amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act for the better securing the independency of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province," were then read the first time as follows:

Amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled "An Act for the better securing the independency of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province."

Press. 1. line 1. After 'whereas' expunge, 'it is essential to the prosperity of this Province that.'

Press. 1. line 2. After 'be' expunge 'secured' and insert 'unsuspected.'

Press. line 17. After 'Act' insert 'And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act do continue in force during the existence of the present Parliament, and no longer.'

(Signed) WM. DUMMER POWELL.

Passed the Legislative Council,
as amended 2d. March, 1821.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act for the better securing the independency of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province," be read a second time this day three months.

In amendment, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that in the original motion the words "this day three months" be expunged, and the words "on Tuesday next," be inserted. Which was carried.

The original question as amended was then put, when the House divided thereupon, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Hagerman, Robinson, Nichol, Jones of Grenville, Gordon, Walsh, Crooks, Van Koughnet, Baldwin, Wilson of Prince Edward, Randal, White, Peterson, Attorney General, Kerr, Casey, Hornor, Rogers, Ruttan, Wilmot, Hamilton of Prescott, MacLean of Frontenac.—22.

Nays: Messrs. Burwell, Gates, Shaver, MacMartin, Jones of Leeds, MacLean of Stormont, Morris.—7.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and ordered accordingly.

Mr. MacMartin, seconded by Mr. MacLean, of Stormont, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants and principal Freeholders of the Township of Lochiel in the County of Glengarry. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that it be resolved, that a resolution of this House passed during the third session of the seventh Provincial Parliament on Tuesday, the twentieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, in the following words, viz., that it be resolved, "that no known Member of the meeting of persons styling themselves delegates from the different Districts of this Province, shall be allowed a seat within the bar of this House," together with all the proceedings thereon, be expunged from the Journals. Which was carried.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves for leave to bring up the petition of several inhabitants of the Town of York. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the trial of the Prescott election.

Messrs. Van Koughnet, Kerr, Nichol, and Gordon, were sworn.

H. J. Boulton, Esquire, Solicitor General appeared at the bar as Counsel for the petitioning candidate.

The Sergeant at Arms on enquiry, stated that Joseph Fortune, Esquire, was not in attendance in pursuance of the Speaker's summons.

Olmstead Gates returned the summons and proved the service on Joseph

Fortune, who said he could not obey it without an advance of twenty-five pounds to bear his expenses, that he lives three hundred and eighty miles from this. Mr. Gates thinks that Mr. Fortune has the means to come to York, that he lives within the Province, is Clerk of the Peace, Register for the Counties of Prescott and Russell, and Deputy Surveyor.

Hiram Marsden knows Mr. Fortune, heard him say on the seventeenth of February, that he was summoned and should not attend in consequence of not having means provided, that fifty pounds was the sum mentioned as required, and thinks that Mr. Fortune could have obtained means to proceed to York had he had business of his own. He advised this witness not to come without means were provided for him. Heard Mr. Fortune read part of a letter advising him not to come without the means of taking him home again as well as coming.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that it be resolved that Joseph Fortune, Returning Officer for the Counties of Prescott and Russell, having been regularly served with an order to attend at the bar of this House at three o'clock on Thursday, the first day of this present month of March, and having neglected to do so is thereby guilty of a high contempt and breach of the privileges of this House. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that it be resolved that the Speaker do issue his warrant to the Sergeant at Arms or his Deputy, directing him forthwith to apprehend Joseph Fortune, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Counties of Prescott and Russell for the said contempt and to produce him at the bar of this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to advance to Allan McNabb, Esquire, Serjeant at Arms, the sum of sixty pounds to enable him to defray his necessary expenses in executing the orders of this House, and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messrs. Hagerman and Crooks be a committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in pursuance of the resolution of this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hagerman of the committee to draft the address, reported a draft which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and that the same be now read a second time. Which was carried and the address was read the second time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the House do now go into committee on the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Which was carried. The Attorney General took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. The Attorney General reported the address. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that it be resolved that Joseph Fortune, Esquire, late Returning Officer for the Counties of Prescott and Russell, be directed to produce at the bar of this House, any letters or other communications

addressed to him respecting his attendance (to give evidence touching the late election for the said Counties) at the bar of this House. Which was ordered. The Solicitor General then opened the case.

The address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying, that money should be advanced to the Sergeant at Arms, was read the third time, was passed and signed by the Speaker as follows: To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada and Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly request, that Your Excellency will be pleased to issue your Warrant for the sum of sixty pounds, in favor of Allan MacNabb, Esquire, Sergeant at Arms, for the purpose of enabling him to defray his expenses in executing an order of this House, which sum this House assures your Excellency that they will make good during the present session.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that Messrs. Crooks and Hamilton of Lincoln be a committee to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Hiram Marsden was sworn and examined by the Counsel for the Petitioner.

Question.—Who was the Returning Officer at the last election for the Counties of Prescott and Russell, and who were his sworn Poll Clerks for taking the Poll at the said election, and who were the Candidates?

Answer.—Joseph Fortune was the Returning Officer, James P. Wells and myself were the Poll Clerks, William Hamilton and David Pattie, Esquires, were the candidates?

Question.—When and in what manner was the writing now shown to you made?

Answer.—At the time of the Poll by myself.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell moves, that the further consideration of the contested election for the Counties of Prescott and Russell be postponed till Monday the nineteenth instant. Which was carried.

The House then adjourned till three o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

Saturday, 3rd March, 1821.

The Speaker signed a Warrant to the Sergeant at Arms, to apprehend and bring to the bar Joseph Fortune, Esquire, Returning Officer at the last election for the Counties of Prescott and Russell, which was as follows:

Whereas the Commons House of Assembly did on Friday the second day of this instant March resolve, that Joseph Fortune, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Counties of Prescott and Russell, having been regularly served with an order to attend at the bar of this House at three o'clock on Thursday the first day of this present month, of March, and having neglected to do so is hereby guilty of a high contempt and breach of the privileges of this house. And Whereas it was by the said Commons House of Assembly on the said second day of March further resolved, that the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Sergeant at Arms or his Deputy, directing him forthwith to apprehend Joseph Fortune, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Counties of Prescott and Russell for the said contempt, and to produce him at the bar of the House.

These are therefore to require you forthwith to apprehend the said Joseph Fortune, Esquire, for the said contempt and produce him at the bar of this House. And all Bailiffs, Sheriffs, Constables and every other person are hereby required to be aiding and assisting to you or your Deputy in the execution thereof. For which this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

Given under my hand the third day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

(Signed) LEVIUS P. SHERWOOD, Speaker.

To Allan McNabb, Esquire, Sergeant at Arms attending the Commons House of Assembly, or his Deputy.

Mr. Crooks of the committee to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the address of this House praying His Excellency to issue his Warrant in favor of the Sergeant at Arms for sixty pounds, to enable him to execute an order of this House, reported they had done so, and that His Excellency was pleased to make thereto the following reply:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I shall immediately cause a Warrant to issue for the sum of sixty pounds in compliance with your address.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that it be resolved, that the return of Samuel Wilmot, Esquire, as Representative for the County of Durham, is regular and legal, and that the said Samuel Wilmot do retain his seat.

On which debates ensued, and at half past eight o'clock p.m. the House adjourned till ten o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 5th March, 1821.

The following petitions were read:

The petition of sundry inhabitants of the Township of Moulton, in the County of Haldimand, in the District of Niagara, on behalf of themselves and other inhabitants of the said Township.

The petition of the inhabitants of Prescott in the Township of Augusta, and District of Johnstown.

And the petition of the principal inhabitants and Freeholders of the Township of Lochiel, in the County of Glengarry.

Mr. MacMartin, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the petition of the inhabitants and Freeholders of the Township of Lochiel be referred to a select committee, and that Messrs. MacDonell, MacLean of Stormont, and Van Koughnet do constitute the same, to report by bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the petition of the inhabitants of Prescott be referred to the committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Brockville. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Steamboat Bill was called for the third reading, and on the question being put, the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Jones of Grenville, Hamilton of Lincoln, Nichol, Jones of Leeds, Randal, Wilson of Prince Edw., MacLean of Stormont, Ruttan, Wilmot, Burwell, Hornor, Shaver, Hagerman, Gates, MacDonell, Morris—16.

Nays: Messrs. Gordon, MacMartin, Baldwin, Kerr, Peterson, White, Clark, Walsh, Van Koughnet, Hamilton of Wentworth, Casey, MacLean of Frontenac, Rogers, McCormick—14.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of two, and the bill was read.

Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the Steamboat Bill be now recommitted.

In amendment, Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that after the word "that" the whole be expunged, and that "the Bill to relieve Vessels propelled by steam from the payment of Light House Tonnage Duty do now pass, and that the same be entitled 'An Act to relieve Vessels propelled by Steam, navigated by and belonging to his Majesty's subjects within this Province from the payment of Light House Tonnage Duty,'" be inserted. Which was lost.

The original question was then put and carried, and Mr. Rogers took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Rogers reported the bill without amendment.

Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. MacMartin, moves that the report be received this day three months. Which was lost.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Hamilton of Lincoln, Nichol, Burwell, Jones of Leeds, Randal, Wilson of P. Edw., Walsh, Crooks, Ruttan, Jones of Grenville, Wilmot, Hornor, MacLean of Stormont, Shaver, Hagerman, Gates, MacDonell, Morris, Hamilton of Prescott—19.

Nays: Messrs. Attorney General, Gordon, MacMartin, Baldwin, Robinson, Kerr, Willson of Wentworth, Peterson, White, Van Koughnet, Clark, Hamilton of Wentworth, MacLean of Frontenac, Rogers, McCormick, Casey—16.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three, and the report was received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that the Steamboat Bill be now read a third time, and that the fifth rule be dispensed with, as far as relates to the same. On which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Hamilton of Lincoln, Nichol, Burwell, Jones of Leeds, Randal, Wilson of P. Edw., Crooks, MacLean of Stormont, Ruttan, Jones of Grenville, Hornor, Shaver, Hagerman, Gates, MacDonell, Morris, Hamilton of Prescott—17.

Nays: Messrs. Attorney General, Gordon, MacMartin, Baldwin, Robinson, Kerr, Willson of Wentworth, Walsh, Peterson, White, Van Koughnet, Clark, Hamilton of Wentworth, Rogers, MacLean of Frontenac, Wilmot, Casey, McCormick—18.

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

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. McCormick, moves that the bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day three months.

In amendment, Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. MacLean of Stormont, moves that after the word "that" in the original motion all the words be expunged, and the following inserted "that the Steamboat Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow." Which was carried.

The original question as amended was then put, and carried.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that it be resolved that a committee to consist of three members be appointed to inspect the

Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to report the proceedings of that Honorable House on the bill sent up from this House entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled 'An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs, to disturb the tranquillity thereof.'" Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that it be resolved that David McGregor Rogers, Esquire, and George Hamilton, Esquire, be appointed on said committee. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the name of Nichol be added to the committee appointed by this House to inspect the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till four o'clock p.m.

At four o'clock the House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Geale Master in Chancery brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill entitled "An Act to empower certain Trustees therein mentioned to sell and convey a certain lot of land in the Town of York and to purchase another lot or tract of land for the use and accommodation of a Roman Catholic Congregation" sent up from this House which they had passed without amendment.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Deer Preservation Bill was read the second time.

Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the House do on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the bill for the Preservation of Deer throughout this Province. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House proceeded in the trial of the Durham election.

Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moves that the consideration of the resolution relative to the Durham election proposed by him on Saturday last be resumed. Which was carried.

The question was again read from the chair.

In amendment Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that after the word "moves" in the original motion, the remainder be expunged and the words "that it be resolved that Thomas Ward, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the last election for the County of Durham, did illegally and contrary to his duty in that behalf return Samuel Street Wilmot, Esquire, as the member to serve for the said County contrary to the number of votes received by him upon the Poll and remaining thereon at the time of such return, and that such election and return being thereby void a new writ do issue for the election of a new member to serve in Parliament for the said County, be inserted."

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

Yeas: Messrs. Burwell, Walsh, McMartin, Jones of Leeds, Robinson, Jones of Grenville, MacLean of Frontenac, McLean of Stormont, Attorney General, Hagerman, Gates, Morris—12.

Nays: Messrs. Gordon, Kerr, Baldwin, Hamilton of Lincoln, Randal, McCormick, Wilson of Prince Edward, Willson of Wentworth, Peterson, White, Crooks, Hamilton of Wentworth, Van Koughnet, Clark, Hornor, Baby, Rogers, Casey, Shaver, McDonell, Ruttan—21.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of nine.

The original question was then put on which the House divided and the Yeas and Nays being taken were as follows:—

Yeas: Messrs. Kerr, Baldwin, Randal, McCormick, Wilson of Prince Edward, Willson of Wentworth, White, Crooks, Hamilton of Wentworth, Clark, Hornor, Baby, Rogers, Casey, Shaver, McDonell—18.

Nays: Messrs. Burwell, Walsh, McMartin, Gordon, Jones of Leeds, Robinson, Jones of Grenville, Ruttan, Van Koughnet, MacLean of Frontenac, McLean of Stormont, Hagerman, Attorney General, Gates, Morris—15.

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

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that it be resolved that location tickets granted under the authority of the Lieutenant Governor and Council of this Province do not confer such a freehold qualification as to entitle the locatee or locatees thereof to vote for the return of a member or members to represent any District, Circle, County or Town within this Province.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Nichol, MacMartin, Gordon, Kerr, Baldwin, Randal, MacCormick, Hamilton of Lincoln, Willson of Wentworth, Wilson of P. Edw., White, Peterson, Van Koughnet, Hamilton of Wentworth, Crooks, Clark, Hornor, Baby, Ruttan, Rogers, Wilmot, Casey, Shaver, MacDonell, Morris—25.

Nays: Messrs. Burwell, Walsh, Robinson, MacLean of Frontenac, Jones of Grenville, Gates, MacLean of Stormont, Hagerman, Attorney General, Hamilton of Prescott—10.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and it was resolved accordingly.

The House then adjourned till three o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

Tuesday, 6th March, 1821.

At six o'clock p.m. the House adjourned till ten o'clock on Thursday.

Thursday, 8th March, 1821.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the Magistrates and Freeholders of the Fourth Riding of the County of Lincoln, complaining of the ineligibility of Robert Randal, Esquire, member for the said Riding, to sit in Parliament. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Andrew Heron and others. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Peterson, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Ameliasburg, in the Midland District. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

On the order of the day for the third reading of the Steamboat Bill being called. Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the Steamboat Bill be now recommitted. Which was carried.

Mr. Rogers took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Rogers reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that the Steamboat Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day, and the fifth rule be dispensed with so far as relates to the same. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province" sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council was read the second time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee, to take into consideration the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province." Which was carried.

Mr. Burwell took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered that the report be received.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province" be read a third time this day, and that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the said bill. Which was carried, and the bill was read the third time, was passed and signed by the Speaker.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that Messrs. Baldwin and Burwell be a committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council, that this House have passed the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province," without amendment. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act for the better securing the independency of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province" were read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that it be resolved that a conference be requested with the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject matter of the amendments made by that Honorable House in and to the bill sent up from this House entitled "An Act for the better securing the independency of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province."

In amendment Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that after the word "that" the whole of the main question be expunged and that the words "this House do go into further consideration of the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill sent up from this House entitled 'An Act for the better securing the independency of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province,' this day three months" be inserted.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Burwell, Gordon, Jones of Leeds, Randal, MacLean of Frontenac, Hagerman, McDonell, Morris—8.

Nays: Messrs. Crooks, Chisholm, Walsh, Nichol, Casey, Baldwin, Peterson, Wilson of Prince Edward, Ruttan, White, Willson of Wentworth, Clark, Wilmot, Robinson, Baby, Hamilton of Wentworth, Kerr, Attorney General, Rogers, Van Koughnet, Hornor, Jones of Grenville, Shaver—23.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of fifteen. The main question was then put and carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that Messrs. Baldwin and Kerr be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the resolution of this House requesting a conference on the subject matter of the amendments of that Honorable House in and to the bill sent up from this House entitled

"An Act for the better securing the independency of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province." Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that a committee be appointed to prepare reasons to be offered at the conference to induce the Honorable the Legislative Council to recede from their amendments in and to the bill entitled "An Act for the better securing the independency of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province," and that Messrs. Baldwin, Kerr and Willson of Wentworth be appointed on the said committee and that they do report the said reasons to this House on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The Steamboat Bill was then read the third time.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that the Steamboat Bill do now pass and that it be entitled "An Act further to relieve vessels propelled by steam from the payment of light house tonnage duty." Which was carried and the bill signed.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Wilson of Prince Edward be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act further to relieve vessels propelled by steam from the payment of light house tonnage duty" and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Rogers from the committee to inspect the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council reported as follows:—

The select committee appointed by order of the Commons House of Assembly to examine the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council and report their proceedings on the bill sent up to that Honorable House for repealing the Act passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign entitled "An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts, or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof" beg leave to submit to your Honorable House the following report:—

That on this day your committee proceeded to the Legislative Council Chamber, and examined the Journals of that Honorable House, from which they have made the following extracts, viz.:

"February 12th. A deputation from the Commons House of Assembly was announced, it was admitted, and brought up for the concurrence of this House a bill entitled 'An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs, to disturb the tranquillity thereof'; the deputation having withdrawn; the said bill was read the first time.

"February 20th. On motion made and seconded. Ordered that the bill entitled 'An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof'; the deputation having withdrawn the said bill was read the first time.

"February 20th. On motion made and seconded. Ordered that the bill entitled 'An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled "An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs, to disturb the tranquillity thereof"' be read a second time on Saturday next.

"Monday, 25th February. Pursuant to the order of the day, the bill entitled 'An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled "An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious

attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof” was read a second time, and on motion made and seconded, ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on to-morrow.

“Tuesday, 27th February. Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the bill entitled an Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of his late Majesty’s Reign entitled ‘An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof.’

“The House in committee, Mr. Clark in the chair. The Speaker resumed the chair. The chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Thursday next. Ordered that the said report be accepted, and leave given accordingly.

“Thursday, 1st March. Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the bill entitled ‘An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of his late Majesty’s Reign entitled “An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof.”’

“The House in committee, Mr. Clark in the chair. The Speaker resumed the chair.

“The Chairman reported that the committee had taken the said bill into further consideration, had made some further progress and requested leave to sit again this day six months.

“All which is respectfully submitted

D. MCG. ROGERS, Chairman.”

Committee Room, House of
Assembly, 8th March, 1821.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves for leave to bring in a bill to establish a market in the Town of Perth, in the County of Carleton. Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the Perth Market Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the bill for the preservation of deer. Mr. Morris took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Morris reported the bill amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that the Deer Preservation Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the illegal marriage bill. Mr. Wilmot took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Wilmot reported the bill amended.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Wilmot, Robinson, Burwell, Jones of Leeds, MacMartin, MacCormick, Ruttan, Jones of Grenville, MacLean of Frontenac, Rogers, Hamilton of Prescott, Gates, Gordon, Hagerman, Van Koughnet, Shaver, MacLean of Stormont, MacDonell, Attorney General—19.

Nays: Messrs. Chisholm, Nichol, Baldwin, Peterson, Walsh, Randal, Clark, White, Kerr, Hornor, Casey, Wilson of P. Edw., Willson of Wentworth, Hamilton of Wentworth—14.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five, and the report was received.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the Illegal Marriage Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will on Monday next move for leave to bring in a bill to amend and limit the duration of an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled "An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof."

Agreeably to notice, Mr. MacDonell, seconded by Mr. MacLean of Stormont, moves for leave to bring in a bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled 'An Act to regulate the trial of controverted elections, or return of members to serve in the House of Assembly.'" Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. MacDonell, seconded by Mr. MacLean of Stormont, moves that the bill be read a second time on Wednesday next. Which was ordered.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. MacDonell, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Thomas Stoyell and others. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

The House then adjourned till eleven o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, 9th March, 1821.

Mr. Willson, of Wentworth, gives notice that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill to continue an Act entitled "An Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to Innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective Districts, authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses."

Mr. Willson, of Wentworth, gives notice that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill to enable the inhabitants of Moulton to hold town meetings.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to restrain the killing of deer was read the third time. Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act for the preservation of deer within this Province," which was carried and the bill signed:

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves that Messrs. Walsh and Burwell be a committee to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act for the preservation of deer within this Province," and to request their concurrence thereto, which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Illegal Marriage Bill was read the third time. Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that the following words be added as a rider to the Illegal Marriage Bill, "and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and continue in force for two years, and no longer."

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

Yeas: Messrs. Nichol, Baldwin, Randal, Clark, Willson of Wentworth, White, Wilson of Prince Edward, Hamilton of Wentworth, Peterson, Wilmot, Hornor, Rogers, Casey, Chisholm, Kerr.—15.

Nays: Messrs. Walsh, MacMartin, Gordon, Burwell, Jones of Leeds, Gates, Baby, Robinson, Jones of Grenville, Hamilton of Prescott, McLean of Frontenac, Shaver, Attorney General, MacLean of Stormont, Hagerman, MacDonell, Van Koughnet, Morris.—19.

It was carried in the negative, by a majority of four.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act for the more certain punishment of persons illegally solemnizing Marriage within this Province," on which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. MacMartin, Gordon, Walsh, Burwell, Jones of Leeds, Gates, Wilson of Prince Edward, Wilmot, Attorney General, Baby, Ruttan, Robinson, Jones of Grenville, Van Koughnet, Hamilton of Prescott, MacLean of Frontenac, Shaver, MacLean of Stormont, Hagerman, McDonell, Morris.—21.

Nays: Messrs. Nichol, Kerr, Baldwin, Randal, Clark, Peterson, Willson of Wentworth, Horner, Casey, Rogers, Chisholm, White, Hamilton of Wentworth.—13.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eight and the bill was signed.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that Messrs. MacDonell and Morris be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act for the more certain punishment of persons illegally solemnizing Marriage within this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, which was ordered.

Mr. Hamilton, of Prescott, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that the second reading of the Saw Mill Bill be postponed until Friday the 23rd., which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Small Note Bill was read the second time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. MacDonell, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee to take into consideration the bill for legalizing Small Notes within this Province, which was carried.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, took the chair of the committee.

The House resumed to receive a message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor a message which he delivered to the Speaker and withdrew, when it was read as follows:

P. Maitland, the Lieutenant-Governor, informs the House of Assembly that Lieutenant-Governor Gore did on the seventeenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, at the special instance and request of the House of Assembly, signify by address, commission a Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to superintend the issuing and return of writs of election of Representatives to the Assembly with a salary of one hundred pounds sterling per annum, for the payment of which no appropriation having been made, an arrear has accumulated from that period which the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the consideration of the Commons House of Assembly.

Government House,
9th. March, 1821.

P. M.

The House went again into Committee on the Small Note Bill, Mr. Jones, of Leeds, in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. MacLean, of Stormont, moves that the bill to legalize small notes and bills be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow, which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking him for his message of this day, and assuring him that this House will give it due consideration, which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that Messrs. Burwell and Van Koughnet be a committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the preceding resolution of this House, which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to a committee of the whole House on Wednesday next, which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Ale House Bill was read the second time. Mr. Hagerman, seconded by the Attorney General, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the Ale House Bill, which was carried. Mr. MacCormick took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Geale, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the Preservation of Salmon, and to make further provision respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light," sent up from this House, which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

The amendments were then read the first time as follows:

Amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the Preservation of Salmon, and to make further provision respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light."

Pres. 1. line 20. After "aforesaid" expunge the remainder of the clause.

Pres. 1, line 30. After "River" insert "And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons in either of the Districts aforesaid, to take or catch, or attempt to take or catch, by setting any net or nets, wear or wears, any salmon or salmon fry in any of the creeks or rivers in any of the aforesaid Districts."

Pres. 2, line 13. After "Province" insert "to be accounted for to His Majesty through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being in such manner and form as His Majesty shall direct."

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Passed the Legislative Council as amended, 9th March, 1871.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill sent up from this House entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the Preservation of Salmon, and to make further provision respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light," be read a second time on Monday next, which was ordered.

Mr. Walsh, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act for the preservation of deer within this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. McDonell, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act for the more certain punishment of persons illegally solemnizing marriage within this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Nichol, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act further to relieve vessels propelled by steam from the payment of Light House Tonnage Duty," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Doctor Baldwin, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill sent down from that House entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province," which this House had passed without amendment, reported they had done so.

Mr. Burwell, of the committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to His Excellency's message of this day, reported a draft, which was received and read a first time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, be read a second time to-morrow, which was ordered.

The House went again into committee on the Ale House Bill. Mr. McCormick in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. McCormick reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Kerr, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Lawe, reported a bill which he was directed to submit for the consideration of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Lawe be read a second time on to-morrow, which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Marriage Bill. Mr. Gordon took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Gordon reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday, 10th March, 1821.

Mr. Hagerman gives notice that he will on Wednesday next move for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the Commercial Intercourse with this Province and the United States of America.

Mr. Morris gives notice that he will on Monday next move for leave to bring in a bill to alter and amend the Registry Laws of this Province.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Small Note Bill was read a third time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the Small Note Bill do now pass, and that the title be "An Act to render legal certain Small Notes and Inland Bills of Exchange within this Province," which was carried and the bill signed.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. Jones, of Leeds, and McLean, of Stormont, be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to render legal certain Small Notes and Inland Bills of Exchange within this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till Monday at eleven o'clock.

Monday, 12th March, 1821.

The following petitions were read:

The petition of the subscribers, owners and masters of vessels on Lake Ontario.

The petition of certain Freeholders of the Township of Ameliasburgh, in the Midland District.

And the petition of Thomas Stoyell & Co., of the Town of York, Brewers.

Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Peter Grant, of South Gower, in the District of Johnstown, which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Haldimand in the Newcastle District, which was granted, and the petition laid on the table. Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for the relief of Edmund Mott was read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves for leave to bring up the petition of James Kerby, Esquire, which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

The petition of Crowell Willson, of Crowland, James Cummings, of Wil- loughby, and Henry Warren, of Bertie, and others, Freeholders of the Fourth Riding, of the County of Lincoln, was then read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that it be resolved that the peti- tion of Crowell Willson and others, complaining of an undue election for the Fourth Riding of the County of Lincoln, does not contain sufficient matter to require the interposition of this House, which was carried.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the bill to afford relief to Edmond Mott, which was carried.

Mr. Hagerman took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hagerman reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the bill for the relief of Edmond Mott and John Blanchard be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow, which was ordered.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, from the Committee on Finance, presented a report, which was received, and read as follows:

The Committee of Finance, to whom were referred the Public Accounts sent down by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, have examined the same and find them to consist of: No. 1. An account of the provincial revenue, arising from duties imposed on licenses issued to shopkeepers, innkeepers, distillers, and wholesale dealers in spirituous liquors, in the several Districts in the Province, between the 5th January, 1820, and the 5th January, 1821, so far as the several inspectors have reported the same.

	£	s.	d.
1st Net amount of shop licenses	1,112	8	0
2nd. Net amount of tavern licenses	1,480	10	0
3rd. Net amount of still licenses	1,578	2	2
4th. Net amount of wholesale licenses	9	10	0
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	4,180	10	2

On examining the part of the above account which relates to tavern licenses, it appears that 428 have been issued in the different Districts, yielding, as above, a

net sum of the Provincial Revenue of £1,480. 10. the average amount paid for such licenses is £3. 9. 2. over and above the £1. 16. sterling imposed by the 14th Geo. III. Your committee have therefore to observe that, assuming that the same number of licenses would have issued had the duties stood upon the uniform footing as before the statute 58th Geo. III, chapter 2nd, a loss has accrued to the Provincial Revenue in consequence of that statute of £1,087. 10. 0. At all events, your committee observe by comparing the returns of tavern licenses issued in different Districts that the statute has been by no means equally acted upon, and that manifest injustice has been done; for some of the Districts are made to contribute to the Provincial Revenue in a ratio more than three times exceeding the proportion of the number of licenses issued, as will more clearly appear from the following statement of the average amount upon each license contributed by the Districts:

District.	No.	Gross Amount.	Average Amount.
Midland	58	£412 0 0	£6 1 2
Johnstown	91	171 0 0	1 13 2
Eastern	44	235 15 0	5 7 13/4
Newcastle	34	64 0 0	1 17 73/4
Home	40	245 10 0	6 2 2
Niagara	48	195 0 0	4 1 3
London	38	69 5 0	1 16 51/4
Western	14	42 0 0	3 0 0
Gore	37	144 10 0	3 18 11/2
Ottawa	14	66 0 0	4 14 31/4

Your Committee therefore submit to your Honourable House, how far it will be advisable after this experience to continue the provisions of the last mentioned Act, as also those of the Act imposing a duty on licenses to wholesale dealers in spirituous liquors, only having issued within the last year.

No. 2. The names of persons licensed as shop-keepers.

No. 3. The names of persons licensed as inn-keepers.

No. 4. The names of persons licensed as distillers.

No. 5. The names of persons licensed as wholesale dealers in spirituous liquors.

No. 6. An account of the revenue arising from duties on merchandise imported from the United States at the several ports of entry within this Province from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1820, inclusive, as far as the several collectors have reported the same. The net amount of which is £2313 4s. 9 1/2d.

No. 7. An account of licenses issued to hawkers and pedlars, as per return received from collectors between the 21st February, 1820, and 31st January, 1821. The net amount of which is £180 10s.

No. 8. An amount of revenue arising from licenses issued to auctioneers and on sales at auction for the same period as the last account. The net amount of which is £111 4s. 4d.

No. 9. An account of tonnage duty collected between 1st January and 31st December, 1820, £351 13s 4 1/2d.

Nos. 10 and 11. General statement of the Receiver General's receipts and payments of the Provincial revenue between the 1st of January and 31st December, 1820, and the 1st and 31st January, 1821, by which it appears that at the last date there was a balance in the Receiver General's hands of £522 8s. 8 3/4d. 1/10, sub-

ject as in the said statement is noted to the repayment of a loan of £2,000 from the Crown, advanced to carry on the public service.

Nos. 12 and 13. Amount of monies paid by the Receiver General of the Province in pursuance of warrants issued by His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor, and his Honour Samuel Smith, Esquire, Administrator, out of the funds arising from duties imposed by the Provincial Legislature between the 1st of January and 31st December, 1820, and 1st and 31st January, 1821.

These warrants appear to contain no charges not warranted by law with the exception of a warrant in favour of Lt.-Colonel James FitzGibbon, to defray the unavoidable expenses of Assembly and holding a Militia General Court Martial, under the Provincial Act authorizing the formation of such Court.

No. 14. A schedule of payments made to the Receiver General by Collectors and Inspectors on account of duties between the 1st and 31st January, 1821, £2586 3s. 0½d.

No. 15. An abstract account of the appropriation for the year 1820 towards defraying the expenses of the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government of the Province, by which it appears that of the sum granted by Parliament for these purposes there remains unexpended £2 6s. 10½d., and that there has been a total saving on the last year's estimate of £1,445 sterling, which is now subject to the disposition of Parliament.

No. 16. A schedule of appropriations made by various Provincial Statutes chargeable against the year 1821, £34,169.8.10¼, this account appears perfectly correct, the Pension Agents' salary, and the contingencies of his office depend upon the continuation of the Pension law of 1816, which will expire unless continued in this session.

No. 17. An estimate for the year 1821 of the expenses of the civil Government of Upper Canada, exclusive of the sum provided by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, and paid in England, which contains the same heads of charge as that for the last year but in less amount by the sum of £720, after deducting from the estimate the probable proceeds of the Crown revenue under the 14th Geo. 3rd. there remains £4,496 to be provided by the Provincial Legislature, including the sum of £1,445 unexpended of the last year's appropriation.

No. 18. An account of public monies outstanding in the hands of Inspectors and Collectors on account of duties on 31st December, 1820, and 5th January, 1821. The sum outstanding on the 31st December last was £4,175 3s. 0½d., of which £2,586 3s. 0½d. has been paid into the hands of the Receiver General between that period and the 31st January last, as appears by account No. 14, which left a balance outstanding on the last date of £1,588 19s. 11¾d.

No. 19. An account from Peter Howard, Esquire, of the expenditure of £500, granted by Statute of 58th Geo. 3rd, chap. 5th.

No. 20. A statement of duties collected at the port of Québec between the 6th January and 1st July, 1819, on which the Province is entitled to its proportion. Amount, £9,381 1s. 6d.

This amount is for the period up to 1st July, 1819, since which there is no official account of duties at Québec, the provisional agreement having expired.

On application to the Inspector General it appears that large sums are outstanding in the hands of Treasurers of some districts contrary to the provisions of the Act to amend the School Law passed in the last session of the last Parliament: besides deductions made by the different Treasurers without legal authority under

a claim of percentage and for appropriations beyond the authority of the Act. Your committee observe that £500 has been lent by the Treasurer of the London District to that District under the sanction of the Board of Education, but in direct violation of the law and in breach of the trust committed to the trustees and treasurer, and that no account of the application of the remaining balance has been rendered. Your committee are also compelled to remark that of £2,400 paid to the Treasurer of the Gore District, no account of expenditure has ever been rendered. The consequences of this want of punctuality and breach of duty in public officers, at all times pernicious, are particularly inconvenient at the present moment when the Provincial Treasury does not afford the means of meeting the charge created by former Acts of the Legislature, and your committee trust that the measures which it may be found necessary to adopt in these instances may tend to prevent similar abuses in future.

The appropriations under the various Acts of Parliament as stated in account No. 16, amount together to			£34,169	8	10 ³ / ₄
To which add the amount to be provided for the present year			4,496	0	0
And the sum advanced from the Crown revenue by way of loan			2,000	0	0
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			£40,665	8	10 ³ / ₄

To meet these demands which include the whole arrearage of Militia Pensions and every charge against the Provincial Treasury within the knowledge of your committee, the probable resources will be as follows:

Our proportion of revenue from Lower Canada for the period between the 1st July, 1819 (at which time the provisional agreement expired) and the 1st January last should our proportion continue at no more than 1-5th, deducting £3,349 17s. 6d. already received on account			£17,781	19	0
Amount in Receiver General's hands 31st January, 1821.			528	8	8 ¹ / ₂
Amount outstanding in the hands of Collectors and Inspectors, 31st January last			1,588	19	4
Of which sum it appears on a reference to the Inspector General that on the 3rd March instant £1,068.17.5 ¹ / ₄ had been paid into the hands of the Receiver General.					
Perpetual revenue arising from duties on licenses to shopkeepers, inn-keepers, distillers and wholesale dealers			4,000	0	0
Duties on importations from the United States			2,000	0	0
License to hawkers and peddlars			150	0	0
Licenses to auctioneers and duties on goods sold at auction			110	0	0
Light House Tonnage duty, deducting the expense of supporting Light House at York			250	0	0
School monies outstanding			3,000	9	0
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			£29,359	7	0 ¹ / ₂
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			£11,306	1	10 ¹ / ₄

Upon this estimate of probable resources your committee have to remark that their anticipation of revenue from Lower Canada, up to the 1st January last is founded on the printed report of the Committee of Finance of the Legislature of that Province now in session, in which they state the amount of duties payable to Upper Canada (if the proportion continues at 1-5th) up to the period last mentioned at £25,479 7s. 1d., of which the sum of £4,397 10s. 7d., being the proportion of duties imposed by the British Acts, belongs to the Crown revenue, and being applied to the public uses of the Province, would leave unprovided for about £7,000. It is evident that our receipts of duties from Lower Canada as well as the amount of those duties depends upon the renewal of a provisional agreement with that Province, which your committee can only express their hope may be established at an early period upon fair terms, in which event the probable receipt from Lower Canada for the ensuing half year would enable his Majesty's Government to discharge all claims upon the Provincial Treasury.

JONAS JONES,
Chairman of the Committee.

House of Assembly, 10 March, 1821.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Hagerman moves, that the report of the select committee on the Public Provincial Accounts be referred to a committee of the whole, and that the House do on Wednesday next resolve into a committee, to consider the same.

In amendment, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that the select committee on the public accounts be directed to reconsider their report on the accounts submitted to them, and to submit the same to the House on Wednesday next. Which was lost.

The original question was then put and carried.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Perth Market Bill was read the second time. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the Perth Market Bill. Which was carried. Mr. Jones of Grenville took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the Perth Market Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the preservation of salmon, and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light," were read the second time.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. McLean of Frontenac, moves that it is the opinion of this House, that a conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the amendments made by them to the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the preservation of salmon, and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light." Which was ordered.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that Messrs. MacLean of Frontenac and Ruttan be a committee to request a conference with the Legislative

Council on the amendments made by them to the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the preservation of salmon, and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light." Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Morris seconded by Mr. Gates moves for leave to bring in a bill to repeal part of and amend the Registry Laws of this Province. Which was granted, and the bill read.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the Registry Amendments Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

On the order of the day for the House to go into committee on the Speaker's Salary Bill being called, the House divided thereon, and the Yeas and Nays being taken were as follows:—

Yeas:—Messrs. Jones, of Leeds; Casey, Wilmot, White, Peterson, Willson, of Wentworth; Ruttan, Jones, of Grenville; McDonell, Morris, Wilson, of Prince Edward.—11.

Nays:—Messrs. Hamilton of Lincoln, Burwell, Nichol, Walsh, Randal, Chisholm, McCormick, Hornor, Kerr, Rogers, MacLean of Frontenac, Hamilton of Prescott.—13.

The question for going into committee was decided in the negative by a majority of two.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. McCormick moves for leave to bring in a bill to continue an Act entitled "An Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to innkeepers and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective Districts authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses." Which was granted, and the bill read

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. McCormick moves, that the Tavern License Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to His Excellency's message relating to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery was read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that this House do resolve itself into a committee, to take into consideration the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respecting a salary to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery. Which was carried. Mr. Morris was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Morris reported the address without amendment. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for the relief of Mrs. Lawe was read the second time. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that the House do now go into committee, on the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Lawe. Which was carried.

Mr. Van Koughnet was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Marriage Bill. Mr. Gordon was called to the chair of the committee. The

House resumed. Mr. Gordon reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

Mr. Geale, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message, which he delivered, and withdrew, when the Speaker read the same as follows:—

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council have appointed a committee of two of its members, who will be ready forthwith to confer with the committee of the commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled “An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the preservation of salmon, and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this province, and also to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light,” in the joint committee room.

Legislative Council Chamber,
12th March, 1821.

WM. DUMMER POWELL,
Speaker.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that Messrs. Hagerman, Ruttan, Willson of Wentworth, and Wilmot, be a committee to confer with the Honorable the Legislative Council on the amendments made by them in and to the bill entitled “An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the preservation of salmon, and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also to prevent accidents by fire, from persons fishing by torch or fire-light,” and that the said committee be instructed to inform the committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, that this House object to the amendments made to the said bill in Press. 1, line 20th. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled “An Act to render legal certain small notes and inland bills of exchange within this Province,” and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the subject of the population of the Province. Mr. Burwell was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported that the committee had agreed to a resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and it was resolved that it is the opinion of this House that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to direct the proper officer to lay before this House copies of the returns of the population of this Province for the year 1820, in so far as the same have been received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, moves that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Chisholm be a committee to prepare an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in conformity to the preceding resolution. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet reported a draft accordingly, which was received, and read the first time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, moves that the address be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered. Mr. McDonell of the committee to whom was referred certain documents relative to the building appropriated for the accommodation of the Commons House of Assembly, reported the following resolution of the committee.

Resolved, that the chairman do move the House for authority to take into consideration, what further accommodation, if any, can be added to those, which are now afforded by that part of the building appropriated for the Commons House

of Assembly, as also the propriety of having the whole of the building, furniture, books, etc., insured against fire, and that they may have power to enter into such further consideration, as may be connected with the internal and external appurtenances to the building generally. Ordered that the report be received, and the resolution adopted accordingly.

Mr. Nichol, gives notice that he will on to-morrow move for the appointment of a select committee, to examine into, and state the annual income and expenditure of this Province; also to investigate and inquire into the Emoluments annexed to the several offices of the Provincial Government, or paid from the Provincial Funds, and to report their opinion to this House, whether any, and if any, what reduction it may be practicable, or deemed expedient to make in the emoluments of such offices respectively.

Mr. Nichol gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move for the appointment of a select committee, to inquire into the duties of the Adjutant General of the Militia of this Province, the emoluments attached to that appointment, and the expediency of granting an additional salary to that officer.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves, that the names of Mr. Nichol and Mr. Wilmot be added to the committee on unattached townships. Which was ordered

Mr. Nichol gives notice, that he will on Thursday next move, that the House do resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the resolution respecting the Provincial Agent.

Mr. Rogers gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move, that the petition of the inhabitants of the District of Newcastle, and the petition of the inhabitants of Murray be referred to a special committee of five members, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell moves for leave to bring up the petition of sundry inhabitants of the County of Carleton. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Edward Oates, of the Town of York. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

The Attorney General gives notice, that he will on Thursday next move for leave to bring in a bill for continuing the Act making provision for proceeding to outlawry in certain cases therein mentioned.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, 13th March, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for the relief of Edmond Mott and John Blanchard was read the third time. Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the bill for the relief of Mott and Blanchard do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to afford relief to Edmond Mott and John Blanchard, of the District of Johnstown." Which was carried, and the bill signed. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville moves, that Messrs. Jones of Leeds and Morris be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to afford relief to Edmond Mott and John Blanchard, of the District of Johnstown," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Perth Market Bill was read the third time. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the bill do now pass, and

that it be entitled "An Act to establish a market in the town of Perth, in the Township of Drummond." Which was carried, and the bill signed. Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. VanKoughnet moves, that Messrs. Morris and Jones of Leeds, be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to establish a market in the town of Perth, in the Township of Drummond," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to His Excellency's message, relative to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, was read the third time, passed and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc.

May it please Your Excellency, We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to thank Your Excellency for Your gracious message respecting a salary for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and to assure Your Excellency that this House will give it due consideration.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to make good certain monies advanced on addresses of this House, was read the second time.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Rogers moves, that Messrs. Hamilton of Prescott, and McDonell be a committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House in answer to his message upon the subject of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Gates moves, that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the bill for making good certain monies advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the address of this House during the last session. Which was carried, and Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hamilton reported the bill amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Shaver moves that the bill for making good certain monies issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in pursuance of addresses of this House, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hagerman of the committee of conference on the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative in the preservation of salmon, and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light," reported that the committee of this House had obeyed their instructions, and that the committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council had promised to recommend the alteration of the amendments to their House.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Registry Amendment Bill was read the second time. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell moves, that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, on the Registry Amendment Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Crooks took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Crooks reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Tavern License Bill was read the

second time. Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln moves, that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Tavern License Bill. Which was carried, and Doctor Baldwin took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Dr. Baldwin reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

Mr. Geale, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, the bill entitled "An Act for the more certain punishment of persons illegally solemnizing marriage within this Province," sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the population was read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor. Which was carried, and the Attorney General took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. The Attorney General reported the address without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln moves, that the address be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln moves, that it be resolved, that a select committee be appointed to examine into, and to state the annual income and expenditure of this Province, from the 1st day of January, 1793, to the 31st December, 1820, both days inclusive. Also to investigate and inquire into the emoluments annexed to the several offices of the Provincial Government, or paid from the Provincial Funds, during that period, and to report their opinion to this House, whether any, what reduction it may be practicable or deemed expedient to make in the emoluments of such offices respectively. And that the said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that Messrs. McLean of Stormont, Hagerman, Baldwin, Gordon, Robinson, Rogers, Kerr, and Hamilton of Wentworth, be appointed to the said committee. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, from the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to afford relief to Edmond Mott and John Blanchard of the District of Johnstown," and the bill entitled "An Act to establish a market in the Town of Perth, in the Township of Drummond," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that it be resolved, that a select committee be appointed to inquire into the duties of the Adjutant General of Militia of this Province, the emoluments annexed to that appointment, and the expediency of granting an additional salary to that officer. that the said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and that they do report thereon to the House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Prescott, moves that Messrs. Hagerman, Jones of Grenville, Gordon and McLean of Stormont, be appointed to the said committee. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that the petition of the inhabitants of the District of Newcastle, and the petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Murray, be referred to a select committee, and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers. Which was ordered.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that Messrs. Jones of Grenville, MacLean of Frontenac, Robinson, Willson of Wentworth, and Hamilton of Lincoln, be a committee to report upon the petitions from the District of Newcastle. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that the further consideration of the bill to reduce the Speaker's salary be postponed till Thursday se'nnight.

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

Yeas:—Messrs. Baldwin, Clark, McCormick, Nichol, Robinson, Crooks, Chisholm, Gordon, Randal, Hamilton of Lincoln, Wilmot, Ruttan, Casey, Hornor, Rogers, MacLean of Frontenac, Hagerman, Hamilton of Prescott, Attorney General, McLean of Stormont, McDonell.—21.

Nays:—Messrs. Van Koughnet, Walsh, Burwell, Willson of Wentworth, Peterson, White, Wilson of Prince Edward, Jones of Grenville, Shaver, Morris, Gates.—11.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of ten, and was ordered accordingly.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves for leave to bring in a bill to amend the laws now in force respecting the highways and roads in this Province. Which was granted, and the bill read.

Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Chisholm moves, that the bill to amend and extend the laws now in force in this Province, for laying out, amending, and keeping in repair the public highways and roads, be read a second time on Thursday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of certain sheriffs, reported that they had prepared a bill, which he was ready to submit for the consideration of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the Bill was read the first time. Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. McDonnell, moves that the bill to afford relief to sheriffs in this Province, be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Robert Biggars. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Nichol gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move, that it be resolved, that a humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to direct to be laid before this House such information as he may be enabled to communicate respecting the appointment of commissioners on the part of Lower Canada, to adjust the payment of the balances due to this Province, and such other information respecting the said balances, as he may be in possession of in so far as the same can be done without prejudice to the public service. Also, any documents he may be possessed of, showing the amount of duties levied in that Province, on articles imported from the 1st of July, 1819, to the 31st day of December, 1820, inclusive.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves for leave to bring up the petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Johnstown. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Captain Angus Kennedy, of the 2nd Regiment of Glengarry Militia. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the officers of the 2nd Regiment of Glengarry Militia. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that agreeably to the recom-

mendation of the committee of the whole on the Provincial Road Bill, two hundred copies thereof be ordered to be printed for the consideration of the members during the recess. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the printing of the Road Bill be contracted for by the clerk with such person or persons who (after due notice given by public advertisement) shall offer to contract for the same at the lowest price. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday 14th March, 1821.

The following petitions were then read:

The petition of Peter Grant, of the Township of South Gower, in the District of Johnstown.

The petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Haldimand, in the Newcastle District, and Province of Upper Canada.

The petition of James Kerby, of Queenstown, in the District of Niagara, Esquire, Major of the late Battalion of incorporated Militia of Upper Canada, in behalf of himself, and the officers of the said regiment.

The petition of George Ferguson and others, in behalf of themselves and the rest of the inhabitants of the County of Carleton, in the District of Johnstown.

And the petition of Edward Dates of the Town of York, merchant.

Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Haldimand, in the Newcastle District, be referred to the committee on boundaries. Which was ordered.

Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the petition of Peter Grant of South Gower be referred to the committee to whom the petition of Gilman Willson has been referred. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that Messrs. Attorney General, Baldwin and Hagerman be a committee to take into consideration the petition of Edward Oates and to report by bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that the petition of James Kerby, Esquire, be referred to a select committee, and that the said committee do report their opinion thereupon to the House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Wentworth, moves that Messrs. Hagerman and Crooks be appointed to the said committee. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the consideration of the petition of sundry inhabitants of the County of Carleton be referred to the committee on unattached townships. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of population was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc., etc., etc.

May it please Your Excellency,—We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly request Your Excellency to be pleased to direct the proper officer to lay before us copies of the returns of the population of this Province for the year 1820, in so far as the same has been received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that Messrs. Crooks and Kerr be a committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the address, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for regulating the trial of contested elections was read the second time. Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on to-morrow to take into consideration the contested election bill. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery. Mr. Chisholm was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed.

Mr. Chisholm reported that the committee had agreed to two resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House, and was further directed to ask leave to sit again to-morrow. Which was granted and the resolutions adopted as follows:

Resolved, that the appointment of a Clerk of the Crown in Chancery was made in pursuance of an address of this House to His Excellency Lieutenant Governor Gore in the first session of the seventh Parliament of this Province.

Resolved, that in the opinion of this committee, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery ought to be remunerated for his past services in that office.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Registry Amendment Bill. Mr. Crooks in the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Crooks reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America. Which was granted, and the Bill read.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the Commercial Intercourse Bill be read a second time on Friday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to make good certain monies advanced was read the third time. Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to make good certain monies issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in pursuance of several addresses of the House of Assembly." Which was carried, and the bill signed.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Gordon be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to make good certain monies issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in pursuance of several addresses of the House of Assembly," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Wilson, of Prince Edward, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of the Township of Hallowell, presented a report, which was received and read as follows:

The special committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of Stephen Conger and others, inhabitants of the Township of Hallowell, beg leave to report that they have considered the matter of the said petition, and find that to pass any Act authorizing the emission of a Paper Currency which should be a legal tender in satisfaction of executions would be in direct violation of the British

Statute 4th George III., chapt. 34, which expressly prohibits the creation of paper bills of credit to form a legal tender by any Act of a Colonial Legislature.

With respect to the policy of such a measure, your committee conceive a Loan Office established on the principle stated in the petition would not ultimately afford the relief desired, and that it should be dangerous in the present depressed state of agriculture and commerce to afford so general a facility to loans, which your committee fear would end in the inevitable sacrifice of the landed property of most of those persons who might be induced by it imprudently to seek relief against present pressure, or embark in speculative enterprises from too sanguine anticipation of the future. Your committee further beg leave to express their conviction that a paper currency issued without any provision for its redemption by payment in specie, but afloat merely on a credit of landed security, must inevitably and immediately sink in value, and to attempt to force it as a legal tender in cases of debts now contracted would be in reality to defraud individuals and would ruin the credit of the country. Your committee, however, take the occasion suggested by these considerations to press upon the attention of Your Honorable House the great embarrassment experienced throughout this Province for want of circulating medium. Almost all the money transactions of this Province are carried on through the means of the paper of a private bank of this Province not established by charter or by bills of banks of Lower Canada, which it is obviously contrary to good policy to suffer to continue.

Whether from these considerations the immediate establishment of a Provincial Bank by Legislative authority, with a stock of such reduced amount as might insure its going into operation, would not be desirable by going every length it would be prudent to go in relieving present inconvenience, your committee respectfully submit to the consideration of Your Honorable House.

JAMES WILSON, Chairman.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Sheriff's Bill was read the second time. Mr. McLean, of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Rutan, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee to take into consideration the bill to afford relief to Sheriffs in this Province. Which was carried, and Mr. Wilson, of Prince Edward, took the chair of the committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Geale, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message which he delivered to the Speaker, who read the same as follows:—

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject matter of the message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respecting the Townships that have been surveyed and in part settled, which are not included in any organized County or District, for which purpose a committee of two members of the Honorable the Legislative Council will be ready to meet a committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the joint committee room to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 14th March, 1821.

The House went again into committee on the Sheriffs' Bill. Mr. Wilson, of Prince Edward, in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Wilson reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that this House do agree to the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council for a conference on the sub-

ject matter of the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respecting unattached townships. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the select committee of this House on the unattached townships be appointed to confer with the committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject referred to in the message received from that House. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. Jones, of Grenville, and Hagerman do inform the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to their request for a conference and have appointed a committee to meet the conferees of that Honorable House at the time and place appointed. Which was ordered.

The House went again into committee on the Sheriffs' Bill. Mr. Wilson, of Prince Edward, in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Wilson reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. McLean, of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that the bill to afford relief to sheriffs be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, 15th March, 1821.

The following petitions were then read.

The petition of Robert Biggar, of Mount Pleasant, on the Grand River, Yeoman.

The petition of Henry Jones, Allan Grant, Esquires, and others, merchants and lumber dealers, resident within the District of Johnstown.

The petition of Angus Kennedy, of the 2nd Regiment of Glengarry Militia.

And the petition of the officers of the 2nd Regiment of Glengarry Militia, who served with the embodied companies of the said regiment during the late war with the United States of America.

Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Leeds, moves that Messrs. Chisholm and Willson, of Wentworth, be a committee to take into consideration the petition of Robert Biggar, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Sheriffs' Bill was read the third time. Mr. McLean, of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act relative to the service of process issuing out of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench and the several District Courts in this Province." Which was carried and the bill signed.

Mr. McLean, of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Ruttan be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act relative to the service of process issuing out of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench and the several District Courts of this Province," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Morris from the committee of conference on the unorganized townships presented a report which was received and read as follows:

Proceedings at the conference on the subject of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's message respecting unattached townships.

The conferees on the part of the House of Assembly proceeded to the joint committee room, where they met the conferees on the part of the Honorable the Legislative Council.

The conferees from the House of Assembly informed those on the part of the Legislative Council that they had met them for the purpose of receiving any communication which they had to make on the subject matter of the conference, but had received no authority to discuss it. The conferees on the part of the Honorable the Legislative Council then acquainted the conferees of the House of Assembly that they were instructed by their House to say that under the present view they had taken of the subject it was inexpedient to form any new counties but that the boundaries of the present counties might be altered by enlarging or diminishing them.

The conferees of the House of Assembly then said they would communicate the observations on the part of the Legislative Council to their own House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. MORRIS, Chairman.

The Attorney General from the committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Pension laws reported that they had prepared a bill which he was directed to submit for the consideration of the House. Ordered that the report be received and the bill was read the first time.

The Attorney-General, seconded by Mr. McLean, of Stormont, moves that the Pension Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Crooks of the committee appointed to present an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor relative to the returns of population, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following reply:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I shall direct copies of the returns of population for 1820, as far as they have been received, to be prepared and laid before you in compliance with your address.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, on the resolutions of the Provincial Agent. Which was ordered, and Mr. Ruttan took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Ruttan reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves for leave to bring in a bill to continue the Act for proceeding to outlawry in certain cases, which was granted, and the bill read.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the Outlawry Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Highway Bill was read the second time. Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the Highway Bill. Which was carried. Mr. Morris took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Morris reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Attorney General gives notice that he will move to-morrow for leave to bring in a bill to enable married women more conveniently to alien their real estate.

The Attorney General, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act relative to the service of process issuing out of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench and the several District Courts of this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, 16th March, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Tavern License Bill. Doctor Baldwin took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Doctor Baldwin reported that the committee had risen.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the House do proceed to the consideration of the order of the day on the report of the committee of finance. Which was carried. Mr. Hornor took the chair of the committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Geale, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to render legal certain small notes and Inland Bills of Exchange within this Province," and the bill entitled "An Act to make good certain monies issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in pursuance of several addresses of the House of Assembly," which they had passed without amendment—also, the bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's reign entitled 'An Act for vesting in commissioners the estates of certain traitors, and also the estates of persons declared aliens, by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of his Majesty's reign entitled "An Act to declare certain persons therein described aliens, and to vest their estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which his Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon," which they had passed with some amendment, and which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

The amendments were then read for the first time as follows:—

Press 3, line 2—after "same" insert "and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in all cases where the Real Estate of any person declared an alien under the provisions of the said Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of his late Majesty's reign, shall have been sold in execution upon any judgment obtained against him before such Real Estate became vested in His Majesty by inquisition found the surplus moneys arising from such sale, after the satisfaction of the execution and the legal charges thereupon, shall belong to His Majesty, and shall be forthwith paid over by the sheriff or other officer holding the same to the Commissioners of the Forfeited Estates, appointed in and by the said Act of the Parliament of this Province passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's reign, who shall pay the same to the special Receiver appointed under the provisions of the said last mentioned Act, to be by him held subject to the same orders and appropriations as if such moneys had arisen from the sale of Real Estate by the commissioners of forfeited estates."

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Passed the Legislative Council, as amended, 15th March, 1821.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's reign entitled 'An Act for vesting in commissioners the estates of certain traitors, and also the estates of persons declared aliens, by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to declare certain persons therein described aliens, and to vest their estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful

debts and claims thereupon,"" be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House went again into committee, on the report of finance, Mr. Hornor in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Hornor reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House then adjourned till eleven o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday, 17th March, 1821.

John Bostwick, Esquire, one of the members for Middlesex, took his seat.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the petition of Captain Angus Kennedy, of the Second Regiment of Glengarry Militia, and that of certain officers of the same regiment, be referred to the committee to whom the petition of Robert Biggar has been referred, and that they be instructed to report by bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Samuel Hull. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill sent up from this House entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's reign entitled 'An Act for vesting in commissioners the estates of certain traitors, and also the estates of persons declared aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of his late Majesty's reign entitled "An Act to declare certain persons therein described aliens, and to vest their estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon,"" were read the second time.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the House do concur in the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's reign entitled 'An Act for vesting in Commissioners the estates of certain traitors, and also the estates of persons declared aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign entitled an Act to declare certain persons therein described aliens and to vest their estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon.'" Which was carried, and the amendments were signed.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that Messrs. Burwell and Shaver be a committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have concurred in the amendments made by them to the bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's reign entitled 'An Act for vesting in commissioners the estates of certain traitors and also the estates of certain persons declared aliens by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled an Act to declare certain persons therein described aliens, and to vest their estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon.'" Which was ordered.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves for leave to bring up the peti-

tion of Ebenezer Whiting, of the Township of Woodhouse, District of London. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of the townships of Whitchurch, King and East Gwillimbury. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the petition of Henry Jones, Allan Grant, and others, be referred to a select committee, and that Messrs. Attorney General, Nichol, and Jones, of Grenville, compose said committee. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the report of finance. Mr. Hornor took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hornor reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Duty Bill was read the second time. Mr. Hagerman, seconded by the Attorney General, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the intercourse Bill. Which was carried. Mr. Hamilton, of Prescott, took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hamilton reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Brockville, reported that the committee had prepared a bill to provide for the establishment of a police for the said town, which he was directed to submit for the consideration of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the bill was read the first time.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that the Brockville Police Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves the order of the day for the motion for address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for information. Which was carried.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, of Lincoln, moves that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor requesting him to direct to be laid before the House such information as he may be enabled to communicate, respecting the appointment of Commissioners on the part of Lower Canada, to adjust and stipulate for paying over the Drawbacks due to this Province on goods imported from the 1st July, 1819, to the 31st December, 1820; also, of the arrears of former years, and such other information respecting the said duties and arrears as he may be in possession of so far as the same can be communicated without prejudice to the public service; also any documents he may be possessed of showing the amount of duties levied in that Province on goods imported from the 1st July, 1819, to the 31st December, 1820. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that Messrs. Gordon and Hamilton, of Lincoln, be a committee to draft the said address and to report the same to the House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Gordon from the said committee reported a draft accordingly, which was received and read the first time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, of Lincoln, moves that the Fifth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the said address, and that it be now read the second time. Which was carried, and the address was read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, of Lincoln, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee to take into consideration the address to His

Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Which was carried. Mr. Burwell took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported the address without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, of Lincoln, moves that the address be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Pension Bill was read the second time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that the House do on Tuesday next resolve itself into a committee on the Pension Bill. Which was ordered.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves for leave to bring up the petition of James Crooks, of West Flamboro. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves for leave to bring up the petition of John Hardy, of the Township of Stamford, District of Niagara. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. McDonell gives notice, that he will on Monday next move, that this House do resolve itself into a committee of supply.

Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. McCormick, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Mary Phelps. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Outlawry Bill was read the second time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that the House do on Wednesday next resolve itself into a committee on the Outlawry Bill. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves for leave to bring in a bill to enable married women more conveniently to alien their Real Estate. Which was granted, and the bill read.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that the Married Women's Estate Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next. Which was ordered.

The address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of information from Lower Canada, was read the third time, passed, and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly request Your Excellency to cause to be laid before us such information as you may have it in your power to communicate respecting the appointment of Commissioners on the part of Lower Canada, to adjust and stipulate for the payment of drawbacks or duties due to this Province on goods imported into it from the 1st July, 1819, to the 31st December, 1820; also, of the arrears of former years, and such other information respecting the said drawbacks or duties or arrears thereof as Your Excellency may be in possession of, in so far as the same can be communicated without prejudice to the public service; also, that Your Excellency will be pleased to give directions for laying before us any documents in Your Excellency's possession, shewing the amount of duties levied in that Province on goods imported from the first July, 1819, to the thirty-first of December, 1820.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, of Lincoln, moves that Messrs. Burwell

and Ruttan be directed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of the townships of Trafalgar, Toronto, and Etobicoke. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock on Monday.

Monday, 19th March, 1821.

Mr. Hagerman, from the committee appointed to draft a bill to regulate the appointment of Parish and Town officers, reported that the committee had prepared one accordingly, which he was directed to submit for the consideration of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the bill was read the first time. Mr. Hagerman, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the Parish and Town Officers' Bill be read a second time on Thursday. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the report of Finance. Mr. Hornor took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hornor reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Doctor Baldwin, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Gilman Willson, reported that they had prepared a bill founded on the said petition, which he was ready to submit for consideration of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the bill was read the first time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that the bill for the relief of Gilman Willson be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of supply.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Jones of Leeds, Burwell, Van Koughnet, Gates, Hagerman, Jones of Grenville, MacLean of Frontenac, Attorney General, Robinson, Shaver, McDonell, McMartin, Morris—13.

Nays: Messrs. McCormick, Chisholm, Willson of Wentworth, Baldwin, Nichol, Walsh, Clark, Wilson of Prince Edward, Peterson, Randal, White, Ruttan, Casey, Kerr, Hamilton of Lincoln—15.

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

Allan N. McNabb, Deputy Sergeant at Arms, was called to the bar, and examined.

Question.—Did you proceed to execute the orders of this House for the arrest of Joseph Fortune, Esquire, Returning Officer for the counties of Prescott and Russell, and if so, state what occurred in the execution of that duty?

Answer.—I overtook Mr. Fortune in Lower Canada. At first he promised he would come with me if I would allow him two hours, and then refused to come up with me. Judge Hamilton and Mr. Brown were with Colonel Fortune. Colonel Fortune told me that Judge Hamilton advised him not to come to York. Mr. Fortune urged his want of money. I offered to bring him in my sleigh. He would not say what sum he required. I showed Mr. Fortune the warrant, who took a copy of it; it was at the village of St. Andrew's, about ten or twelve miles from his own house, that I saw Mr. Fortune. I was told that he had left the Province three days before I saw him. He did not offer to send the Poll

book or other papers. Judge Hamilton in presence of myself and Mr. Fortune denied having advised him (Mr. Fortune) not to come to York.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Willson, of Wentworth, moves that it be resolved that the conduct of the Returning Officer for the counties of Prescott and Russell, in refusing to attend at the bar of this House, to give evidence on the contested election for the said counties of Prescott and Russell, and in flying from its jurisdiction to avoid the consequences of his misconduct, is highly contumacious—is in direct violation of his duty, and a flagrant breach of the privileges of this House. Which was carried *nem. con.*

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to inform him that this House have resolved "That the conduct of Joseph Fortune, Esquire, Returning Officer for the counties of Prescott and Russell, in refusing to attend at the bar of this House, to give evidence on the contested election for the counties of Prescott and Russell, and in flying from its jurisdiction to avoid the consequences of his misconduct, is highly contumacious, is in direct violation of his duty, and a flagrant breach of the privileges of this House," and to request His Excellency to dismiss the said Joseph Fortune from every situation or office of trust or emolument which he may hold under the Government of this Province.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Bostwick, Hornor, McCormick, Jones of Leeds, Wilson of Prince Edward, Willson of Wentworth, Baldwin, Burwell, Walsh, Nichol, Chisholm, Wilmot, Hamilton of Lincoln, Randal, White, Crooks, Rogers, Hamilton of Wentworth, Casey, Gates, Robinson, Ruttan, Kerr, Van Koughnet, Attorney General, McLean of Frontenac, Jones of Grenville, Shaver, McMartin, Morris—30.

Nays: Clark, Peterson, McDonell—3.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-seven.

Mr. Geale, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill sent up from this House entitled, "An Act to afford relief to Edmond Mott and John Blanchard, of the District of Johnstown," which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, of Lincoln, moves that Messrs. Crooks and Robinson be ordered to prepare the said address, and report the same to the House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Rogers gives notice that he will, on to-morrow move that it be resolved, that as much inconvenience has arisen and expense incurred by inserting all petitions read in this House on the journals, that hereafter it shall not be necessary for the Clerk to enter such petitions on the Journals of this House, unless particularly ordered so to do, but that such petitions shall be filed by the Clerk, in order that this House may have recourse thereto.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that a free conference be requested with the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject matter contained in the message of that House respecting unattached townships. Which was carried.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, gives notice that he will on Thursday move for leave to bring in a bill, to make valid all marriages heretofore solemnized within this Province, by any person having authority by law to solemnize matrimony.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that this House resolve itself into a committee on supply, to take into consideration the estimate for the support of the Civil Government for the current year.

The Attorney General gives notice that he will move to-morrow that the House do resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their consideration the report of the special committee upon the petition of Stephen Conger and others, inhabitants of the Township of Hallowell.

Doctor Baldwin, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Biggar, reported the draft of a bill, which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the bill was read the first time. Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the bill for the relief of Robert Biggar be read a second time on Wednesday next. Which was ordered.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves for leave to bring up the petition of George Duggan, and other inhabitants of the Town of York. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves for leave to bring up the petition of several inhabitants of the District of London. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that Messrs. Crooks and Morris be directed to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the message of this House on the subject of a free conference respecting the unattached townships. Which was ordered.

Mr. Crooks, of the committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to the resolution of this day, reported a draft accordingly, which he was ready to submit for the consideration of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the address was read the first time. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that the address to His Excellency be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, 20th March, 1821.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jones, of Grenville, moves that it be resolved, that as much inconvenience has arisen and expense incurred by inserting all petitions on the Journals which are read in this House, that hereafter it shall not be necessary for the Clerk to enter such petitions on the Journals of this House unless particularly ordered so to do, but that such petitions shall be filed by the Clerk, in order that this House may have recourse thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will on Thursday next move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal the laws now in force granting poundage to the Receiver General of this Province.

Mr. Burwell, of the committee to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the address of this House, praying for information from Lower Canada on the subject of duties, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency was pleased to make thereto the following reply:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I have no official communications to make to you on the appointment of commissioners on the part of Lower Canada, but I will cause to be laid before you a paper purporting to be the copy of an Act for that purpose passed by two branches of the Legislature of Lower Canada.

I will cause such report of the arrears of duties as it shall be found practicable to procure to be transmitted to you.

I have no official information of the amount of duties levied in Lower Canada from the first of July, 1819, to the thirty-first of December, 1820.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the trial of the Prescott election. Allan N. McNabb was sworn. Olmstead Gates was sworn.

Mr. Jones, of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that it be resolved that it having appeared in proof at the bar of this House, that the Returning Officer of the counties of Prescott and Russell who is also clerk of the Peace for the District formed by said counties, had disobeyed the orders of this House to attend with the Poll book and was out of the Province, and therefore without the jurisdiction of this House, a copy of such Poll book proved by the Clerk who took the same at such election, shall be admitted being the next best evidence in the power of this House to procure. Which was carried.

Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that it be resolved, that in the trial of the Prescott and Russell election, this House will take into consideration as well the merits of the election as the return.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Hornor, Casey, McCormick, Baldwin, Van Koughnet, Peterson, Clark, Willson of Wentworth, Wilson of Prince Edward, Kerr, Hamilton of Wentworth, Robinson, Ruttan, Crooks, Rogers, Morris—16.

Nays: Messrs. Nicholl, Burwell, Walsh, Randal, White, MacLean of Frontenac, Attorney General, Jones of Grenville, Hagerman, Hamilton of Lincoln, Gordon, McLean of Stormont, Gates, Shaver, McMartin—15.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of one.

James P. Wells was sworn.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, 21st March, 1821.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the petition of James Crooks be referred to the committee to whom is referred the petition of Peter Grant. Which was ordered.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that the petition of John Hardy and Ebenezer Whiting be referred to a select committee, and that Messrs. Nichol and Baldwin compose said committee, with power to send for persons and papers. Which was lost.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves for leave to bring up the petition of John and James Dunlop, of the Township of Lancaster, in the County of Glengarry. Which was granted and the petition laid on the table.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that the petition of Samuel Hull and Margaret Phelps be referred to Messrs. Kerr and Crooks, with leave to report by bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Mr. MacLean, of Frontenac, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves for leave to bring up the petition of W. Hamilton, Esquire. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table. Mr. MacLean, of Frontenac, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, of Lincoln, moves, that the sixth rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the petition of W. Hamilton, Esquire, and that the same be now read. Which was carried and the petition was read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the trial of the Prescott election.

F. W. Small was sworn, and proved a paper put in by the Counsel for the Petitioner, to be the original judgment roll.

At the request of the Counsel for the sitting Member, the further consideration of the trial was postponed till to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Outlawry Bill. Mr. Shaver took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Shaver reported the bill without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McLean, of Stormont, moves that the Outlawry Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to provide for the more easy conveying the estate of married women, was read the second time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McLean, of Stormont, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee on the Married Women's Estate Bill. Which was carried. Mr. White took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. White reported the bill without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McLean, of Stormont, moves that the Married Women's Estate Bill be engrossed; and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for the relief of Robert Biggar was read the second time. Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the House do now resolve itself into committee to take into consideration the bill for the relief of Robert Biggar. Which was carried. Mr. Bostwick took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Bostwick reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day three months.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Intercourse Bill. Mr. Hamilton, of Wentworth, took the chair of the committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Geale, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council a message which the Speaker read as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council have agreed to the request of the Commons House of Assembly, for a free conference on the subject matter of the message sent from this House respecting unattached townships, and have appointed three of its members who will be ready to meet the committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the joint committee room at ten o'clock to-morrow forenoon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
21st March, 1821.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

The House went again into committee on the Intercourse Bill, Mr. Hamilton, of Wentworth in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Hamilton reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that the committee on unattached townships be directed to meet the conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council at the free conference to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to direct to be laid before this House detailed accounts of the annual expenditure for the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government of this Province, for the years 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, and 1820.

Mr. Jones, of Leeds, gives notice that he will to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal so much of the third clause of an Act passed in the

fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Court of Requests," as relates to precluding the Courts of Requests from holding plea for any debt contracted at a tavern for spirituous liquors.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, 22nd March, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Outlawry Bill was read the third time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the Outlawry Bill do now pass, and that the title be "An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled an Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to supply in certain cases the want of County Courts in this Province, and to make further provision for proceeding to Outlawry in certain cases therein mentioned.'" Which was carried, and the Bill signed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to provide for the more easily conveying the real estate of married women, was read the third time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, moves that the Married Women's Estate Bill be re-committed on Saturday next. Which was ordered.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Gates be a committee to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act to supply in certain cases the want of County Courts in this Province, and to make further provision for proceeding to Outlawry in certain cases therein mentioned,'" and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded in the trial of the Prescott election.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. MacLean of Frontenac, moves for leave to bring up the petition of James Small, Esquire. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves that the sixth rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the petition of James Small, Esquire, and that the same be now read. Which was carried, and the petition was read.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves that it be resolved that as the petition of James E. Small, Esquire, prays this House to address His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for papers not described in such a manner as to inform this House what are the contents thereof, the prayer of the said petition cannot be granted.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Hornor, Burwell, Baldwin, Van Koughnet, Wilson of Wentworth, Wilson of Prince Edward, Nichol, White, Peterson, Hamilton of Wentworth, Casey, Walsh, McLean of Stormont, Ruttan, Rogers, MacLean of Frontenac, Jones of Grenville, Kerr, Hamilton of Lincoln, Hagerman, Shaver, Robinson, Attorney-General, Morris, McMartin, Gates.—26.

Nays—Messrs. Crooks, McCormick, Randal, Clark.—4.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-two, and it was resolved accordingly.

Allan McLean, Esquire, Member for the County of Frontenac, was sworn in his place.

The House adjourned for half an hour. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative to Joseph Fortune, Esquire, was read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee, to take the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor into consideration. Which was ordered. Mr. Walsh took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Walsh reported the address without amendment. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the address, and that it be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that it be resolved, than an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that he will direct the proper officer to lay before this House detailed accounts of the annual expenditure for the administration of justice and the support of the Civil Government of this Province for the years 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819 and 1820. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, of the committee to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act to supply in certain cases the want of County Courts in this Province, and to make further provisions for proceeding to Outlawry in certain cases therein mentioned," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh moves, that Messrs. Robinson and Van Koughnet be ordered to prepare an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in conformity to the resolution of this House. Which was ordered.

The House proceeded in the trial of the Prescott election.

Archibald McLean, Esquire, one of the Members for Stormont, was sworn in his place.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Shaver moves, that it be resolved, that the petitioner having found a judgment by which the landed estates of the sitting member appears to have been incumbered, it is incumbent on the sitting member to prove that he had such estate over and above the said incumbrance as made him eligible to serve in Parliament, or that the said judgment is paid. Which was lost.

The address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative to Joseph Fortune, Esquire, was read the third time, passed and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein. &c., &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to represent to Your Excellency, that the Commons House of Assembly

have resolved that the conduct of Joseph Fortune, Esquire, Returning Officer for the counties of Prescott and Russell, in refusing to attend at the bar of his House on the contested election for the counties of Prescott and Russell, and in flying from its jurisdiction to avoid the consequences of his misconduct, is highly contumacious, in direct violation of his duty, and a flagrant breach of the privileges of this House, and therefore humbly request that Your Excellency will be pleased to dismiss the said Joseph Fortune from every situation and office of trust or emolument which he may hold under the Government of this Province.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh moves, that Messrs. Hagerman and Jones of Leeds be ordered to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson of the committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of detailed accounts, reported a draft which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell moves, that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, 23rd March, 1821.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. MacDonell, moves that the petition of John and James Dunlop, of the Township of Lancaster, be referred to the select committee to whom the petition of Angus Kennedy, Captain of the 2nd Regiment Glengarry Militia, was referred, to have power to send for persons and papers, and to report by bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

Mr. Randal gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring up the petition of Ebenezer Whiting to a select committee, with power to send for persons and papers.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that it be resolved, that at the last election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the counties of Prescott and Russell, the majority of votes received upon the Poll was for the petitioner David Pattie, Esquire, and was so declared by the Returning Officer, at the close of the Poll, and that David Pattie, Esquire, ought to have been returned.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Burwell, Gates, Nichol, Willson of Wentworth, Clark, Hornor, Walsh, Randal, Wilson of Prince Edward, White, Robinson, Crooks, Peterson, Kerr, Morris, Ruttan, MacLean of Frontenac, Hamilton of Wentworth, Hamilton of Lincoln, Rogers, Van Koughnet, Casey, Jones of Grenville, Hagerman, McLean of Stormont, Shaver, McMartin, Attorney General.—28.

Nays—Messrs. McCormick, Baldwin.—2.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-six and resolved accordingly.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that it be resolved, that Joseph Fortune, Esquire, Returning Officer for the counties of Prescott and Russell, at the last election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the said counties, having taken upon himself to return William Hamilton, Esquire, as Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said counties contrary to the

majority of votes received by him upon the Poll, and to his own declaration of the numbers at the close of the Poll, without any public subsequent examination into the rights of the voters previous to such return, has acted partially, arbitrarily, and illegally, in defiance of the laws, in apparent disregard of his oath of office, and in wilful and manifest violation of the rights of the freeholders of the said counties, and in breach of the privilege of this House.

In amendment, Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. McCormick moves, that the words contrary to the majority of votes received by him upon the Poll, and to his own declaration of the members at the close of the Poll without any public subsequent examination into the rights of the voters previous to such return, be expunged, and "by a secret selection of voters during the said election, and having manifested his partiality in favor of the said William Hamilton" be inserted. Which was lost.

In amendment, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Wilson of P. Edw., moves that after the word "having" the following words be inserted, "manifested gross partiality in favor of William Hamilton, one of the candidates," and after the word "return" the words "the said" be inserted. Which was carried.

The original question as amended, was then put and carried.

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. McLean, of Stormont, moves that it be resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that the return of the Returning Officer for the counties of Prescott and Russell, of a Member to serve in the present Parliament, be amended by erasing the name of William Hamilton, and inserting that of David Pattie.

On which debates ensued, and the further consideration of the question was adjourned till to-morrow.

According to the order of the day, the Sawmill Bill was read the second time.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the bill for granting an exclusive privilege to Robert Brock and Stephen Serjeant be referred to a committee of the whole on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of detailed accounts, was read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee, to take the address into consideration. Which was carried. Mr. McMartin took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported the address without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that the fifth rule of the House be dispensed with in so far as the same relates to the address, and that it be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Speaker's Salary Bill. Mr. Jones of Leeds took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported the bill without amendment.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Wilmot, Bostwick, Jones of Leeds, Walsh, Gordon, McCormick, Chisholm, Nichol, Baldwin, Peterson, Randal, Clark, White, Wilson of P. Edw., Wilson of Wentworth, Hornor, Crooks, Baby, Morris, Ruttan, Robinson, Van Koughnet, Rogers, Hamilton of Wentworth, Casey, Shaver, Hamilton of Lincoln, Jones of Grenville, Gates.—29,

Nays—Messrs. Burwell, McDonell, Attorney General, McLean of Frontenac, Kerr, Hagerman, McLean of Stormont, McMartin.—8.

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

Mr. Jones of Grenville, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the Speaker's Salary Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered Agreeably to the order of the day, the address on the subject of detailed accounts was read the third time, was passed and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc.

May it please Your Excellency: We His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly request, that Your Excellency will please to direct the proper officer to lay before this House detailed accounts of the annual expenditure for the administration of justice and the support of the Civil Government of this Province, for the years 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819 and 1820.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honourable the Legislative Council the Bill entitled "An Act for the Preservation of Deer within this Province," which they had passed without amendment.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that Messrs. Robinson and McMartin be ordered to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hagerman, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Oates and others, reported that the committee had prepared a bill, which he was ready to submit for the consideration of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the bill was read the first time.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by the Attorney General, moves that the Light House Tonnage Duty Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock tomorrow.

Saturday, 24th March, 1821.

On the third reading of the Speaker's Salary Bill being called, Mr. Van-Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Wilson of Wentworth moves, that the third reading of the Speaker's Salary Bill be postponed till Wednesday next. Which was lost.

The bill was then read the third time.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the bill to reduce the Speaker's Salary do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to increase the salary of the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and to remunerate the present Speaker for past services.'"

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

Yeas—Messrs. McCormick, Jones of Leeds, Nichol, Hamilton of Lincoln, Bostwick, Gordon, Baldwin, Walsh, Crooks, Randal, Hornor, Peterson, White, Hamilton of Wentworth, Mark, Casey, Willson of Wentworth, Rogers, Ruttan, Wilmot, Van Koughnet, Shaver, Robinson, Gates, Morris, Wilson of Prince Edward.—26.

Nays—Messrs. McMartin, Burwell, Kerr, MacLean of Frontenac, McDonell, Hagerman.—6.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty, and the bill was signed.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that Messrs. Baldwin and McCormick be a committee to carry up to the Honourable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to increase the salary of the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and to remunerate the present Speaker for past services,'" and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Married Women's Estate Bill. Mr. Gates took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Gates reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that the Married Women's Estate Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday. Which was ordered.

Mr. Randal gives notice, that he will on Monday next move, that it be resolved that so much of a motion made by him on Wednesday the twenty-first instant for referring the petitions of John Hardy and Ebenezer Whiting to a select committee as relates to the said Whiting be expunged, to enable him to move for referring the petition of the said Whiting to a select committee.

The Debates on the motion of Mr. Jones of Grenville, relative to the Prescott election, were renewed.

In amendment, the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hagerman, moves that after the word "that" in the original resolution the remaining words be expunged, and the following be inserted, "the matters in the petition of David Pattie, Esquire, having been proved to this House, the election for the counties of Prescott and Russell be therefore in pursuance of the former resolution of this House declared void, and that a new writ be issued for the election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the said counties."

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

Yeas—Messrs. McCormick, Attorney General, Burwell, Crooks, Wilson of Prince Edward, MacLean of Frontenac, McMartin, Hagerman, Robinson, Morris.—10.

Nays—Messrs. McLean of Stormont, Nichol, Hamilton of Wentworth, Walsh, Baldwin, Hamilton of Lincoln, Randal, Peterson, White, Willson of Wentworth, Casey, Clark, Kerr, Hornor, Gates, Ruttan, Van Koughnet, Rogers, Shaver.—19.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of nine.

The original question was then put, when the House divided thereupon, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. McLean of Stormont, Nichol, Hamilton of Wentworth, Baldwin, Randal, Peterson, White, Willson of Wentworth, Clark, Kerr, Casey, Hornor, Gates, Van Koughnet, Rogers, Shaver, Ruttan, Hamilton of Lincoln, Walsh.—19.

Nays—Messrs. McCormick, Attorney General, Burwell, Crooks, Wilson of P. Edward, MacLean of Frontenac, McMartin, Hagerman, Robinson, Morris.—10.

The question was decided in the affirmative by a majority of nine, and it was resolved accordingly.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that the Returning Officer for the said counties having withdrawn himself from the jurisdiction of this House, the

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery be ordered to amend the said return in conformity to the resolution of this House. Which was ordered.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery reported, that he had amended the return agreeably to the order of the House.

Grant Powell, Esquire, Commissioner, reported, that David Pattie, Esquire, was sworn.

David Pattie, Esquire, was then introduced by Messrs. Rogers and Honor, and took his seat.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Pierre Saint Julien and others. Which was granted, and the petition was brought up.

Mr. McLean, of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the sixth rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the petition of Pierre Saint Julien and others, and that the said petition be now read. Which was carried, and the petition was read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for the relief of the small craft was read the second time. Mr. Hagerman, seconded by the Attorney General, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Small Craft Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Crooks took the chair of the committee.

The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door. Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, Brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, a message which he delivered, and withdrew, when the Speaker read the same as follows:

Mr. Speaker, The Honorable the Legislative Council have adopted the report of their committee of conference on the message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respecting the townships not included in any organized County or District.

Legislative Council Chamber,
24th March, 1821.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Doctor Baldwin, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled an Act to increase the salary of the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and to remunerate the present Speaker for past services," and request their concurrence thereto, reported he had done so.

The House went again into committee, on the Small Craft Relief Bill. Mr. Crooks in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Crooks reported the bill without amendment. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Hagerman, seconded by the Attorney General moves, that the Small Craft Relief Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hagerman, of the committee to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the address of this House, relative to the Returning Officer of the counties of Prescott and Russell, reported they had done so, and that His Excellency was pleased to make thereto the following reply:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I shall not fail to comply with the prayer of your address, as far as the laws will allow.

Mr. Morris, from the committee to whom was referred the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the unattached townships, presented a report, which was received and read as follows:

To the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled: Report of the select committee appointed to confer with the conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respecting unattached townships.

Your committee proceeded to the conference chamber where they met the Honorable James Baby, the Honorable William Dickson, and the Honorable George Markland, Esquires, on the part of that Honorable House. The message of His Excellency being read, your committee proceeded to examine the several statutes for the better division of the Province, and for the forming new districts, and having compared the same with the map transmitted to your Honorable House by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, have to report the following observations:

First,—In the Eastern and Ottawa Districts, there are not any townships which are not comprehended in some one of the counties thereof but it appears to your committee, that a tract of land claimed by the Saint Regis Indians adjoining to the townships of Charlottenburg and Kenyon, is not attached to any described township, and that from its shape it would be extremely inconvenient to the inhabitants to form it into a separate township.

Your committee therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of attaching so much of the said tract, as adjoins the township of Charlottenburg to that township, and the remainder to the township of Kenyon.

Second,—In the Johnstown District: It appears that the following townships not formally named by Act of Parliament are comprehended within the limits of the County of Carlton, viz.: Goulburn, Beckwith, Drummond, Bathurst, March, Huntley, Ramsay, Lanark, Dalhousie, and Sherbrooke North and South. It is therefore respectfully recommended, that provision be made by law for confirming the names of the said townships, and for authorizing the Lieutenant Governor, whenever the population of the said County shall amount to six thousand souls, to declare the same by proclamation a separate District: provided, however, that the courts of Assize and Nisi Prius shall continue to be held for the said District at the place now appointed by law for that purpose in the District of Johnstown until such time as a Gaol and Court House shall be erected in and for the said District.

Third,—In the Midland District, there are the following townships not formally named or attached by Act of Parliament, viz:

In the rear of Frontenac, the townships of Oso, Olden, and Kennebec, recommended to be attached to the County of Frontenac.

In the rear of Lennox and Addington, the township of Kaledar recommended to be attached to the counties of Lennox and Addington.

In the rear of the County of Hastings, there are the townships of Elzevir, Madoc, and Marmora, recommended to be attached to that County.

Fourth,—In the District of Newcastle, your committee, in referring to the 38th Geo. 3d. chap. 5th, observed an inconsistency which it is requisite to provide for. By the 23d. clause of the said Act, it is enacted "that Matchedash, Gloucester and Penetangueshene, together with Prince William Henry's Island, and all the land lying between the Midland District, and a line produced due North from a certain fixed boundary at the distance of about fifty miles north-west from the outlet of Burlington Bay, to constitute and form the County of Simcoe," by which and the 25th clause of the same Act the County of Simcoe is situated in two districts. Your committee therefore respectfully recommend the repeal of the said clause.

In the rear of the present County of Northumberland, there are the following townships which it is respectfully recommended to attach to that County, viz.: Asphodel, Ottanabee, Monaghan, and Smith.

And in rear of Durham, the following recommended to be attached to the latter County, viz.: Cavan, Manvers, Cartwright, Emily, Ops, and Mariposa.

Fifth,—In the Home District: It is recommended to attach the following townships to the East Riding of the County of York, viz.: Beach, Brock, Scott, Georgina, Thora, Marah, and Ramah; and that hereafter the West Riding shall consist of the townships of Etobicoke, Toronto, Vaughan, King, Chinguaconse, Albion, Caledon, and the Gore of Toronto.

That the following townships do constitute and form the County of Simcoe: West Gwillimbury, Tecumseth, Adjalah, Mono, Amaranth, Luther, Proton, Melancthon, Mulmar, Tosorontio, Essa, Innisfil, Oro, Vespra, Sunnidale, Flos, Medonta, Aurelia, Merlin, Osprey, Artemisia, Alba, Java, Tiny, Tay, Euphrasy, Zero, and Matchedash: and also, that, whenever the said County of Simcoe shall contain a population of six thousand souls, it shall and may be lawful for the person administering the Government, by proclamation to declare the same a separate District: Provided, however, that the Courts of Assize shall continue to be held at the usual place in the Home District until such time as a gaol and court house shall be built.

Sixth,—In the District of Gore: It is recommended, that the following townships now situated within the West Riding of the County of York, viz.: Esquesing, Nasagawya, Eramosa, Erin, and Garafraxa, together with the townships of Nelson and Trafalgar from the County of Halton, do form a new County, to be denominated the County of and that the remainder of the said County of Halton, together with the church and clergy reserves in rear of Beverly and Flamborough, do continue and remain the County of Halton.

That the Gore of land between the townships of Beverly and between Dumfries and Dundas Street be attached to Dumfries.

Seventh,—In the London District: There are the townships of Bayham and Malahide proposed to be attached to the County of Norfolk.

In the County of Oxford to constitute the Gore of land attached to Burford, a separate township by name of the township of Oakland: to incorporate the townships of Nissouri and Zorra, together with North and South Dorchester, the two latter being at present within the limits of the County of Middlesex with the said County of Oxford, and that hereafter the following townships do constitute the County of Middlesex, viz.: Yarmouth, Southwold, Dunwich, Aldborough, Delaware, Westminster, London, Moza, Ekfrid, Carradoc, and Lobo: Also, that the Gore of land on the East of Norwich be attached to the Township of Norwich, and that a Gore of land on the East of the Township of Dorchester, be attached to that Township.

Eighth,—In the Western District, the following new townships are recommended to be added to the County of Kent, viz.: Zone, Dawn, Sombra, and Saint Clair.

Your committee further recommend, that in any bill to be passed by your Honorable House on this subject, provision be made by law, that the new counties to be formed thereby, shall not be entitled to be represented separately till the next general election, but that the freeholders of the several townships thereof shall vote in the same manner as is already provided for in the 1st Geo. IV, entitled "An Act to provide for increasing the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. MORRIS, Chairman.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the report be considered in a committee of the whole on Wednesday next. Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Crooks, Esquire, reported a bill, which was received and read the first time. Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. McCormick, moves that the bill for the relief of James Crooks, Esquire, be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hull and Margaret Phelps, reported a bill which was received, and read the first time. Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. McCormick, moves that the bill for the relief of Samuel Hull and Margaret Phelps, be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Parish and Town Officers Bill was read the second time. Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the bill for the appointment of Parish and Town Officers. Which was carried. Mr. Willson of Wentworth took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Willson reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

The House then adjourned till Monday at twelve o'clock.

Monday, 26th March, 1821.

Mr. Robinson, of the committee to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the address relative to certain detailed accounts, reported they had done so, and that His Excellency was pleased to make thereto the following reply:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I shall direct the accounts prayed for in your address, to be prepared, and laid before you.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to provide for the more easily conveying the real Estate of married women, was read the third time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to enable married women more conveniently to convey their Real Estate." Which was carried, and the bill signed. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that Messrs. McMartin and Morris be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to enable married women more conveniently to convey their Real Estate," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Small Craft Relief Bill was read the third time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Shaver moves, that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act further to relieve vessels and small craft from the payment of Light House Tonnage Duty." Which was carried, and the bill signed. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that Messrs. McMartin and Morris be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act further to relieve vessels and small craft from the payment of Light House Tonnage Duty," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for the order of the day, for the House in committee on the Intercourse Bill. Which was carried. Mr. Hamilton of Wentworth took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hamilton reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. McMartin gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move, that it be resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to direct the proper officer to lay before this House, any documents which may have been officially transmitted to him, tending to charge David Pattie, Esquire, a Member of this House, with any crimes alleged to have been committed by him in the United States of America.

Mr. Nichol, from the Committee appointed to inquire into the duties of the Adjutant General of the Militia, presented a report, which was received and read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, the report of the select committee on the Department of the Adjutant General of Militia:

In obedience to the order of your Honorable House, your committee proceeded to inquire into the duties of the Adjutant General of the Militia of this Province, the emoluments annexed to that appointment, and the expediency of granting an additional salary to that officer.

Your committee availing themselves of the authority vested in them, directed the attendance of the Adjutant General, who having been examined by your committee on the subject referred to them for inquiry, gave in a written statement marked "A" to which your committee respectfully refer. Your committee also examined James Fitz-Gibbon, Esquire, who had for some time been attached to the Department, who corroborated in every respect the statements made by the Adjutant General with respect to the laborious and increasing duties of that highly respectable and responsible Department.

Your committee, on reference to the public accounts, and on examining the Adjutant General, have satisfactorily ascertained, that the only emoluments attached to that office, is a salary paid under the authority of a Provincial Enactment of two hundred pounds per annum, paid semi-annually.

The contingencies of the Department for the years 1817, 1818, 1819, and 1820 have amounted to £964 15s. 6½d., making an average of £241 3s. 10½d. currency. These contingencies arise from clerks' wages, office rent, fuel for the same, printing, stationery and postage, charges which cannot well be expected to be diminished, as the business of the office is and must of necessity be on the increase.

In order to ascertain the expediency of increasing the salary of the Adjutant General, your committee proceeded to inquire into the emoluments usually enjoyed by officers of corresponding rank and trust in Lower Canada, the result of which is, that the Adjutant General of Lower Canada, whose duty is by no means so arduous or multifarious as that of the Adjutant General of this Province, has an annual salary of five hundred pounds, and the contingencies of his office (exclusive of the pay allowed to the Deputy Adjutant General, who is allowed three hundred pounds per annum) amount to £465 17s. 10d. Your committee, however, do not feel justified in recommending an increase to that extent, as they are aware of the embarrassed situation of the Public Revenue, but they are of opinion that a prudent regard to the public interest as well as proper consideration for an office of such importance, imperiously require an additional salary, the amount, your committee have not presumed to suggest, having stated sufficient to enable your Honorable House to decide. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT NICHOL, Chairman.

Doctor Baldwin gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill, for altering the time of holding the Quarter Sessions in the Home District.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves for leave to bring up the petition of several inhabitants of Port Hope in the District of Newcastle. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, 27th March, 1821.

Mr. Jones of Leeds gives notice, that he will on Thursday next move, that it be resolved, that no more bills or petitions be introduced into this House after that day during the present session.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Intercourse Bill. Mr. Hamilton of Wentworth took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hamilton reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled an Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign entitled an Act to supply in certain cases the want of County Courts in this Province, and to make further provision for proceeding to outlawry in certain cases therein mentioned," and the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled an Act to increase the salary of the Speaker of the House of Assembly and to remunerate the present Speaker for past services," which they had passed without amendment.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, 28th March, 1821.

Mr. McDonell from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the Sergeant at Arms with other matters relating to the building occupied by this House, presented a report, which was received and read as follows:

To the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, the report of the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Sergeant at Arms, and the representation of the Clerk of the House of Assembly:

Your committee, to whom were referred the petition of the Sergeant at Arms, and the representation of the Clerk of your Honorable House; and also, to consider what further accommodation can be added to those which are now afforded by that part of the building appropriated for the Commons House of Assembly; as also, the propriety of having the whole of the building, furniture, books, etc., insured against fire; as also, to enter into such further consideration as may be connected with the internal and external appurtenances of the building generally, respectfully report, that having examined the Clerk and Sergeant at Arms on the subject of their respective applications to the House, it appears, that in the session of 1816, the Sergeant at Arms was put in possession of certain apartments of the House under the authority of the Speaker. The offices with the furniture being at the same time locked up by the Clerk. Your committee endeavored to ascertain, to whom the care of the House of Commons was usually committed in England, but were unable to obtain any authentic information. By the Red Book it

appears that the offices of the House of Commons form two distinct departments: the clerks, copying clerks, and all persons connected with the writing department, being under the principal clerk: the deputy housekeeper, doorkeepers, and messengers being under the Sergeant at Arms. Connecting this information with the resolutions of the House of Assembly, directing the Sergeant at Arms to take charge of the furniture, and to perform other duties, it appears to your committee, that usage is in favor of the latter officer having the charge of the House, and consequently, that that officer should have it in charge during the recess. The paper offices and records of the House are as a matter of course in charge of the Clerk.

Your committee has given the necessary considerations to that part of the order of reference, which directs it "to ascertain what conveniences that part of the building appropriated for the accommodation of the Commons House of Assembly at present affords, and what further, if any, conveniences can be added thereto," respectfully reports, that in the northern wing of the building there are on the ground floor three small rooms for the clerk and his assistants, and two committee rooms in the second story. Your committee is of opinion, that four committee rooms are requisite for effectually carrying on the business of the House, and in consequence respectfully recommend, that an additional building of eighteen by twenty-four feet, two stories high, may be added to the eastern front of the said wing, and parallel to its northern end, with a passage of ten feet from the main building to the said additional building. That the door, at present communicating with the clerks' and committee rooms be shut up, and another cut out (as nearly as circumstances will admit) on a parallel with that leading to the Speaker's room, and that the passage now used be taken into the clerks' rooms on the ground floor and into the committee rooms at present laid out in the second story, and that the building in rear of the house at present occupied as a kitchen, be removed.

With respect to the apartments where the House sits, your committee is of opinion that the present arrangement is deficient, and respectfully recommends that in lieu of tables and chairs, there be a double tier of seats laid out on each side of it, so constructed as to admit of a Member's writing without leaving his place, and his having free access to and from his seat without any inconvenience to the Members on either side of him, and that the Speaker's chair be advanced to the distance of eight or ten feet from the place which it now occupies and elevated on a platform of three feet in height.

On the subject of insuring the building, books, furniture, etc., against fire, your committee recommends, that the same may be carried into effect and that a policy be opened in the name of the Receiver General for the time being. All which is respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER McDONELL, Chairman.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the report of the select committee be referred to a committee of the whole on Friday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward, moves for leave to bring up the petition of sundry inhabitants of this Province. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table. Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward, moves that so much of the sixth rule of this House be

dispensed with as relates to the petition of sundry inhabitants of this Province, and that the said petition be now read. Which was carried, and the petition was read.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward, moves that the petition of sundry inhabitants of this Province be referred to the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Adam Dixon. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that it be resolved that so much of a motion made by him on Wednesday the twenty-first instant, for referring the petitions of John Hardy and Ebenezer Whiting to a select committee as relates to the said Whiting, be expunged, to enable him to move for referring the petition of said Whiting to a select committee. Which was carried.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the petition of Ebenezer Whiting be referred to a select committee, and that Messrs. Nichol and Crooks compose said committee, with power to send for persons and papers. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Intercourse Bill.

Mr. Hamilton of Wentworth in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Hamilton reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the Intercourse Bill be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to enable married women more conveniently to convey their Real Estate"—and the bill entitled "An Act further to relieve vessels and small craft from the payment of Light House Tonnage Duty," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to direct the proper officer to lay before this House any documents which may have been officially transmitted to him tending to charge David Pattie, Esquire, a Member of this House, with any crimes said to have been committed by him in the United States of America. On which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Jones of Leeds, Casey, Gates, Burwell, McCormick, Gordon, Baby, Crooks, Morris, Rogers, McDonell, Van Koughnet, Shaver, McMartin—14.

Nays: Messrs. Bostwick, Willson of Wentworth, Nichol, Chisholm, Attorney General, Hornor, Kerr, Baldwin, Wilmot, Hamilton of Wentworth, Clark, Randal, Ruttan, Hamilton of Lincoln, MacLean of Frontenac, Peterson, Walsh, McLean of Stormont, Robinson—19.

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

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward, moves that leave of absence for the remainder of the session be granted to Christopher Hagerman, Esquire, Member for Kingston, and Jonas Jones, Esquire, Member for Grenville. Which was granted.

The Attorney General, from the committee appointed to take into consideration the arrearages due to Militia Pensioners, and to report the best means for liquidating the same, reported that the committee had prepared a report and a bill which he was ready to submit for the consideration of the House. Ordered that the same be received and the report was read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The special committee to whom was referred the consideration of the most feasible mode of providing for the payment of the arrearages of Militia Pensions, beg leave to report: that the amount which will be due to militia pensioners up to the thirtieth of June next, is stated in the Inspector General's accounts at £23,858 06s. 08d.

That it appears by the report of the select committee of finance that the amount of revenue to be fairly anticipated by this Province on account of its proportion of duties paid at the port of Quebec up to the 31st December last, would enable the Executive Government to extinguish so large a portion of this arrearage, that if its speedy adjustment and receipt were certain, your committee would have thought themselves justified in recommending to your Honorable House, to leave the whole to be discharged by the ordinary operation of the revenue rather than to incur the inconvenience and expense of other measures, which in that event it would be unnecessary to resort to.

Your committee, however, are too well aware of the great distress that in many instances has been occasioned by the long delay in liquidating the claims of the Militia Pensioners, and too sensible of the embarrassment hitherto occasioned to the Executive Government by their want of ability to meet them, not to be desirous of devising some certain means of discharging them at all events within a limited period, and without subjecting those just claimants to further disappointment from any unforeseen delay which may occur in adjusting our claims upon the Province of Lower Canada.

To this end your committee beg leave to recommend, that if after a prescribed period sufficiently long to afford opportunity for the renewal of a Provisional Agreement with the Lower Province, and the adjustment of our claims under such agreement there should still remain an arrearage of pensions sufficiently large to make its speedy liquidation an object worthy of legislative provision, the Government should be authorized to borrow such sum as may be necessary to meet the charge (not exceeding, however, a limited amount) on debentures bearing interest and payable in three yearly periods by equal instalments, to be secured on the duties to be received from Lower Canada.

Your committee have prepared a bill for this purpose, providing as well as they are able for the necessary detail, which with this report they respectfully submit to the consideration of your Honorable House.

March 28th, 1821.

JOHN B. ROBINSON, Chairman.

The bill received with the report was then read the first time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that the Debenture Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves for leave to bring in a bill for altering the times of holding the Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the Home District. Which was granted and the bill read. Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the bill for altering the times of holding Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the Home District, be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol gives notice, that he will on to-morrow, move that the order of the day for the consideration of the report of the select committee on unattached townships, be the first taken up.

Mr. Nichol gives notice, that he will on Friday next, move for the consideration of the report on the office of the Adjutant General.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth gives notice, that he will move on to-morrow that this House do again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Tavern License Bill.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, 29th March, 1821.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report of the select committee on unattached townships. Which was carried. Mr. Bostwick took the chair of the committee. The House resumed.

Mr. Bostwick reported several resolutions which were received and adopted as follows:

Resolved—That it is expedient to provide by law for attaching the tract of land claimed by the St. Regis Indians to the townships of Charlottenburg and Kenyon.

Resolved—That it is expedient to provide by law for recognizing by name the townships of Goulburn, Beckwith, Drummond, Bathurst, March, Huntly, Lanark, Dalhousie, and Sherbrooke North and South, in the County of Carleton, and for erecting the said County of Carleton under certain modifications into a separate District.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this committee that in the Midland District the townships of Oso, Olden, and Kennebec, be incorporated with the County of Frontenac; that the Township of Kaledar be incorporated with the incorporated counties of Lennox and Addington, and that the townships of Elzevier, Madoc, and Marmora be incorporated with the County of Hastings.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this committee that the 23rd clause of the 38th Geo. III, chapt. 5th be repealed, and that the townships of Asphodel, Ottanabee, Monaghan, and Smith be incorporated with the County of Northumberland; and that the townships of Cavan, Manvers, Cartwright, Emily, Ops, and Mariposa be incorporated with the County of Durham, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Intercourse Bill was read the third time. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the bill do now pass and that it be entitled "An Act to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation." Which was carried and the bill signed. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that Messrs. Willson of Wentworth and Casey be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to regulate the Commercial Intercourse between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The House went into committee on the report of the select committee on unattached townships. Mr. Bostwick in the chair of the committee. The House resumed.

Mr. Bostwick reported several resolutions which he was directed to submit for the consideration of the House.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Nichol, Wilson of Prince Edward, Baldwin, Gordon, Hornor, Willson of Wentworth, Randal, Pattie, Wilmot, Rogers, Hamilton of Wentworth, Crooks, Chrisholm, Hamilton of Lincoln, Morris, Attorney General, Jones of Leeds—17.

Nays: Messrs. Bostwick, Burwell, Casey, Ruttan, MacLean of Frontenac, McMartin, Shaver, Gates—8.

The question was decided in the affirmative by a majority of nine, and the report was received, and the resolutions adopted as follows:

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this committee that the townships of Reach, Brock, Scott, Georgina, Thora and Mara be incorporated with the east riding of the County of York.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this committee that the west riding of the County of York, do hereafter consist of the townships of Etobicoke, Toronto, Vaughan, King, Chinguacousey, Albion, Caledon, and the Gore of Toronto.

Resolved—That the County of Simcoe do hereafter consist of the townships of west Gwillimbury, Tecumseth, Adjala, Mons, Amaranth, Luther, Proton, Melancthon, Mulmar, Tosorontio, Essa, Innisfil, Oro, Vespra, Sunnidale, Flos, Medonta, Aurelia, Merlin, Osprey, Artemisia, Alba, Java, Tiny, Tay, Euphrasey, Zero and Matchedash.

Resolved—That whenever the said County of Simcoe shall contain a population of six thousand souls, it shall, and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, by proclamation to declare the same a separate District: Provided, however, that the courts of Assize and Gaol Delivery shall continue to be held at the usual place in the Home District, until such time as a gaol and courthouse shall be built in and for the said District.

Resolved—That the townships of Nasagawya, Esquesing, Bramosa, Erin, Garafraxa, now included within the limits of the west riding of the County of York, together with the townships of Nelson and Trafalgar in the County of Halton, be erected into a separate county; and that the remainder, with the Crown and Clergy reserves in rear of Beverly and Flamboro of the County of Halton, do continue and remain the County of Halton.

Resolved—That the Gore of land between the townships of Beverly and Dumfries be incorporated with the Township of Beverly, and the Gore situated between Dumfries and Dundas street be incorporated with the Township of Dumfries.

Resolved—That the townships of Bayham and Malahide be incorporated with the County of Norfolk.

Resolved—That the gore of land now attached to the Township of Burford, and commonly known by the name of Burford gore, in the County of Oxford, be erected into a separate township, to be denominated the Township of Oakland.

Resolved—That the Townships of Nissouri and Zorra, together with the Township of Dorchester North and South, the latter in the County of Middlesex, be incorporated with and form part of the County of Oxford.

Resolved—That the Townships of Aldborough, Dunwich, Yarmouth, Southwold, Delaware, Westminster, London, Moza, Eckfrid, Carradoc, and Lobo, do constitute and form the County of Middlesex.

Resolved—That the Townships of Zone, Dawn, Sombra, and Saint Clair, in the Western District, be incorporated with the County of Kent.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that it be resolved that a bill be brought in, in conformity to the resolutions reported from the committee on unattached townships, and that Messrs. Morris and Crooks be ordered to prepare and bring in the same. On which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Bostwick, Jones of Leeds, Wilson of Prince Edward, Willson of Wentworth, Hamilton of Wentworth, Hamilton of Lincoln, Attorney General, Baldwin, Nichol, Gordon, Hornor, Randal, Pattie, Wilmot, Crooks, Chisholm, Rogers, Morris—18.

Nays: Messrs. Burwell, Casey, Ruttan, Gates, MacLean of Frontenac, McMartin, Shaver—7.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eleven and it was ordered accordingly.

The House then adjourned till eleven o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, 30th March, 1821.

Mr. Morris, from the committee to draft a Bill relating to the unattached townships in the Province, reported a bill which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered that the report be received and the bill was read the first time.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the Province Division Bill be read a second time to-morrow. In amendment, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that after the word "time" in the original motion, the remainder be expunged, and "this day three months" inserted. Which was lost. The original question was then put and carried.

On the order of the day for the House to go into committee on the Parish and Town Officers' Bill being called, Mr. Van Koughnet seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves that the House do go into Committee on the Parish and Town Officers' Bill this day three months. Which was lost.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that the Parish and Town Officers' Bill be put off the order of the day for the present. Which was lost. Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the Parish and Town Officers' Bill. Mr. Willson of Wentworth took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Willson reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves for leave to bring in a bill to legalize marriages heretofore contracted in this Province. Which was granted and the bill read. Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the bill to legalize marriages heretofore contracted in this Province be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves for leave to bring in a bill to repeal the laws now in force granting poundage to the Receiver General of this Province. Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the bill to repeal the laws now in force granting poundage to the Receiver General be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that he have leave to bring in a bill relative to the Courts of Requests. Which was granted and the bill read. Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that the bill relative to the Courts of Requests be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Brockville Police Bill was read the second time. Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the Brockville Police Bill. Which was carried. Mr. Gates took the chair of the Committee. The House resumed to receive a message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Major Hillier brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor two messages, which he delivered to the Speaker who read the same as follows:

P: Maitland,—The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly the most correct information he is possessed of on the subject of the arrears of Revenue due to this Province from Lower Canada for the years prior to the Provisional Agreement between the two provinces in 1817. P.M.

Government House, 20th March, 1821.

The information communicated was then read as follows:

Minute of Arrear of Revenue due to this Province from Lower Canada prior to the Provisional Agreement of the two provinces entered into in 1817.

The claim of Upper Canada for arrear of duties paid at Quebec on articles imported into the Upper Province was composed in 1817 of one sum of £5,177 15s. 4½d., and another of £7,287 12s. 0d., making together £12,515 7s. 4½d., which having accrued before the appointment of the Commissioners in 1817, were not considered a subject of their joint inquiry.

On representation to Sir John Sherbrooke then Governor General, he was pleased to recognize the obvious justice of the first sum claimed, and promised due consideration to all, by letter addressed to the Commissioners of Upper Canada on the 10th June, 1817.

No further notice, however, was taken of this claim by Sir John Sherbrooke, except to suppose it settled when he addressed a despatch to that purpose to Earl Bathurst, who thereupon forebore further notice of an address on the subject from the Legislature of Upper Canada.

On the 24th March, 1819, the first mentioned sum of £5,177. 15. 4½, was paid to the Receiver General of Upper Canada by a warrant from His Grace the Duke of Richmond, who, it was understood, required only explanation on the other items to discharge them also.

The remaining of sum of £7,287. 12. was composed of four items, viz.

1st—One shilling per gallon on port wine, being an extra duty levied at Quebec by an Act which was not communicated to the Officer at Coteau-du-Lac until too late to distinguish the Port from other wine, passing his port in 1813. But it was ascertained, by comparison with other years, when the distinction was preserved, that 11,752 gallons must have passed in 1813 into Upper Canada, on which there was due to that Province one shilling per gallon, amounting to £587. 12. yet due.

2d—On ten thousand pounds worth of Merchandise estimated to be imported into Upper Canada, which had paid at Quebec a duty of five per cent. ad valorem, which should have been credited to Upper Canada, being £500, not accounted for, and still due.

3d—On fifty thousand pounds worth of Merchandise imported into Upper Canada in 1813, on which a duty of 2½ per cent. ad valorem has been paid at Quebec, and should have been drawn back on passing to Upper Canada, amounting to £1,250. 0. 0. not accounted for, and still due to that Province.

4th—On 200,000 pounds estimated value of goods, which had paid duty of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. at Quebec, bought for the army and navy in Lower Canada, and consumed by them in Upper Canada, on which a drawback was due to the Upper Province of £5,000, not accounted for, and still unpaid.

These items are formed by estimate on the best data to be procured.

P. M.

P. Maitland,—The Lieutenant Governor thinks proper to acquaint the House of Assembly, that he has received from the Surveyor General the accompanying memorial on the subject of the duties, which have devolved on his Department by the Provincial Statute 59th Geo. III, chapter 7, which the Lieutenant Governor recommends to the consideration of the House.

Government House,
30th March, 1821.

P. M.

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc.

The memorial of Thomas Ridout, Surveyor General humbly sheweth:

That pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of this Province passed in the fifty-ninth year of the Reign of his late Majesty entitled "An Act to repeal the several laws now in force relative to levying and collecting rates and assessments in this Province, and further to provide for the more equal and general assessment of lands and other ratable property throughout this Province," your memorialist respectfully states that he has performed the duties thereby required of him up to the first of July, 1820, by making and transmitting schedules, in manner as in the said Act directed, of the lots in the several towns and townships in this Province, excepting some new townships in which locations had been recently made.

That until the beginning of December, 1819, your memorialist had employed the established clerks of his office in preparing the said schedules, but at that period the pressure of public business in it had so increased, that to perform the duties required of him within the time limited by the said Act, your memorialist was constrained to employ three additional clerks up to the beginning of June, 1820. That for such additional service, and for binding the said schedules into ten small volumes, and taking copies of them, your memorialist has paid the sum of £154. 4. $2\frac{1}{2}$, provincial currency, as per vouchers and account thereof hereunto annexed, and also, found an office for the said extra clerks during the time last mentioned. Thereby leaving in the hands of your memorialist the sum of £22. 15. $9\frac{1}{2}$ like currency, as remaining to him out of £177 currency received from His Majesty's Receiver General on two warrants, the one for £100, the other for £77, in his favor, and being for the schedules of one hundred and seventy-seven towns and townships at twenty shillings each prepared by him pursuant to the said Act.

Presuming that the sum of twenty shillings so allowed to your memorialist for each township, was intended as a remuneration to him for his care and superintendence in performing the duties required of him by the said Act, your memorialist humbly begs leave to lay the foregoing statement before your Excellency, and respectfully to solicit such relief in the premises, as to your Excellency may seem meet. And as in duty bound, your memorialist shall ever pray.

Surveyor General's Office,
York, 12th February, 1821.

THOMAS RIDOUT.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the messages of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and the documents transmitted therewith, be considered in a committee of the whole on Monday next. Which was ordered.

The House went again into committee on the Brockville Police Bill, Mr. Gates in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Gates reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day three months.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Pension Bill. Mr. Baby took the chair of the committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill entitled "An Act to enable married women more conveniently to convey their Real Estate," and the Bill entitled "An Act further to relieve vessels and small craft from the payment of Light House Tonnage Duty," sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment.

Also a message, which the Speaker read as follows:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council request a free conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject of the Library belonging to the Legislature of this Province, and have appointed three of its Members who will be ready to meet the committee of the Commons House of Assembly at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon in the joint committee room.

Legislative Council Chamber,

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

30th March, 1821.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that Messrs. Nichol, Attorney General, Jones of Leeds, MacLean of Frontenac, Kerr, and Wilmot, be a committee to confer with the committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of their message respecting the Library of the Legislature. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that Messrs. Rogers and Crooks be a committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council, that this House have appointed a committee to meet the committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council in a free conference on the subject of the library of the Legislature. Which was ordered.

The House went into committee on the Pension Bill. Mr. Baby in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Baby reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Robinson gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill further to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation, and to repeal the laws now in force for that purpose.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday, 31st March, 1821.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's message of the 7th February, on the subject of the new road from Richmond to Perth and Kingston, be referred to the committee of supply. Which was ordered.

Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the Tavern License Bill. Which was carried.

Mr. Clark took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Clark reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

At two o'clock the House adjourned for half an hour. The House met pursuant to adjournment. Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Registry Amendment Bill. Mr. Casey was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the Registry Amendment Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, from the select committee on Internal Resources, presented a report, which was received, and read as follows:

First report of the select committee appointed to take into consideration the Internal Resources of the Province, in its agriculture and exports, and the practicability and means of enlarging them; also, to consider of the expediency of granting encouragement to domestic manufactures.

Your committee fully impressed with the importance of the subject referred to them, have not failed to give it their most mature consideration. To simplify and facilitate their inquiries, it was deemed expedient to arrange them under separate heads, and your committee have received great assistance from numerous written communications made to them by intelligent individuals to whom (from an anxiety to submit to your Honorable House an extensive view of this important inquiry) your committee had at an early period after their appointment written on the subject.

The several heads of inquiry, to which your committee directed their attention, were:

1st—As to what may be deemed the Internal Resources of the Province in its Agriculture and Exports.

2nd—The quantity of our staple articles exported.

3rd—The value of such resources, and whether any, and if any what material depression has occurred therein, and the causes thereof.

4th—Whether, and if so, in what degree are these affected by the intercourse between the Provinces of Canada and the United States, and between this Province and Lower Canada.

5th—How far these are affected by the restrictive policy of the Mother Country.

6th—Whether any, and if any, what temporary measures can be devised to augment the value of our staples, and to increase as well as facilitate the exportation of them.

7th—Whether any permanent system can be adopted to secure the safe, easy, and expeditious exportation of them to the ports and markets to which we have access.

8th—Whether any, and if any, what nature of encouragement it is expedient to give to the manufacturer of salt and iron for home consumption.

First.—The Internal Resources of the Province from Agriculture and exports may be classified as follows:

1st, Lumber. 2nd, Pot and pearl ashes. 3rd, Agricultural Produce. 4th, Furs and peltries.

Under the general name of lumber, may be comprehended masts, spars, oars, handspikes, pine and oak timber, boards and planks, shingles and staves, and heading.

Under the term of agricultural produce, may be reckoned wheat, Indian corn, rye, peas, flour, Indian meal, and beef and pork, to which might (by a proper direction of agricultural labour) be added hemp, flax-seed, hops and tobacco.

The Western and London Districts of this Province, are from soil and climate peculiarly adapted for the growing of these commodities, some of which, particularly flax-seed, is an article of ready sale in the British Islands, and large quantities are annually imported into Great Britain and Ireland from the United States, Holland, and the Baltic. It is to be presumed that the flax-seed of the Colonies, if of equal quality, would have a preference in the British markets.

Your committee suggests the propriety of holding out some legislative encouragement, to induce the agriculturists of the Province to turn their attention to this important object. Your committee have used every endeavour to ascertain the quantity and value of our exports, but have not been able to obtain any very correct information on the subject. In masts, spars, pine, and oak timber, and staves, it is presumed to have been considerable; but the exportation of flour has been comparatively small, having never in any one year (as your committee have reason to believe) exceeded thirty thousand barrels. Of the quantity of beef and pork, pot and pearl ashes, and furs and peltries exported, your committee have not been able to obtain any satisfactory account. They are, however, aware that of furs and peltries, the exportation has greatly declined.

Under the third head of inquiry, viz.—The value of our resources, and whether, and if any, what material depression has occurred therein, and the causes thereof. Your committee has been unable to obtain any very precise information as to the value, as it is fluctuating and liable to be affected by many causes and contingencies.

The staples of this Province, from the long and desolating wars occasioned by the French Revolution, and failure of harvests in Great Britain, and her occasional differences with the Northern Powers of Europe, together with the restrictive policy of the American Cabinet, naturally became in great demand, and were in consequence thereof raised to a value which in time of profound peace they could not be expected to maintain. At that time, the numerous fleets and armies which were kept up by the contending powers, drew from agriculture a large portion of its labour, which being taken from a productive to a destructive employment, increased the demand for provisions, while it limited the means of raising them, and this foreign demand was increased by blights, by the ravages of the contending forces, and the destruction of property incidental to a state of active warfare, which occasioned a steady demand for every article which the Province could supply.

On the return of peace, and resumption of domestic habits by a large portion of the armed population, the demand for our staple articles decreased, and consequently they fell in price. Another cause of the depression in the value of our staple articles, may be found in the deteriorated quality of the article sent to market. For instance, Upper Canada flour, which when it first found its way to Montreal, was greatly esteemed, and much in demand, is latterly (from the greater attention paid to the manufacturing* and packing of that article in the United States from the damage the flour of Upper Canada very frequently sustains from its exposure to heat and moisture, and from the negligent manner in which

*A complaint has been made that the flour of the Upper Province is ground too close, and that it is frequently packed before it is sufficiently cool, either of which causes will lessen its value in foreign markets.

it is transported to Montreal) so little sought after in the Lower Canada and other markets, that it can with difficulty be sold when that of the United States is brought into competition with it.

Your committee, therefore, can have no doubt as to the fact, of a very material depression having taken place in the value of our commodities, and have reason to believe that they are now not worth so much by one half, as they were before the commencement of the late American war.

It appears to your committee, that the value of our staple articles is partially affected by the intercourse between the Provinces, and the United States as well as by that between the two Provinces; but they do not believe in any very sensible degree by the first. Experience teaches us that to create a market, there must be a supply, and that whenever there is a demand for any article, the party wanting it will naturally go to that market where he is likely to be supplied on the best terms. He certainly will not go to a limited market, to supply an extensive demand. Under these impressions, it appears to your committee a measure recommended by sound policy, to give every facility and encouragement to the admission of American flour and other provisions for exportation, as the certainty of being supplied with a good article, and from a port to which British shipping have unrestricted access, will naturally induce British purchasers, whether for English or West India markets, to give a preference to their own colonies, and until such time as the Province can furnish an ample supply, it would, it is presumed, be attended with bad consequences, to prohibit, or even to impose duties on American provisions admitted for exportation. With respect to the admission of American provision for home consumption into Lower Canada, your committee are not quite so decided. They are, however, of opinion, that in all cases, whenever the ports of Great Britain are shut against the corn and bread stuffs of this country, that protecting duties should be imposed in Lower Canada, to enable the flour of Upper Canada to maintain itself in the only market to which it can be sent. This is a measure, however, that ought in the opinion of your committee, to be submitted to the wisdom of the British Parliament. The flour of this Province is also affected by the nature of our intercourse with Lower Canada, from the obligation imposed upon the possessors, to have it re-inspected in that Province, and which subjects them to a higher charge than is paid by the inhabitants thereof on the same articles of domestic growth. Large sums are also annually levied on the trade of Upper Canada, under Acts imposing duties for improving the navigation of the Saint Lawrence, which duties, while they add to the embarrassments of our export trade, give it no additional safety or accommodation, a great part of the money raised from them, remaining at this time in the hands of the Receiver General of Lower Canada unexpended.

Fourth—Your committee, in giving their opinion on this point of the inquiry, are aware of the difficulty and delicacy of the subject. They are not ignorant of the jealousy with which the Mother Country has viewed every attempt of the Colonial Legislatures to interfere with her commercial regulations. This duty, however, having been imposed upon your committee by your Honorable House, they have endeavoured to discharge it fearlessly, and to the best of their ability.

Upper Canada is not a manufacturing country, but depends almost exclusively on its agricultural productions. All the luxuries, and most all the necessaries of life are imported from Great Britain, from which country alone are we permitted to receive them. To pay for these, we have nothing but bills drawn on the Government, and the produce of our forests and fields. The produce of

Upper Canada is well adapted for the West India markets, and the ports of the Islands are at all times open for its reception. Could the West India merchant depend upon a regular supply, a very beneficial trade might be carried on with those colonies. The length of the winter, and interruption to the navigation of the Saint Lawrence are, however, very unfavorable to a direct intercourse with these Islands, but much of this inconvenience might be avoided by encouraging the trade between Quebec and the other continental colonies of Great Britain in America. This trade might be carried on to a very considerable extent, provided the duties levied under the 14th Geo. III, on rum imported from those colonies, were reduced to the par of the same article imported from Bermuda and the West Indies. The duty on rum (by that Act) when imported from the West Indies, is 6d sterling per gallon, when from the other colonies 9d sterling making a difference of three pence sterling per gallon.

The wheat of Upper Canada is greatly superior to that grown in our Sister Province, and always commands a higher price. It is better adapted to the European markets than flour, and although in exporting that raw material we lose the advantage of manufacturing it in our own mills, still as it is more saleable and less perishable than flour, your committee are of opinion, that it will be found advantageous by the mercantile part of the community, to turn their attention towards it. Great Britain, however, is the only market to which we can look to take off an unlimited quantity of our produce, and it is essentially necessary to the Province, that no restraint should be laid upon our mutual trade. Unfortunately, the Corn Laws of Great Britain operate very much against us, as we cannot sell, either wheat or flour on their arrival in England, provided the average price of wheat is under sixty-seven shillings sterling per quarter, and it is well ascertained, that several cargoes which were shipped at Quebec since the middle of October last, were not admitted to entry for the home market on their arrival, the average of wheat being at the time fifty-four shillings per quarter.

The state of the lumber trade has for some years past engaged the serious attention of His Majesty's Cabinet Ministers, and the subject it is understood, will be again agitated during the present session of Parliament. For the encouragement of the trade in lumber, between Great Britain and her colonies, her Parliament some years since, laid very high protecting duties on foreign timber. This last duty, the dealers in foreign timber have been for some time past endeavouring to get done away, or to procure a duty to be laid on colonial timber. Should either of these measures be adopted, it will effectually destroy the lumber trade with the port of Quebec, a trade which now employs upwards of five hundred sail of large ships, which gives employment to a great number of persons who consume much of the surplus provisions which we can raise, and which independent of the employment given to British shipping, is almost the only means we have of paying for such articles of necessity or luxury as we import.

To enable your Honorable House thoroughly to understand this subject, your committee submit certain observations and calculations relative to this trade, which they received from a most intelligent and respectable merchant, long and intimately concerned in that particular branch whom they consulted. These will show most clearly the complete ruin in which it would be involved, should the contemplated measures of His Majesty's Government in England pass into a law.

"The state of the lumber trade was to be brought before the Imperial Parliament as soon as possible after it assembled in January last, and there is no doubt but it has been decided ere now, whether the foreign duties should be reduced,

or an additional duty laid on timber, the produce of the British colonies. When the question was agitated in Parliament last spring, an opinion prevailed that a reduction of ten shillings and three pence per load of fifty cubic feet would be made on foreign timber, which from the superiority of its quality and the low rate of freight from the Baltic would exclude the Canadian dealer from the trade. Though I believe you are very well acquainted with the consequences of such an alteration, yet in case of the contrary I will take the liberty of exemplifying them to you."

"Timber shipped from the British Colonies for naval purposes is admitted duty free.

"The duty on other timber from the British Colonies is 2s. 4½d. per load.

"The duty on foreign timber is	£3	8	1	per load
"The freight of timber from Quebec is	2	10	0	do
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"Freight in favor of the foreign trade	£1	12	0	
"The price of Memel pine is	6	6	0	
do Canada do	4	5	0	
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"In favor of foreign pine	£2	1	0	
"The foreign trade gains in sales	2	0	0	
do do freight	1	12	0	
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"The foreign duty is	£3	8	1	
"Less the expected reduction		10	3	
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		£2	17	10
"In favor of the foreign trade per load	£0	14	2	

"You will perceive by the above, that if the small reduction of 10s. 3d. per load is made from the duties on foreign timber, or if a similar sum is added on our duties, the Baltic merchants will be able to sell lower than ourselves, even if our pine cost nothing on board."

Your Honorable House cannot fail to perceive the existence of the causes to which we have called your attention, as affecting the value of our staples; but there are others of not inferior interest, viz., the difficulties occasioned by the dangerous navigation of the river Saint Lawrence, the interruption occasioned by the Falls of Niagara, and the heavy charges to which every article of export is subject in transit to a market, from the numerous agents and persons employed in the transportation of them, and from the accidents which frequently occur from the insecure nature of the communication. These charges not unfrequently swallow up the entire value of the article exported.

Your committee cannot omit to mention the peculiar hardship with which these accumulated impediments and restrictions bear upon the inhabitants of the Western Districts of the Province, and which render unavailing the natural advantages which they so eminently possess. With a fertile soil and mild climate, they are labouring under the most serious evils. Their remote situation exposes them to the multiplied charges on every article—which they buy or sell, while the reduced value of the article flour, their principal, or indeed, only article of export, and the difficulty of getting it to market, render it almost impossible to export it at all.

Your committee have to express their regret, that for want of more full information they are unable to do justice to this important and interesting inquiry. They recommend to the serious consideration of your Honorable House

a subject which involves the best interests of the Province, but to which they fear no adequate remedy can be provided by the Provincial Legislature.

Your committee are unable to advise any temporary measures for augmenting the value of our staples, or for increasing as well as facilitating the exportation of them, being impressed with the belief that permanent measures can alone save the commerce of Upper Canada from the ruin with which it is menaced.

In reflecting upon the permanent system to be adopted for securing the safe, easy, expeditious, and economical exportation of our staple articles to the markets to which we have access, your committee have not been free from difficulty; the limited power and deficiency of pecuniary means of the Provincial Legislature, almost preclude the possibility of legislating on the subject. Still its importance imperiously demands that every attention should be paid to it. The measures which your committee recommend are:

1st—A revision of the Inspection Laws, and prohibiting the exportation of any flour from the Province, until it has been inspected and branded Upper Canada, fine, superfine, or as the case may be.

2nd—An application to the Imperial Parliament claiming their interference, to protect the staples of Upper Canada against any Acts of our Sister Province which might otherwise affect the same.

Also, a modification of her corn laws, in such manner as to admit at all times the bread stuffs of this Province into the British markets, subjecting them only to duties when below a certain average. Also, the reduction of the sterling duty on rum imported from other British colonies to the same rate, as is by law imposed on that article coming from the West Indies and Bermuda, and that she will continue her protection to the Canada lumber trade. But the great and indeed only efficient measure by which, in the opinion of your committee, a permanent relief can be afforded to the commerce of Upper Canada, "and the safe, easy, expeditious and economical exportation of our staples to the markets to which we have access can be secured," is the improvement of our inland navigation.

This is a measure, which in the opinion of your committee, claims the earliest and most profound attention of your Honorable House. It is a measure deeply involving the national interests as well as the commercial prosperity of the Province, and one, which if entertained by your Honorable House, should in the opinion of your committee be undertaken on an extensive scale, a scale commensurate with the increasing power and rapidly accumulating commercial resources of the Province.

That it is perfectly practicable to connect the lakes Erie and Ontario with Montreal by canals of sufficient depth to enable vessels of burthen to sail without unloading directly to that port cannot be doubted. The successful enterprise of our jealous neighbours sanctions your committee in forming this opinion, and is an example which ought to excite us to similar exertions.

We ought not to allow ourselves to be deterred by the magnitude of the undertaking from undertaking at all. Difficulties there are no doubt, but they are not insuperable, and will be found to be comparatively insignificant when encountered by perseverance and determination.

That the Province is without funds for carrying on a work of this nature, upon even the most moderate scale, your committee most readily admit; but they are also inclined to believe that by a proper representation of the subject to His Majesty (whose gracious intentions have already been communicated to the House)

and to the imperial Parliament, setting forth the real and substantial advantages which the opening a water communication upon a grand scale from lake Erie to the sea, would produce to the interests of the Mother Country and the colonies, that His Majesty and His Imperial Parliament would concur in enacting such laws, and in giving such facilities and encouragement to this stupendous undertaking as would insure its success.

To entitle ourselves, however, to the active aid of the Imperial Government in this great measure we must evince a disposition to contribute to it to the extent of our means, and even if it were possible to go beyond them; for we ought not to expect our Mother Country to expend her resources for our benefit, while we, who will so immediately reap the advantage are restrained by cold, narrow, selfish feelings from giving our fullest support to the measure necessary to its success.

By the report of the American Canal Commissioners in January, 1817, it appears that the great Western Canal, when completed will be in length 353 miles $29\frac{1}{2}$ chains: in width on the water surface 40 feet, in width at the bottom, 28 feet, and in depth of water 4 feet. That the length of the locks is ninety, and their width in the clear twelve feet. That the estimate of the total expense for completing the said canal is four millions eight hundred and eighty-one thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight dollars; or, at the average rate, including the expense of constructing seventy-seven locks of about \$13,830, or a little more than £3,000 sterling per mile. And from subsequent reports of the same commissioners it appears that hitherto the work has been done at a rate greatly within the estimate. This then is data for us to go upon, and by which we may be enabled to form a tolerably correct estimate of the sum it would require to complete a work of such vast public utility. Your committee in this first report, do not consider it necessary, neither are they prepared to go into any detail respecting the canal. They wish merely to draw the attention of the Government and the House to the subject. The views, however, of your committee generally are that a work of this description should not be on an exposed frontier, but should be wherever circumstances admit of it inland. Could it be completed on a scale which would enable the Government to bring the smaller sized vessels of war right into the lakes it would prove in the opinion of your committee the best barrier against the future hostile attempts of the United States of America that could be formed. Military protection and commercial facility would thus be united, and the Province of Upper Canada, instead of being as it is at this particular time a dead weight upon the Government and commerce of Great Britain, would be one of their most flourishing colonies.

Your committee, therefore, respectfully recommend to your Honorable House to pass a bill appointing commissioners.

First—To devise and adopt such measures as shall be requisite to facilitate and effect a communication by canals and locks between the lakes Erie and Ontario, and lake Ontario and Montreal.

Second—To examine and explore the country for the purpose of determining the most eligible routes for the contemplated canals; to cause surveys and levels to be taken, and maps filed, books and draughts to be made, and to adopt and recommend proper plans for the construction and formation of the said canals, and of the locks, dams, embankments, tunnels, and aqueducts, and to cause all necessary plans, models and draughts thereof to be executed.

Third—To calculate and estimate the expense of the above operation.

Fourth—To devise and recommend ways and means for carrying the above purposes into effect.

Your committee having given their ideas on this important subject, recommend them to the consideration of your Honorable House.

With respect to the last head of inquiry, viz.—Whether any, and if any, what nature of encouragement it is expedient to give to the manufacturer of salt and iron, for home consumption.

Your committee have to remark that it is deemed sound policy in every country to protect domestic manufactures, provided it can be done without making too great a sacrifice of other objects.

Domestic manufactures give a value to our raw materials, and serve to retain within the Province Capital, of which it must be deprived for the payment of similar articles when imported.

Your committee, however, are not prepared to recommend a system of bounties as the Provincial Revenue at this time is not adequate to pay them, even if it were deemed advisable so to do. They are of opinion that the manufacture of the necessary articles of salt and iron should be encouraged by every practicable means. But that until the Public Revenues of the Province are freed from their present embarrassment the only measure which it will be prudent to adopt is to impose heavy duties on similar articles when imported from the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room,
31st March, 1821.

ROBERT NICHOL, Chairman.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the report of the select committee on Internal Resources be considered in a committee of the whole on Wednesday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Pension Bill. Mr. Baby took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Baby reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Burwell, seconded by the Attorney General, moves that the Pension Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock on Monday.

Monday, 2nd April, 1821.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for leave to bring up the petition of Sampson Howell of the Township of Ancaster, in the District of Gore. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of the village of Ancaster and its vicinity. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for leave to bring up the petition of the inhabitants of the county of Haldimand. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves for leave to bring in a bill authorizing the inhabitants of Moulton to hold Town meetings for the purpose of choosing Parish and Town Officers. Which was granted, and the bill read.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the Moulton Parish and Town Officers' Bill be read a second time on to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the word "Moulton" be expunged, and the word "Wedderburn" be inserted in the bill just read. Which was carried.

Mr. Rogers, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of certain inhabitants of the District of New Castle, reported that the committee had prepared a bill which he was ready to submit to the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the bill was read the first time. Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. MacLean of Frontenac, moves that the bill to provide for the building a wharf in the District of New Castle be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves for leave to bring in a bill to repeal an Act passed in the first year of His Majesty's Reign entitled "An Act to regulate the Commercial Intercourse between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation," and to make further provision for the same. Which was granted, and the bill read.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the Intercourse Bill be now read a second time, and that the fifth rule of the House be dispensed with as far as relates to the same. Which was carried, and the bill was read the second time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the bill to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America. Which was carried. Mr. Bostwick took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Bostwick reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that the bill to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was carried, and the bill was read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the first year of his present Majesty's Reign entitled 'An Act to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation,' and further to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation." Which was carried, and the bill signed.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Horner, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Clark be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the first year of his present Majesty's Reign entitled 'An Act to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation,' and further to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Registry Amendment Bill was read the third time. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for

the Public Registering of Deeds, Conveyances, Wills and other incumbrances, which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this Province." Which was carried, and the bill signed.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. Gordon and Shaver be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for the Public Registering of Deeds, Conveyances, Wills and other incumbrances which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this Province,'" and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Pension Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the fifty-third year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to provide for the maintenance of persons disabled, and the widows and children of such persons as may be killed in His Majesty's service,' and also an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to repeal part of and to alter and amend the laws now in force for granting pensions to persons disabled in the service, and the widows and children of persons who may have been killed in the service, and to extend the provisions of the same,' and an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act to repeal part of and to alter and amend the laws now in force for granting pensions to persons disabled in the service, and the widows and children of persons who may have been killed in the service, and to extend the provisions of the same, and to make provision for granting pensions to persons disabled in the service, and to the widows and children of persons who may have been killed in the service, or who may have died while in captivity with the enemy during the late war with the United States of America.'"

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

Yeas: Messrs. Walsh, Bostwick, Robinson, Nichol, Van Koughnet, MacLean of Frontenac, Rogers, Morris, Wilmot, McLean of Stormont, McDonell, Gates, Hamilton of Lincoln, Kerr, McMartin, Gordon—16.

Nays: Messrs. Chisholm, Casey, Randal, Hornor, Pattie, Clark, White, Wilson of P. Edw., Shaver, Ruttan—10.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of six, and the bill was signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that Messrs. Van Koughnet and Morris be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled "An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to provide for the maintenance of persons disabled, and the widows and children of such persons as may be killed in His Majesty's service,' and also, an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to repeal part of and to alter and amend the laws now in force for granting pensions to persons disabled in the service, and the widows and children of persons who may have been killed in the service, and to extend the provisions of the same,' and an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to repeal part

of and amend an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to repeal part of and to alter and amend the laws now in force for granting pensions to persons disabled in the service, and the widows and children of persons who may have been killed in the service, or who may have died while in captivity with the enemy during the late war with the United States of America,' and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the report of finance. Mr. Walsh took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Walsh reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Debenture Bill was read the second time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee upon the Debenture Bill. Which was carried, and Mr. Van Koughnet took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Van Koughnet reported the bill without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the Debenture Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of supply. Which was carried. Mr. Ruttan took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Ruttan reported that the committee had agreed to a resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the resolution be adopted as follows:

Resolved, That a supply be granted to His Majesty to enable His Majesty to satisfy the following services, viz.:

For the administration of justice	£1,800
Office of the Government	1,150
Receiver General's Office	490
Surveyor General's Office	1,300
Executive Council Office	650
Secretary and Register's Office	400
Inspector General's Office	420
Government Printer	120
Repairs and Contingencies of the Government House.	200
Casual and other expenses	500

£7,030

Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that the resolution of this House for granting a supply to His Majesty be referred to a committee of Ways and Means, and that this House do on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole for that purpose. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, from the committee of conference on the subject of the library, presented a report which was received and read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

Report of the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of the safe keeping of the library, and to recommend such additions to be made to it, as they may think requisite.

The joint conference met on Saturday 31st March.

It was proposed as one of the objects of the conference to recommend to the respective Houses of the Conferees to direct all books in possession of the Members of either to be returned by Tuesday next, that the Conferees may be able to ascertain the actual state of the library at this time.

Committee Room, 2d April, 1821.

ROBERT NICHOL, *Chairman.*

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Rogers, moves that the Members of this House do return to the Librarian all books which may be in their possession belonging to the library, that the state of the same be ascertained. Which was ordered.

Mr. Rogers gives notice, that he will on to-morrow, move that the account of the expenditure of the sum appropriated for public buildings, and for purchasing furniture for this House, as well as the contingent accounts of both Houses of Parliament, be furnished and laid upon the table on Thursday next.

Mr. Rogers gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that the petition of Mr. Pierre St. Julien and others, be referred to the committee of this House, when taking into consideration the contingent accounts.

Mr. Morris gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill for appropriating a certain sum of money towards completing the great line of road from Richmond Landing Place to Kingston.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, 3rd April, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Debenture Bill was read a third time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves the following clause by way of Rider to the Bill:

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all moneys required to be paid by the authority of this Act, shall be paid by the Receiver General in discharge of such warrant or warrants, as shall for that purpose be issued by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, and shall be accounted for to His Majesty by the Receiver General of this Province through the Lords Commissioners of his treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, his heirs and successors shall be graciously pleased to direct." Which was carried.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province to borrow a sum of money upon the securities therein mentioned to be applied in discharging the arrearages due to Militia Pensioners." Which was carried, and the bill signed. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. MacLean of Frontenac and Crooks be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, to borrow a sum of money upon the securities therein mentioned, to be applied in discharging the arrearages due to Militia Pensioners," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Highway Bill. Mr. Morris took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Morris reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Marriage Bill. Mr. Shaver took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Shaver reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that the Marriage Amendment Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. MacLean of Frontenac, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor, Lie-

tenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, to borrow a sum of money upon the securities therein mentioned, to be applied in discharging the arrearages due to Militia Pensioners," and to request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Randal, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Niagara, presented a report, which was received and read as follows:

To the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, the report of a Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of sundry Freeholders and Inhabitants in the District of Niagara.

Your committee appointed to take into consideration the said petition, praying for a sum of money to be granted for the improvement of the roads, and for repairing and building bridges in the Township of Wainfleet, have duly considered the same, and are of opinion, from the nature of the soil, the situation of that part of the country, and the number and circumstances of the Inhabitants, together with the increase of travelling, that the roads and bridges in that part of the country alluded to in the petition, are in a most deplorable condition.

Your committee are of opinion that the Petitioners are entitled to a strong claim on the liberality of the Legislature for relief out of the funds of the Province.

But your committee being fully aware of the present exhausted state of the disposable means of the Legislature, do not feel themselves warranted in trespassing upon your Honorable House in venturing to report by bill, but humbly recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners may not escape the earliest attention of your Honorable House, so soon as the state of the finances of the Province will warrant the granting of moneys for the purposes prayed for in the petition.

All of which is humbly submitted.

Committee Room, House of Assembly,
3rd April, 1821.

R. RANDAL, Chairman.

Mr. Randal, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Whiting, presented a report, which was received and read as follows:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Whiting, having taken into their consideration the said petition, and also, the documents accompanying the same, beg leave to report to your Honorable House, that from all the consideration they can give the subject, the case represented in it, and which from the personal knowledge of two Members of your committee is known to be founded on fact, is undoubtedly one of extreme hardship, and from the uniform solicitude evinced in similar cases by his Majesty's Government to do justice to those situated as Mr. Whiting appears to be, your committee are of opinion, that if the same is laid before his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that he will cause such relief to be afforded in this instance as he has been graciously pleased to do in similar ones, or will refer the matter complained of to his Majesty's Government in England.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, House of Assembly,
30th March, 1821.

R. RANDAL, Chairman.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that it be resolved, that an humble address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to take the case of Ebenezer Whiting into his consideration, and to grant him such relief as may be in the power of his Excellency to afford. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that Messrs. Randal and Clark be ordered to prepare an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in conformity to the resolution of this House.

In Amendment, Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the question be not now put, and that the last resolution be expunged. On which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Jones of Leeds, Burwell, Gordon, McCormick, McLean of Frontenac, McDonell, McLean of Stormont, Attorney General, Robinson, Ruttan—10.

Nays: Messrs. Bostwick, Nichol, Crooks, Casey, Willson of Wentworth, Hamilton of Wentworth, Pattie, Clark, Randal, Hornor, Peterson, Morris, Wilmot, Kerr, Walsh, Gates, Rogers, Van Koughnet, Shaver—19.

It was decided in the negative by a majority of nine. The main question was then put, and carried.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor two messages which he delivered to the Speaker, who read the same as follows:

P. Maitland,—The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly copies of reports of the Boards of Education of the several Districts, as far as the same have been received

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P. M.

P. Maitland,—The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, in compliance with its address of the 14th ultimo, copies of returns of the population of the several Districts, received at the office of the Executive Government for the year 1820.

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P. M.

Also, the following message and copy of a letter:

P. Maitland,—The Lieutenant Governor thinks proper to lay before the House of Assembly the enclosed copy of a letter from James Crooks, Esquire, one of the Commissioners, who proceeded to Lower Canada in 1818, to meet other Commissioners on the part of that Province, to confer on the subject of the improvement of the navigation of the river St. Lawrence, which Commissioners were appointed in consequence of a joint address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the 10th March, 1818, and their report laid before the Legislature in the ensuing session.

Government House, 2nd April, 1821.

P. M.

(Copy.)

York, 20th March, 1821.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose a letter addressed to me by the Private Secretary of His Honor Mr. President Smith when in the administration of the Government of this Province, and dated 6th July, 1818. In consequence of which the Honorable Thomas Clark and myself proceeded to Quebec, and executed the duty mentioned in the said letter, and made our report to His Excellency the present Lieutenant Governor of this Province, but have never received any allowance of

any sort therefor. May I request the favour of you, to lay the same before His Excellency at your convenience, in the humble hope that he will be pleased to take such measures as will obtain us the allowance usual in such cases.

I am very respectfully, Sir, your most obedient servant,

To Major Hillier, etc.

JAMES CROOKS.

(A true copy), George Hillier.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and documents therewith transferred, respecting commissioners, be referred to a Committee of Supply on Thursday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the bill, to provide for the Trial of controverted Elections. Mr. Jones of Leeds took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported that the committee had risen. Ordered that the report be received.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Province Division Bill was read the second time. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the Province Division Bill. Which was carried. Mr. Pattie took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Pattie reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Nichol gives notice, that he will on to-morrow, move that the House do resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to resume the consideration of the resolutions respecting the Provincial Agent.

Mr. McLean of Stormont gives notice, that he will on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of an Act passed in the first year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to amend and continue under certain modifications an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the regulation of the said Common Schools,' and to make provision for compensating the different District Treasurers of this Province, for duties imposed upon them by the several Acts of this Province relating to the said Common Schools."

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. MacLean of Frontenac, moves that the account of the expenditure of the sum appropriated for public buildings, and for purchasing furniture for the House of Assembly, as well as the contingent Accounts of both Houses of Parliament, be furnished, and laid upon the table of this House on Thursday next. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, 4th April, 1821.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that he have leave to bring up the petition of Edward Angell, of the Town of York. Which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that five hundred copies of the report of the committee on Internal Resources, be printed for the information of the Members during the recess. On which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. McCormick, Gordon, Nichol, Bostwick, Pattie, Clark, Wilson of Prince Edward, Crooks, Willson of Wentworth, Hornor, White, Randal, Baby, Kerr, McDonnel, Rogers, Morris, Wilmot, Robinson, Walsh, Casey, Hamilton of Lincoln, Van Koughnet, Shaver—24.

Nays: Messrs. Burwell, MacLean of Frontenac.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-two, and it was ordered accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Marriage Amendment Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that the Marriage Bill be now recommitted. Which was carried. Mr. Shaver took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Shaver reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that the Marriage Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Marriage Confirmation Bill was read the second time. Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Marriage Confirmation Bill. Which was carried. Mr. Hornor took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hornor reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that the Marriage Confirmation Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the 30th March. Mr. Crooks took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Crooks reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Saturday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Tavern License Bill. Mr. Clark took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Clark reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the Tavern License Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves for the order of the day, for Mr. Nichol's motion for committee of the whole on the resolutions respecting the Provincial Agent. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to resume the consideration of the resolutions respecting the Provincial Agent. Which was carried. Mr. Ruttan took the chair of the committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled 'An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the fifty-third year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of persons disabled, and the widows and children of such persons as may be killed in his Majesty's service,"'" and also, an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to repeal part of and to alter and amend the laws now in force for granting pensions to persons disabled in the service, and the widows and children of persons who may have been killed in the service, and to extend the provisions of the same." and an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his Majesty's

Reign, entitled 'An Act to repeal part of and to alter and amend the laws now in force for granting pensions to persons disabled in the service, and the widows and children of persons who may have been killed in the service, and to extend the provisions of the same,' and to make provision for granting pensions to persons disabled in the service, and to the widows and children of persons who may have been killed in the service, or who may have died while in captivity with the enemy during the late war with the United States of America," sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment.

The Marriage Amendment Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that the Marriage Bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the second session of the first Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, entitled "An Act to confirm and make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted in the country now comprised within the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future solemnization of Marriage within the same."'" Which was carried and the bill signed.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that Messrs. Willson of Wentworth and Shaver be ordered to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of and to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the second session of the first Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, entitled "An Act to confirm and make valid certain marriages heretofore contracted in the country now comprised within the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future solemnization of marriage within the same,"'" and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The House went again into committee on the resolutions relative to the Provincial Agent. Mr. Ruttan in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Ruttan reported that the committee had agreed to certain resolutions, which they recommended to the adoption of the House. On the question for receiving the report, the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. McCormick, Jones of Leeds, Nichol, Shaver, Crooks, Bostwick, Hornor, Chisholm, Randal, Willson of Wentworth, White, Burwell, Baldwin, McMartin, Hamilton of Wentworth, Rogers, Pattie, Gordon, Robinson, Gates, Morris, Ruttan, Wilmot, Van Koughnet, Clark, Wilson of Prince Edward, Hamilton of Lincoln. Casey—28.

Nays: Messrs. Walsh, Attorney General, MacLean of Frontenac—3.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-five, and the report was received, and the resolutions adopted as follows:

Resolved—That by an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent for this Province," provision was made for the appointment of a Provincial Agent to reside near his Majesty's Government in Great Britain.

Resolved—That from the official communication of His Excellency Lieutenant Governor Gore to the House of Assembly on the twenty-fifth of March, 1816, it appears, that William Halton, Esquire, was duly appointed (in conformity to the provisions of the said Act) Provincial agent for the Province.

Resolved—That by the said Act the duty of the said agent was generally pointed out, viz.:

“To solicit and explain the interests of this colony, as well in its relations with the United Kingdom, as with the sister Province of Lower Canada, and others his Majesty’s colonies,” and “to correspond officially as well with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, as with the Speakers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly thereof respectively, on all matters in relation to this Province, to solicit the passing or repeal of Acts affecting this Province, the enacting of regulations respecting the commercial interests thereof, and generally to perform all the duties incidental or appertaining to the office of Provincial Agent.”

Resolved—That from the answer of the Lieutenant Governor to an address of this House, it appears, that no communications have been received by his Excellency from the said Provincial agent, on any subject affecting the interests of this Province, excepting an official letter transmitting plans and elevations for public buildings.

Resolved—That it appears that since the appointment of the said William Halton, Esquire, in March, 1816, and whose duty it was to correspond with the Speaker of this House on all matters affecting the interests of this Province, only five communications have been received from him by the Speaker of this House, viz.:

1st,—A letter dated 15th July, 1817, relative to the claims for losses sustained during the late war, and respecting the duties and drawbacks due from the Lower Province.

2nd,—A letter dated 6th March, 1818, respecting duties to be imposed on Canadian timber, and communicating some further information on the subjects mentioned in the preceding letter.

3rd,—A letter dated London, 10th April, 1819, enclosing a correspondence with the Under Secretary of State, relative to the claims for losses.

4th,—A letter dated London, 5th April, 1819, relative to the Journals of this House.

5th,—Another letter dated 5th August, 1820, on the same subject.

Resolved—That it appears that the question of duties on Canadian timber has again been agitated by the King’s Ministers, and that no notice of their intentions on that subject has been received by the Speaker of the House of Assembly from the said William Halton.

Resolved—That by this neglect of the said agent, the opportunity of remonstrating against the imposing said duties (by which the interests of this Province may materially suffer) has been lost.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House, that it is expedient to repeal the Act of the Parliament of this Province authorizing the appointment of a Provincial agent, to be resident near his Majesty’s Government in England.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that it be resolved, that Messrs. Crooks and Gordon be ordered to prepare a Bill founded on the resolutions. Which was ordered.

No. 1.
(Duplicate.)

Ibbotson’s Hotel, Vere Street,
Cavendish Square, London, 15th July, 1817.

SIR,—Having received no commands from the Honorable House of Assembly during their last session, I must beg to inform Your Honor and the House, that the two great objects which most deserved my attention, the claims for losses during the war, and the duties and drawbacks from the Lower Province, have engaged my continual exertions since my arrival in England.

After several visits to the Secretary of State's office upon those subjects, the claims for the losses were referred by Lord Bathurst to the Lords of the Treasury, and the duties and drawbacks to the Board of Trade, where I have often attended to procure some determination favorable to the interests of this Province.

Mr. Goulburn, the Under Secretary of State, informed me that some application was intended to be made to the Imperial Parliament in the session just ended, in favor of the claimants for losses during the war: but the Parliament has been prorogued, and no such application made. On the 9th of this month, I had a conference with a Secretary of the Treasury, and he informed me that for the present the Lords of the Treasury only intended to recommend to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada should be directed to sell the Estates forfeited to the Crown by traitors and absentees during the war, and to apply the proceeds to the claimants for losses. I stated most fully to the Secretary of the Treasury, as I had done before at the Secretary of State's, the meritorious conduct of the claimants, the very great distress they endured from their losses, the very inadequate remuneration likely to arise from the mode of relief proposed, and the improbability of finding immediate purchasers for the forfeited Estates. To this it was replied, "that if any unexpected delay occurred in the sale of the Estates, or the proceeds proved insufficient, then some application for assistance might possibly be made to the Imperial Parliament during the next session." I have sincerely to regret that my constant attention has not been productive of a more desirable result. But though the cause rests upon the best foundation, the present financial arrangements of Great Britain are unfavorable to it. After some conferences with the Vice-President of the Board of Trade, I have been informed that no determination will be made respecting the duties and drawbacks from the Lower Province, until an answer has been received, from the Governor in Chief, to whom a reference has been made upon the statement transmitted to the Secretary of State from the Legislature of Upper Canada. Both these subjects will continue to receive my unremitted attention. I have the honor to be with great respect, Your Honor's most obedient, humble servant,

His Honor, Allan McLean,

WILLIAM HALTON, Provincial Agent.

Speaker of the House of Assembly.

No. 2.

Ibbotson's Hotel, Vere Street, Cavendish Square.

London, March 6th, 1818.

SIR,—The Vice-President of the Board of Trade having stated to me last year, that a proposition might probably be made to Parliament during this session by his Majesty's Government, to impose certain duties on the importation of Canadian timber into Great Britain, I beg to inform you, that I made the strongest representations to him in my power of the very great detriment which such an innovation would cause to those inhabitants of Upper Canada who are engaged in the timber trade: and I have now the honor to enclose to you a letter, expressing the satisfactory determination of his Majesty's Government on that point. I regret to add that nothing more has been done by the Government respecting the claims for losses during the war than what was expressed in my letter of July last; and also, that his Majesty's Government has declined interfering between the two Provinces, upon the subject of duties and drawbacks, after having received Sir John Sherbrooke's answer to the reference which was made to him on that business. I have the honor to be with great respect, Your Honor's most obedient, humble servant.

His Honor, Allan McLean,

WILLIAM HALTON, Provincial Agent.

Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade,
Whitehall, 28th February, 1818.

SIR,—In consequence of your letter of the 25th instant, requesting information respecting the intentions of his Majesty's Government, to increase the duties on the importation of Canadian timber into Great Britain, I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for trade to acquaint you, that upon a full consideration of all the circumstances of the case, and more particularly with reference to the Act of the 55th George III., c. 86, (by which timber from the British North American Colonies is exempted from duty till the 25th March, 1820), it is not at present the intention of His Majesty's Government to submit to Parliament any alteration of the law as it now stands with respect to the importation of timber, whether from our own Colonies, or from Foreign States. I am, Sir, your most obedient, humble servant.
William Halton, Esquire, etc., etc., etc.

THOMAS LACK.

Mr. Nichol gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill to reduce the percentage allowed to Collectors of the Customs in this Province.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that the petition of sundry Inhabitants of the District of London, in behalf of the widow Mason and William Curtis be referred to Messrs. Walsh and Hornor, and that they may have leave to report by bill or otherwise. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, 5th April, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Tavern License Bill was read the third time. Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that the following clause be added as a Rider to the Tavern License Bill:

And Whereas doubts have arisen as to the time appointed for holding the adjourned Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the purpose of granting approvals to persons desirous of taking out Innkeeper's license: for removal of such doubt, *be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, that from and after the passing of this Act, so much of the said Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, as directs the Magistrates in sessions to assemble in the month of December, be, and the same is hereby repealed; and that the said adjourned sessions shall during the continuance of this Act be held on the day appointed for issuing such licenses. Which was carried.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the Tavern License Bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to repeal part of and amend and continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to Innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective Districts, authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses.'" Which was carried and the bill signed.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that Messrs. Willson of Wentworth and McCormick be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of, amend and continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to Innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for

their respective Districts, authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Crooks of the committee to draft a bill to repeal the law appointing a Provincial Agent reported a bill, which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the Provincial Agent's Repeal Bill be read a second time this day, and that the fifth rule be dispensed with as far as relates to the same. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Marriage Confirmation Bill was read the third time. Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to confirm all marriages heretofore publicly contracted in this Province, before any Justice of the Peace, Magistrate, or Commanding Officer of a Post, or before any Minister or Clergyman whatever anterior to the passing of this Act, and to authorize the registry thereof." Which was carried and the bill signed.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward, moves that Messrs. Jones of Leeds and McMartin be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to confirm all marriages heretofore publicly contracted in this Province before any justice of the Peace, Magistrate, or Commanding Officer of a Post, or before any Minister or Clergyman whatsoever anterior to the passing of this Act, and to authorize the registry thereof," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The Provincial Agent Bill was read the second time. Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Provincial Agent Repeal Bill. Which was carried. Mr. McCormick took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. McCormick reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward, moves that the Provincial Agent Repeal Bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on Ways and Means. Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hamilton reported certain resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the resolutions adopted as follows:

Resolved—First, that towards the supply granted to His Majesty, for the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government of this Province for the current year, the following sums are applicable, viz.:

1st—Estimated produce of the duties levied in this Province under the 14th Geo. III., chap. 88, for the year 1821, £1,000 sterling.

2nd—Estimated arrears of the same duties now due from the Province of Lower Canada, £2,219.

Resolved—Second, that to make good the deficiency of the said fund, there be applied from the unappropriated funds in the hands of the Receiver-General the sum of £3,811 sterling.

Resolved—Third, whatever balance shall remain after satisfying the several charges authorized by the Committee of Supply, shall be subject to the future disposition of Parliament.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Norris, moves that the Attorney General and Mr. Rutan be ordered to prepare a bill in conformity with the resolutions of this House. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the report of finance. Mr. Walsh in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Walsh reported that the committee had agreed to several resolutions, which they recommended to the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be received and the resolutions adopted as follows:—

Resolved—That the net annual revenue arising from duties imposed on licenses issued to shop and innkeepers and distillers and wholesale dealers, for the year commencing 5th January, 1820, and ending the 5th January, 1821, in so far as the Inspectors of Licenses have reported the same, £4,180 10s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Resolved—That the net annual revenue from duties on merchandise imported from the United States, for the same period, was £2,313 4s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Resolved—That the net revenue from licenses to hawkers and pedlars for the same period, as reported by the collectors, amounted to £180 10s.

Resolved—That the net revenue from the sales at auction, for the period commencing 21st February and ending 31st December, 1820, in as far as the collectors have reported the same, was £111 4s. 4d.

Resolved—That the net revenue collected on tonnage of vessels between the 1st January and 31st December, 1820, in so far as the same has been reported, was £351 13s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House that the balance of public money in the hands of the Receiver General of this Province on the 31st day of January last, as taken from his general account of receipts and payments, between the 1st January, 1820, and 31st January, 1821, amounted to £523 8s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House that the authorized demands on the Public Treasury for the year 1821, including the sum necessary for the payment of pensions to the 30th June, amounted to £34,169 8s. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House, on examining an abstract account of the appropriation for the year 1820, towards defraying the expenses of the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government of the Province; and also, the Estimate for the same service for the current year, that the sum of \$1,445 sterling has been erroneously charged against the Provincial Appropriation, and put to the credit of the Crown Fund as being appropriated for the Civil Expenditure of the current year, and that the said sum of £1,445 sterling is subject to the control of this House, inasmuch as the grant of this House was specifically declared to be in aid of the fund previously established for those purposes.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House, that the sum of £2,000 has been advanced to the Receiver General of this Province from the Crown, to enable him to satisfy demands made upon him for the public service.

Resolved—That it appears to this House that the actual demands against the Provincial Treasury, exclusive of the Estimate for the Supply for the year 1821, for the payment of the expenses of the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government may be estimated at £36,169 18s. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

Resolved—That it appears to this House, that, with the exception of the sum of four thousand pounds advanced by the Government of Lower Canada on account, no revenue has been received from, or accounted for by that Province, for duties on goods imported from thence into Upper Canada, between the 1st of July, 1819, and 31st December, 1820.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House, that if the just claims of this Province on the Province of Lower Canada, for drawbacks on goods imported into Upper Canada, were liquidated, they would be sufficient to satisfy every authorized demand on the funds of this Province.

Resolved—That the expense of collecting the revenue from customs on goods imported from the United States was for the year ending 31st December, 1820, £923 3s. 0¼d., or nearly one-third of the gross sum collected.

Resolved—That the expense of collecting the revenue on tavern, still and shop licenses for the same period was £416 1s. 1d., or nearly one-tenth of the gross sum collected.

Resolved—That it is expedient to reduce the percentage authorized to be allowed to the collectors of duties from customs on goods, wares and merchandise imported from the United States, if practicable.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House that a detailed account with vouchers of the expenditure for the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government ought to have been submitted to the House, in conformity to the provisions of the 59th Geo. III., chapter 10th.

The Attorney General, from the committee to draft a bill, granting a supply, reported a draft which was received and read the first time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the Supply Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that so much of the order of the day as regards the second reading of the bill for the relief of Samuel Hull and Margaret Phelps, be now proceeded in.

Which was carried, and the bill was read the second time.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of and to mend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the second Session of the First Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, entitled 'An Act to confirm and make valid certain marriages heretofore contracted in the country now comprised within the Province of Upper Canada, and to provide for the future solemnization of marriage within the same,'" and the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of, amend and continue for a limited time an act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to alter the laws now in force granting licenses to innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in general Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective districts, authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses,'" and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, of the Committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the Bill entitled "An Act to confirm all marriages heretofore publicly contracted in this Province before any justice of the Peace, Magistrate or Commanding Officer of a Post, or before any minister or clergyman whatever anterior to the passing of this Act, and to authorize the registry thereof," and to request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the bill for the relief of Samuel Hull and Margaret Phelps. Which was carried. Mr. Hornor took the chair of the committee. The House resumed, to receive a message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Secretary Hillier brought down from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following message and documents:—

P. Maitland.—The Lieutenant Governor thinks proper to transmit to the

House of Assembly the report of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the repairs of the buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature, and other accompanying papers on the same subject.

Government House, 5th April, 1821.

P. M.

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c.

May it please Your Excellency,—The Commissioners appointed by Your Excellency to superintend the erection of the building for the accommodation of the Provincial Legislature, respectfully beg leave to report:

That the sum placed at their disposal has fallen short of the expense they considered it necessary to incur in putting the premises in a fit state to receive the two houses during the present session, and that in confidence that the Parliament would not hesitate to meet the deficiency, they have expended the sum of three hundred and thirty-one pounds, three shillings and five pence beyond the moneys put into their hands, as will appear by the accompanying account.

GRANT POWELL.

P. ROBINSON.

York, 3rd April, 1821.

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c.

The Memorial of Grant Powell, of the Town of York, Esquire, respectfully sheweth: That Your Excellency's Memorialist was appointed by Your Excellency a Commissioner to superintend the application of the money appropriated to the erection of a building for the accommodation of the Provincial Legislature, and having undertaken that duty, and performed it almost without any assistance, he begs to represent to Your Excellency that his time and attention were necessarily devoted to that service during a great part of the last two years, and trusts it may not be deemed unreasonable by Your Excellency that such compensation should be afforded him for the discharge of that duty, as the manner in which it has been performed may appear to merit.

And your Memorialist, as in duty bound, will every pray.

York, 3rd April, 1821.

GRANT POWELL.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the message of this day of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to a committee of supply. Which was ordered.

The House went again into committee on the bill for the relief of Hull and Phelps. Mr. Hornor in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Hornor reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Pattie, moves that the bill for the relief of Samuel Hull and Esther Phelps be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Poundage Repeal Bill was read the second time. Mr. Van Koughnet, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the House do now go into committee to take into consideration the bill to repeal the laws now in force granting poundage to the Receiver General of this Province. Which was carried. Mr. Casey took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as to enable him to move that it be resolved:—

1st—That in the embarrassed state of the revenues of this province, and with the certainty of their total inadequacy to meet the necessary charges for the public service, it has become an imperious duty of this House, to resort to economy and retrenchment.

2nd—That in furtherance of this necessary object, it is expedient to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province.

3rd—That it is the opinion of this House that a bill be ordered to be brought in providing for the repeal of the said Act, and for continuing to such persons as are at this time receiving allowances respectively.

4th—That it is the opinion of this House, that an humble address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying his Excellency to direct the proper officer to lay before this House a list of such persons as are now receiving allowances from the said fund, with the amount of such allowances respectively.

On the first resolution the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:—

Yeas: Messrs. McCormick, Robinson, Jones of Leeds, Gordon, Nichol, Pattie, Wilson of P. Edw., Clark, Wilmot, Hamilton of Wentworth, Chisholm, Willson of Wentworth, Kerr, Randal, Hornor, Bostwick, Hamilton of Lincoln, Ruttan, Van Koughnet, Rogers, Casey, Walsh, Gates, McMartin, Shaver, Crooks—27.

Nays: Messrs. Burwell, McLean of Frontenac, Attorney General—3.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-four, and resolved accordingly.

The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th resolutions were then put and carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that Messrs. Gordon and P. Robinson be ordered to prepare an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to the 4th resolution. Which was ordered.

The Provincial Agent Repeal Bill was then read the third time.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent for this Province.'"

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

Yeas: Messrs. Jones of Leeds, Gordon, Nichol, Robinson, Wilson of P. Edw., Baldwin, Clark, Wilmot, Randal, Hamilton of Wentworth, Willson of Wentworth, Van Koughnet, Hornor, Bostwick, Pattie, Rogers, Ruttan, Casey, Gates, Chisholm, Kerr, Hamilton of Lincoln, McMartin, Shaver, Crooks—25.

Nays: Messrs. McCormick, Burwell, Attorney General, MacLean of Frontenac, Walsh—5.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty, and the bill signed.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Hamilton of Wentworth, be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent for this Province,' and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln gives notice that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill to assign certain limits to the jails within this Province.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that it be resolved that this House do address his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to desire that he would be pleased to appoint Robert Nichol, Esquire, one of the Members of this House for the County of Norfolk, one of the Commissioners on the part of this Province to confer with the Commissioners that may be appointed on the part of the Province of Lower Canada, upon the subject of the Intercourse between the two Provinces, and if the said Commissioners should be already appointed, to request that he would be pleased to add the said Robert Nichol, Esquire, to the said Commissioners.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves for leave of absence from this House for Mr. Gates and himself during the remainder of the session after Friday next. Which was lost.

Mr. Wilson of P. Edw., gives notice that he will on to-morrow move for leave to appoint a committee to examine and report upon the accounts of this Province during the recess of Parliament for the years 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, and 1820, with power to appoint an efficient person as clerk, with power to send for persons and papers, and that such report shall be laid on the table of this House on the first day of the next ensuing session of Parliament.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, 6th April, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for the relief of Samuel Hull and Esther Phelps was read the third time. Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the Bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to afford relief to Samuel Hull and Esther Phelps." Which was carried, and the bill signed. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. Gordon and Gates be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to afford relief to Samuel Hull and Esther Phelps," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Gordon, from the committee appointed to draft an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying for a list of persons receiving allowances from the fund created by the fifty-sixth of George III., reported a draft, which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be read a second time this day, and that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the said address. Which was carried, and the address was read the second time.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Which was carried. Mr. Gordon was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Gordon reported the address as amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Crooks, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Major Kerby, presented the following report:—

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled:—

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Major James Kerby, in behalf of himself and officers of the late Incorporated Militia, beg leave to report: That they have carefully examined into the facts stated in the said memorial, and have great pleasure in assuring your Honorable House that they cannot do otherwise than view them in the most favorable manner, and to recommend them to your Honorable House, to request a conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council in order to frame a joint address to the two Houses to His Majesty, praying His Majesty's gracious attention to the claims of a Corps so deserving of the bounty of their Sovereign.

ROBERT NICHOL, Chairman.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 6th April, 1821.

Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. McLean of Frontenac, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council to request a conference on the subject of the Memorial of Major James Kerby, on the behalf of himself and the officers of the late Corps of Incorporated Militia. Which was ordered. Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. McLean of Frontenac, moves that Messrs. Morris and Robinson be a committee to wait upon the Honorable the Legislative Council, to request a conference with the Honorable House, on the subject of the Memorial of Major James Kerby, on behalf of himself and officers of the late corps of Incorporated Militia. Which was ordered.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that leave be given to Mr. Van Koughnet to absent himself from his duty in attending this House during the remainder of the session, in consequence of the serious indisposition of one of his family. Which was granted.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Province Division Bill. Mr. Pattie was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Pattie reported the bill as amended. On the question for receiving the report the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Walsh, Nichol, Crooks, Clark, Wilmot; Hamilton of Wentworth, Willson of Wentworth, Chisholm, Randal, White, Wilson of Prince Edward, Hornor, McDonell, Morris, Pattie, Kerr, Rogers, Peterson—18.

Nays: Messrs. Bostwick, Burwell, Ruttan, Attorney General, McMartin, Gates, McCormick, Robinson, McLean of Stormont, Shaver, Casey—11.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and the report was received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the bill for the better division of the Province be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor relative to persons placed on the Civil List was read the third time, passed and signed by the Speaker as follows:—

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c.

May it please Your Excellency,—We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct the proper officer to lay before us a list of the names of all persons receiving allowances from the fund created by an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's reign entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money towards defraying the ex-

penses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province," and specifying the sum allowed such persons respectively.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. Kerr and Ruttan be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House relating to the Civil List, and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves for leave to bring in a bill to repeal part of an act passed in the first year of His Majesty's reign, relative to Common Schools, and to make provision for compensating District Treasurers for duties imposed upon them by the several acts of this Province, establishing Common Schools therein. Which was granted and the bill read.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by the Attorney General, moves that the bill to repeal part of an Act passed in the first year of His Majesty's reign, relative to Common Schools, and to make provision for compensating District Treasurers for duties imposed upon them by the several Acts of this Province, establishing Common Schools therein, be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Port Hope, reported a bill, which was received and read the first time. Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Randal, moves that the Port Hope Harbour Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Highway Bill. Mr. Hornor was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hornor reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the Road Amendment Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Supply Bill was read the second time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee on the Supply Bill. Which was carried. Doctor Baldwin was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, to borrow a sum of money upon the securities therein mentioned, to be applied in discharging the arrearages due to Militia Pensioners," sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment. Also a message, which was read as follows:—

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council have agreed to the conference with the Commons House of Assembly, "on the subject of the Memorial of Major James Kerby, on behalf of himself and officers of the late Corps of Incorporated Militia," and have appointed two of its members who will be ready to meet a committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose in the Joint Committee Room at ten o'clock to-morrow.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 6th April, 1821.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that Messrs. Nichol, Attorney General, Gordon, and Hamilton of Lincoln, be a committee to confer with the committee appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of the Memorial of Major James Kerby. Which was ordered.

The House went again into Committee on the Supply Bill. Doctor Baldwin

in the chair. The House resumed. Doctor Baldwin reported the bill without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the Supply Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Poundage Repeal Bill. Mr. Casey was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Casey reported the bill without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, moves that the Receiver General's Poundage Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moves for leave to bring up a bill to assign limits to the several gaols within this Province. Which was granted, and the bill read. Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that the bill to assign limits to gaols within this Province be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by the Attorney General, moves that the committee on the report of the Select Committee respecting the Adjutant General do stand first on the order of the day after the third reading of bills to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that it be resolved that an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that he would be pleased to appoint Robert Nichol, Esquire, (one of the Members of this House, representing the County of Norfolk), one of the Commissioners on the part of this Province, to confer with the Commissioners that may be appointed on the part of the Province of Lower Canada, upon the subject of the intercourse between the two provinces; and if the said Commissioners should be already appointed, to request that he would be pleased to add the said Robert Nichol, Esquire, to the said Commission. Which was carried.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that Messrs. Baldwin, Wilson of Prince Edward, and Hamilton of Wentworth, be a committee to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in pursuance of the resolution of this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that it be resolved that the allowance made by law to the Surveyor General for the duties required of him by an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to repeal the several laws now in force relative to levying and collecting rates and assessments in this Province, and further to provide for the more equal and general assessment of land and other ratable property throughout this Province," is inadequate to remunerate him for the services required by the said Act.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee to take into consideration the report of the special committee upon the petition of Stephen Conger and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Hallowell. Which was carried. Mr. Bostwick was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed.

Mr. Bostwick reported that the committee had agreed to two resolutions, which they recommended to the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be received and the resolutions adopted as follows:—

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House that the establishment of a Provincial Bank under proper restrictions would be beneficial to the country, by remedying the great want of specie by securing to ourselves whatever advantages

are to be derived from the issue of a paper currency, and by establishing a circulating medium of known security, instead of the paper of private banks, uncontrolled by any charter or Legislative Provision, and which from its being rejected by the public receiver does not answer effectually all the purposes of trade.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House that a bill should be brought in for establishing a Provincial Bank, the corporation to consist of such persons as shall become stockholders under the provisions of the Act; the system to be as similar as circumstances will permit to that contained in the bill formerly passed, for establishing a bank at Kingston, except that to insure its going into operation, the amount of stock and deposit, and consequently of paper to be issued, should be reduced.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that Messrs. MacLean of Frontenac and Jones of Leeds be a committee to prepare a bill pursuant to the resolutions of the committee of the whole House, on the report of the special committee on the petition of Stephen Conger and others, and to report the same to this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Wilson of Wentworth gives notice that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to authorize the Lieutenant Governor to nominate and appoint certain commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned," and to make further provisions for the same.

The House then adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday 7th April, 1821.

Mr. Ruttan, of the committee to present to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the address on the subject of the Civil List, reported that they had done so, and that his Excellency was pleased to make thereto the following reply:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I will direct the information prayed for in your address to be immediately afforded you.

Mr. Randal, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Whiting, reported the draft of an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the said petition.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the report be not received. Which was lost. The report was received and the address was read the first time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Province Division Bill was read the third time. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves the following as a rider to the bill:

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that when and so soon as it shall be made satisfactorily to appear to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province, that the said County of Middlesex contains six thousand souls, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province, and he is hereby authorized to declare by proclamation the said County of Middlesex to be a separate district, by such name as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province, may seem meet, under the same provisions, limitations and restrictions as are hereinbefore provided for the County of Carleton. On which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Bostwick, McCormick, Burwell, Walsh, Crooks, Chisholm, Willson of Wentworth, Ruttan, McMartin—9.

Nays: Messrs. Jones of Leeds, Nichol, Gordon, Randal, Clark, Pattie, White, Kerr, Peterson, Wilson of Prince Edward, Baldwin, Baby, Hornor, McDonell, Morris, Rogers, Wilmot, MacLean of Frontenac, Gates, Shaver—21.

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

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the blank in the bill be filled up with the word "Hillier." In amendment, Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward, Moves that "Hillier" be expunged and "Lothian" inserted. Which was lost. The original question was then put and carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into counties and districts." On which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Nichol, Walsh, Crooks, Clark, Randal, Pattie, White, Chisholm, Wilson of Prince Edward, Peterson, Willson of Wentworth, Baldwin, Hamilton of Wentworth, Rogers, Hornor, McDonell, Kerr, Wilmot—19.

Nays: Messrs. Bostwick, McCormick, Jones of Leeds, McLean of Stormont, Burwell, Gordon, Ruttan, McLean of Frontenac, Hamilton of Lincoln, Attorney General, Gates, Casey, McMartin, Shaver—14.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five, and the bill was signed.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that Messrs. McDonell and Morris be ordered to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty eighth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into counties and districts," and to request their concurrence in passing the same. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Highway Bill was read the third time. Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to repeal part of and extend the laws now in force for laying out, amending and keeping in repair the highways and roads of this Province." On which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Bostwick, McCormick, Jones of Leeds, Gordon, Clark, Crooks, Pattie, White, Wilson of Prince Edward, Willson of Wentworth, Ruttan, Chisholm, Wilmot, Baldwin, Hamilton of Wentworth, Morris, Robinson, Rogers, Kerr, Randal, McLean of Stormont, Gates, Hamilton of Lincoln, Casey, Shaver—25.

Nays: Messrs. Walsh, Burwell, McDonell, Attorney General, McMartin—5.

The question was carried by a majority of twenty, and the bill was signed.

Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Pattie, moves that Messrs. Willson of Wentworth and Clark be ordered to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of and to extend the laws now in force for laying out, amending, and keeping in repair the highways and roads of this Province," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Supply Bill was read the third time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the Supply Bill do now pass, and that the title be, "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money in aid of the funds for defraying the expenses of the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government of this Province." Which was carried and the bill signed.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that Messrs. McDonell

and McMartin be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money in aid of the funds for defraying the expenses of the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government of this Province," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Poundage Repeal Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the bill be now re-committed. On which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Nichol, Burwell, Attorney General, Bostwick, MacLean of Frontenac, McLean of Stormont, Robinson, McDonell, Walsh—9.

Nays: Messrs. McCormick, Gordon, Clark, Chisholm, Crooks, Willson of Wentworth, Randal, Peterson, Hamilton of Wentworth, Morris, Ruttan, Baby, McMartin, Kerr, Shaver.—15.

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

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act for the public registry of deeds, conveyances, wills and other incumbrances, which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this Province,' sent up from this House, which they had passed with some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House—also the following messages:

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject matter of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the first year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation,' and further to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation," and have appointed a committee of three of its members, who will be ready to meet a committee of the Commons House of Assembly for that purpose at three o'clock this day in the joint committee room.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 7th April, 1821.

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly, to prepare a joint address to his Excellency, to request him to transmit to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, an Act entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province," in order that it may be laid before the Imperial Parliament, for which purpose a committee of two members of the Honorable the Legislative Council will be ready to meet a committee of the Commons House of Assembly at four o'clock this day in the joint committee room.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 7th April, 1821.

The amendments were then read.

Press 1. Line 1.—After "whereas" expunge the remainder of the preamble, and insert "doubts have been conceived, if by law the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, can appoint a Registrar to any office for any county now filled, until the death, resignation, or conviction of the

actual Registrar, and whereas the appointment of one Registrar to two or more counties was authorized by law to be for the present only.”

Press 1, Line 17.—After “same” expunge the remainder of the bill, and insert “that when the majority of the magistrates resident within any county or counties of which more than one is supplied by one Registrar only being duly summoned for that purpose, shall address the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, representing the want of a Registrar to each or either of the said counties, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, forthwith to require the actual Registrar for such counties to make his election, of which of the said offices he will retain, and to transmit such election to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, within three months from the receipt of such requisition, together with a schedule of all memorials in his office relating to lands within the county for which a new Registrar is to be appointed, which schedule, agreeable to the following form, certified by such Registrar, shall be delivered to the newly appointed Registrar, with his commission, at whose demand the several memorials referred to in such schedule, shall be delivered to him by the former Registrar without delay, fee, or reward, and the acknowledgment of the receipt of such memorials at the foot of such schedule, or endorsed thereon by the newly appointed Registrar, shall be the discharge of the office in which they had been registered.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the person appointed to any such county shall hold the said office under the same conditions, and subject to the same duties and advantages, as the same was held by the original Registrar.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Passed the Legislative Council, as amended, 7th April, 1821.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill sent up by this House, entitled “An Act to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty’s reign, entitled ‘An Act for the public Registering of Deeds, Conveyances, Wills, and other incumbrances, which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this Province,’” be read a second time on Monday. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that Messrs. Nichol, Attorney General, Gordon, McCormick, and Peterson, be a committee to confer with the committee appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the bill entitled “An Act to repeal an Act passed in the first year of his present Majesty’s reign, entitled ‘An Act to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation,’ and further to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation.” Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that Messrs. McLean of Stormont, McDonell, Burwell, and Robinson, be a committee to confer with the committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council to draft a joint address on the bill entitled “An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province.” Which was ordered.

Mr. McDonell, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled “An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-

eighth of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into counties and districts," and the bill entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money in aid of the funds for defraying the expenses of the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government of this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of and extend the laws now in force for laying out, amending, and keeping in repair the high-ways and roads in this Province," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Nicholl, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council to acquaint that honorable House that this House have concurred in their request for a conference on the subject of an address on the subject of a bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province," also on the subject matter of a bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the first year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation,' and further to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation," and have appointed conferees to confer thereon with the conferees of that honorable House, and that Messrs. Burwell and Bostwick do deliver the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the bill for regulating the Acts now in force granting poundage to the Receiver General of this Province do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force granting poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a salary for that officer in lieu thereof." Which was carried and the bill signed.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that Messrs. Willson of Wentworth and Clark be ordered to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force granting poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a salary for that officer in lieu thereof," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned for one hour.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Jones of Leeds gives notice that he will on Monday next move that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the proper officer to lay before this House at an early day of the next session of Parliament a detailed statement of all moneys in arrear due or payable from and after the first day of January, 1812, into the hands of the Receiver General, by any law or usage of this Province, to and for the uses thereof, such arrearages being in the hands of any collectors, inspectors, officers commanding regiments, or in the hands of any person or persons in office or not in office, and His Excellency will be pleased in the meantime to order such concise measures to be adopted as may be practicable and advisable for the recovery of such sums in arrear; and also, that His Excellency will be further pleased to direct the proper officer to demand from all persons whatsoever, who may have been entrusted with public moneys, and who have not already accounted for the same, to send in detailed accounts and vouchers properly attested, showing the manner in which the moneys so entrusted to them have been expended, and that copies of such detailed accounts be also laid before the House at an early day of next session.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves for leave to return to the Clerk of the Peace for the District of Newcastle, the Poll Book taken at the late election for the County of Durham, and that the Clerk of this House return to others all private papers produced on the trial of said election. Which was ordered.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that the petition of Pierre St. Julien and others be referred to the committee of the whole House when on the contingent accounts. Which was ordered.

Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that he have leave of absence during the remainder of this session, his public duty requiring his attendance in the District of Newcastle. Which was granted.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force granting poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a salary for that officer in lieu thereof," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that the address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respecting the petition of Ebenezer Whiting, be read a second time on Monday next. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee to take into consideration the report of the Select Committee on the Adjutant General's Department. Mr. Peterson took the chair of the committee. The House resumed to receive a message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Major Hillier brought down from His Excellency the following message:

P. Maitland.—The Lieutenant Governor having observed that five commissioners are appointed on the part of Lower Canada to meet those of this Province, to treat, consult, and agree of and concerning the establishing such regulations, as may regard the collection of duties on payment of drawbacks, to be imposed on goods passing from one Province into the other, submits to the consideration of the House of Assembly, whether it would not be expedient to enable him to appoint an equal number on the part of this Province.

Should such measure be adopted, as the House of Assembly must naturally be able to furnish from its own members, persons most conversant in the matters to be conferred on, it is the Lieutenant Governor's wish that the additional Commissioners be recommended by the House for his appointment.

P. M.

Government House, 7th April, 1821.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this day be referred to a committee of the whole House on Monday next. Which was ordered.

The House went again into committee on the report of the Adjutant General's Department. Mr. Peterson in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Peterson reported, that the committee had risen, and asked leave to sit again this day three months.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Baldwin, Clark, Willson of Wentworth, Wilson of Prince Edward, Peterson, Ruttan, Rogers, Hamilton of Wentworth, Randal, Chisholm, Crooks, Kerr, Baby, McLean of Frontenac, Wilmot, Hornor, Casey—17.

Nays: Messrs. Bostwick, Nichol, Walsh, Burwell, *Gordon, Robinson, McCormick, McLean of Stormont, Attorney General, Gates, Hamilton of Lincoln, Morris—12.

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

Mr. McLean of Stormont, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Adam Dixon, presented the following report:

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of Adam Dixon, of the Township of Cornwall, merchant, beg leave to report:

That they have taken the same into consideration, and examined several affidavits accompanying and supporting the said petition, by which affidavits it is made manifest to the committee, that the navigation of the river St. Lawrence has been much improved at the Moulinette Rapid and its vicinity, by the erection of a mill dam, and subsequently by a lock to admit of the passage of boats into the mill pond, the water being raised by such dam so much, as to make the ascent of a small rapid above Moulinette, formerly very difficult, now very easy, and the lock affording great facility for the passage of boats through the Moulinette rapid. The committee are of opinion, that the said Adam Dixon ought to receive Legislative encouragement in maintaining and repairing the said locks, so far as to authorize him to exact a certain toll from all boats passing through the locks according to the tonnage of such boats: provided he shall make it satisfactorily appear, that a channel is yet open by which boats may, if their owners think proper, ascend the Moulinette rapid as easily and expeditiously as before the erection of such mill dam and locks respectively: provided also, that he shall give security to keep such locks in proper repair, and have a sufficient number of men in attendance, to pass boats through them without unnecessary delay.

All which is respectfully submitted.

April 7th, 1821.

ARCHIBALD MCLEAN, Chairman.

The Attorney General, from the committee appointed to draft a bill to provide for the establishment of a bank, reported that they had prepared a bill accordingly, which he was ready to submit for the consideration of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the bill was read the first time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the Upper Canada Bank Bill be read a second time on Monday. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln gives notice, that he will on Monday move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal part of an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act granting to His Majesty an additional duty on stills used for the distillation of spirituous liquors for sale, and for ascertaining the manner in which certain wooden stills shall be gauged in this Province."

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that that part of the order of the day, relative to the Richmond and Perth roads, be the first on the order of the day on Monday after the third reading of bills. Which was ordered. Mr. McLean of Stormont gives notice, that he will on Monday move for leave to bring in a bill to make provision for the payment of certain pensions to wounded Militia Officers of this Province.

The House then adjourned till Monday at twelve o'clock.

Monday, 9th April, 1821.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves for leave to bring in a bill to appropriate a sum of money in aid of the new road, leading from Richmond Landing place on the Ottawa to Kingston. Which was carried, and the bill read.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the bill for appropriating a sum of money on the Richmond road, be read a second time this day, and that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same. Which was carried, and the bill read the second time.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, on the Richmond Road appropriation Bill. Which was carried. Mr. Burwell was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported the bill amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the Richmond Road appropriation bill be engrossed, and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, from the committee to confer with a committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the first year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation,' and further to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation," presented the following report, which was received:

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The select committee appointed to confer with the committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of certain bills sent up from this House.

Beg leave to report, that your committee of conference met the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council, and were by them informed, that two bills had been sent up from your Honorable House, for regulating the intercourse with the United States, which according to the rules of that House it was impossible for them to take up. It was answered on the part of the Conferees of your Honorable House, that the last bill, different in some of its enactments from the first, had been passed with an understanding that an explanation would have taken place between the Speakers, and that the first bill would not be taken up, or if it had been acted upon, should be lost, to make room for the other. Your committee were then informed, that the Conferees on the part of the Legislative Council intended recommending to their House to proceed upon the second bill, dropping the first, provided such irregularity should not be drawn into precedent. Which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, House of Assembly,
7th April, 1821.

ROBERT NICHOL, Chairman.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. McMartin and Shaver be a committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council, that this House have concurred in the report of the select committee, on the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the first year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation,' and further to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation." Which was ordered.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, from the committee of conference on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of Tythes within this Province," presented the following report, which was received and read as follows:

The committee appointed to meet the committee of conference from the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respecting a bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province," have concurred in an address, which they beg leave to recommend to the adoption of this Honorable House.

April 9th, 1821.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN, Chairman.

Mr. McMartin, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the message on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the first year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation,' and further to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation," reported they had done so.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following messages:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject matter of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial Agent for this Province,'" for which purpose they have appointed a committee of three of its members, who will be ready to meet a committee of the Commons House of Assembly at 4 o'clock this day in the joint committee room.

Legislative Council Chamber,
9th April, 1821.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that it be resolved, that this House do accede to the request of the Honorable the Legislative Council, for a conference on the subject matter contained in their message of this day, and that Messrs. Robinson, Jones of Leeds, Crooks, Morris, Gordon, and Kerr, be ordered to meet the conferees of that House at 4 o'clock to confer thereon. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting them, that this House have acceded to their request for a conference, and that Messrs. Willson of Wentworth and Casey do carry up the same. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Court of Requests Bill was read the second time. Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Court of Requests Bill. Which was carried: Mr. Bostwick was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Bostwick reported, that the committee had risen, and asked leave to sit again this day three months.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Crooks, Gordon, Willson of Wentworth, Casey, Chisholm, Nichol, Baldwin, Peterson, Baby, McDonell, Morris, Ruttan, Walsh, Kerr, MacLean of Frontenac, Attorney General, Shaver—17.

Nays: Messrs. Burwell, Jones of Leeds, Bostwick, Randal, White, Clark, McLean of Stormont, Gates—8.

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the report of the select committee on Internal Resources. Mr. Randal was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Randal reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

Mr. Ruttan, from the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the preservation of salmon, and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also, to prevent accidents by fire, from persons fishing by torch or fire-light," presented the following report, which was received:

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly, in Provincial Parliament assembled:

Your committee appointed to confer with the committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the amendments made by that Honorable Body in and to the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relating to the preservation of salmon, and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also, to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light," beg leave to report:

That they informed the conference of that House, that the word "aforesaid" did not occur in Press 1, Line 20, according to the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council: in which the conferees of that Honorable House concurred, and as it was a clerical error, desired that instead of "Press 1, Line 20," "Press 1, Line 22" be inserted.

Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council in and to the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the preservation of salmon, and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also, to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light." Which was carried. Mr. White was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. White reported the amendments. Ordered that the report be received, and the amendments were passed and signed.

Mr. Nichol, from the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial agent for this Province,'" presented the following report, which was received:

Report of the select committee appointed to confer with the conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial agent for this Province.'"

Your committee proceeded to the conference chamber, and met the conferees from the Legislative Council, by whom they were informed that it was required as a preliminary towards passing the bill, that the offensive expressions towards the Agent should be expunged from the preamble, because every thing personal to the Agent, should be the subject of a joint address: second, to satisfy the Legislative Council, that the longer existence of an Agent resident in England is unnecessary, and if so, to make a suitable provision for the present incumbent.

Your committee acquainted the conferees, that they were not authorized to discuss these points, having been merely sent by your Honorable House to receive their propositions. All which is respectfully submitted.

April 9th, 1821.

ROBERT NICHOL, Chairman.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to request, that the conference on the subject of a bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial agent for this Province,'" be a free conference. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that Messrs. Jones of Leeds and Gordon be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the message of this House, on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial agent for this Province.'" Which was ordered.

Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to acquaint that Honorable Body, that this House have concurred in the amendments made in and to the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the preservation of salmon, and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also, to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire-light." Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that Messrs. Ruttan and Crooks be ordered to carry up the message. Which was ordered.

The Richmond and Kingston Road Bill was read the third time. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to appropriate a sum of money towards opening and completing the great line of communication from the Ottawa River passing through Richmond and Perth to Kingston." Which was carried, and the bill signed.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. Ruttan and Casey be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to appropriate a sum of money towards opening and completing the great line of communication from the Ottawa River passing through Richmond and Perth to Kingston," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following message:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of the bill sent up to this House entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into Counties and Districts," for which purpose they have appointed a committee of three of its members who will be ready to meet a committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the joint committee room at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Legislative Council Chamber,
9th April, 1821.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that Messrs. Morris, McDonell, Crooks, Kerr, and Wilmot be appointed to confer with the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into Counties and Districts."

In amendment, Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that Messrs. Kerr and Crooks be expunged, and Messrs. Jones of Leeds and Burwell be inserted. Which was lost. The main question was then put, and carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting them, that this House have acceded to their request for a conference on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province, and to make further provision for the division of the same into Counties and Districts,'" and that Messrs. Robinson and Ruttan do carry up the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that Messrs. Burwell and McLean of Stormont be added to the committee, on the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into Counties and Districts."

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

Yeas: Messrs. Burwell, McCormick, Jones of Leeds, Bostwick, Gates, Ruttan, Robinson, MacLean of Frontenac, Gordon, Hamilton of Lincoln, McDonell, Attorney General, Casey, McLean of Stormont, Shaver, McMartin—16.

Nays: Messrs. Pattie, Nichol, Crooks, Chisholm, Baldwin, Willson of Wentworth, Hornor, Wilmot, Randall, Wilson of Prince Edward, Peterson, White, Clark, Hamilton of Wentworth, Morris, Kerr—16.

The question was carried in the affirmative by the casting vote of the Speaker, and it was ordered accordingly.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following message:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council have agreed to the request of the Commons House of Assembly, that the conference on the subject matter of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign entitled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial agent of this Province,'" should be a free conference: the committee of the Legislative Council will be ready to meet the committee of the House of Assembly at noon to-morrow.

Legislative Council Chamber,
9th April, 1821.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Wagstaff, of the Town of Niagara, reported a bill which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moves that the bill to afford relief to John Wagstaff of the Town of Niagara, be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House went again into committee on the report of internal resources. Mr. Randal in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Randal reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Doctor Baldwin gives notice, that he will on to-morrow, move that it be resolved that it is expedient, that an humble address be presented to His Majesty, on the subject of the claims for losses sustained by several inhabitants of this Province during the late war, humbly requesting His Majesty to direct such claims to be laid before the Imperial Parliament.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by the Attorney General, moves for leave to bring in a bill, to provide for the payment of pensions to Militia Officers disabled in this Province, during the late war with the United States. Which was granted, and the bill read.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the bill for making provision for the payment of pensions to wounded Militia Officers, be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the petition of the inhabitants of the Town of York, be referred to a special committee, to be composed of Messrs. Robinson, Baldwin, and McDonell, and that the said committee have power to send for persons and papers. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that he have leave to bring in a bill to repeal the Act granting a sum of money towards the expenses of the civil administration of this Province. Which was granted, and the bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the bill to repeal the Civil List Act, be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will defer the prorogation of the present Parliament, until the House have had an opportunity of going into the consideration of certain matters deeply affecting the interests of this Province, and that the fifth rule be dispensed with to enable him to move. Which was ordered.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that Messrs. Crooks and Chisholm be a committee to draft an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to the foregoing resolution. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, 10th April, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the amendments to the bill entitled "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for the public registering of deeds, conveyances, wills, and other incumbrances, which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements, or Hereditaments within this Province," were read the second time.

Mr. Crooks, from the committee to prepare an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to delay the prorogation of the Parliament, reported a draft which he was ready to submit to the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the draft was read.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, on the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the public registering of deeds, conveyances, wills, and other incumbrances, which shall be made, or may affect any

lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this Province. Which was carried. Mr. Wilmot was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Wilmot reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee, to take into consideration His Excellency's message of the seventh of April. Mr. Clark took the chair of the committee. The House resumed.

Mr. Clark reported a resolution which was received, and adopted as follows:—

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House, that a bill be brought in to provide for the appointment of an additional number of Commissioners to meet those appointed by the Legislature of the Lower Province, on the subject of duties.

Mr. Nichol, from the committee of conference, on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial agent for this Province.'" presented the following report, which was received:

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled:

Report of the Managers appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, to confer freely with Conferees on the part of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of a bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial agent.'" "

Your committee beg leave to report, that the Managers of the conference on the part of your Honorable House met those of the Legislative Council, to discuss the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money, and to provide for the appointment of a Provincial agent for this Province.'" "

After much discussion, in which it was contended on the part of the Legislative Council, that their House would not pass the bill with reflection against the Provincial agent, as it was irrelevant to it, the Conferees of your Honorable House said, they did not think that there could be any Parliamentary objection to the Upper House expunging the objectionable clause, though they were not authorized to assent to their so doing, but they could not recognize the principle, that the Upper House should interfere with any money clauses, either by the introduction of a provision for the agent, or in any other way.

Your committee stated the reason for inserting the paragraph objected to, viz.: the small number of communications made by him to the several persons with whom he was directed by the Act to correspond.

Also, to show the reason for not making provision for him on repealing the Act.

The Managers then agreed to continue the free conference on Thursday next. All which is respectfully submitted.

April 10th, 1821.

ROBERT NICHOL, Chairman.

Mr. Nichol, from the committee of conference, on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province,'" and to make further provision for the division of the same into Counties and Districts, presented the following report, which was received.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled:

Report of the Managers appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, to confer with conferees on the part of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of a bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the Thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into Counties and Districts."

Your committee beg leave to report, that they met the Managers of the conference for the Honorable the Legislative Council, who stated that their object was to acquaint those on the part of the House of Assembly, that the Council had im-providently adopted the report of their committee of conference, on the subject of the Lieutenant Governor's message, respecting the unattached townships, upon which the bill sent up from your Honorable House, entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into Counties and Districts" is founded, which bill the Legislative Council could not consistently pass, it being in opposition to the standing rules of that House, that any law should be made whereby the interests of many of his Majesty's subjects may be affected, which certainly would arise from the transferring of some old settled Townships to other counties, without the persons interested having an opportunity of being heard to dissent from such law. The formation of a new County and of a new District, were stated to be subject to the same objection.

The committee of the Legislative Council then proposed to the Conferees of the House of Assembly, that so much of the present bill be retained as related to the unorganized townships, leaving the remainder of the bill to be taken into consideration at a future session, after public notice has been given.

The Conferees on the part of the House of Assembly then said, they were not authorized to discuss the subject, but would report the communications of the Legislative Council to your Honorable House. All which is respectfully submitted.

April 10th, 1821.

ROBERT NICHOL, Chairman.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that Messrs. Willson of Wentworth and Gordon be a committee to draft a bill in pursuance of the resolution of this House, on the subject of the Lieutenant Governor's message of the seventh of April, relative to the appointment of commissioners. Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Mason and William Curtis, reported a bill, which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money in aid of the funds for defraying the expenses of the administration of justice, and support of the Civil Government of this Province," which they had passed without amendment.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the bill in aid of Elizabeth Mason and William Curtis be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bank Bill was read the second time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that the House do now

resolve itself into a committee upon the Bank Bill. Which was carried. Mr. Ruttan was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Ruttan reported the bill.

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

Yeas: Messrs. Nichol, McLean of Stormont, Jones of Leeds, Pattie, Clark, MacLean of Frontenac, Robinson, Morris, Ruttan, McDonell, Attorney General, Hamilton of Lincoln, Crooks—13.

Nays: Messrs. Baldwin, Randal, Wilson of Prince Edward—3.

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

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the Bank Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council to request a conference with that Honorable House on the subject of the amendments made by them to the bill entitled "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for the public registering of deeds, conveyances, wills and other incumbrances, which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this Province.'" Which was ordered.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that Messrs. McDonell and Crooks be appointed a committee to carry up the said message. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves for leave to bring up a bill for the more effectual collecting the duties on stills throughout this Province. Which was lost.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the report of internal resources. Mr. Randal took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Randal reported that the committee had agreed to certain resolutions, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the resolutions adopted as follows:

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House that the Corn Laws of Great Britain, by which the admission of bread-stuffs of this Province to entry for home consumption, whenever the average rate for Great Britain is under sixty-seven shillings per quarter are extremely prejudicial to the interests of this Colony, in as much as the owners of cargoes of wheat and flour, which might be shipped from the port of Quebec, at a time when the ports were open, would on the event of their being shut, on arrival be constrained to bond them for re-exportation, and would thereby in all probability incur a total loss from the perishable nature of the cargo, and that it is therefore expedient to petition His Majesty and the Imperial Parliament to concur in passing a law admitting the corn and bread-stuffs of Upper Canada at all times to entry for home consumption, subjecting them only to duty when below a certain average.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House that, should the Imperial Parliament impose the duties that were contemplated (at a former session) on timber imported from the British Colonies into Great Britain, or in lieu thereof lessen the duty on Baltic or foreign timber, it will have the effect of destroying the timber trade now carried on with those Colonies, a trade in which the port of Quebec alone employs upwards of five hundred sail of large ships, which give employment to upwards of six thousand seamen, besides a great number of persons who are engaged in furnishing, transporting to market, and shipping this very bulky staple, and who consume a great proportion of the surplus provisions which are produced in Upper Canada.

Resolved—That by an Act of the Parliament of Lower Canada, passed in the forty-eighth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to provide a permanent fund for the improvement of the inland navigation of the river St. Lawrence," considerable sums have been at various times raised and collected from the trade of Upper Canada, of which a large amount appears to have been in the hands of the Receiver General of that Province unexpended on the 1st day of November, 1819, while the object for which it was imposed is unaccomplished.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House that the River St. Lawrence, and intermediate ports thereof, being the channel of communication between this Province and the sea, ought not to be subject, and of right are not subject, with respect to duties on commercial regulations, to the control of the Legislature of Lower Canada, that power being by the 31st Geo. III., chapter 31, reserved to the British Parliament.

Resolved—That it appears to this House that an Act was passed by the Parliament of Lower Canada in the forty-sixth year of his late Majesty's reign, by the 14th clause of which flour sent from Upper Canada is subject to reinspection in that Province, although it may be only in transitu to another market, and that by the 15th clause of the same Act an additional charge of one penny per barrel is made by the Inspector over and above the sum of three pence per barrel, to which flour, the produce of Lower Canada, is subject.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House that a revision of the laws providing for the inspection of beef, pork, and flour is necessary, in order to provide for the due inspection of these articles, as a means of increasing their value in foreign markets.

Resolved—That in order to protect the interests of Upper Canada, as well with respect to commercial regulations as imposing duties, it has become expedient to apply to the justice and impartiality of the Imperial Parliament.

Resolved—That the most efficient measure to secure the safe, easy, economical, and expeditious exportation of our staples to the ports and markets to which we have access is the improvement of the inland navigation, on a scale commensurate with the rapidly increasing commercial resources of the Province.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House that an Act be passed providing for the appointment of commissioners: 1st—To devise and adopt such measures as shall be requisite to facilitate and effect a communication by canals and locks between the lakes Erie and Ontario, and lake Ontario and Montreal. 2nd—To examine and explore the country for the purpose of determining the most eligible routes for the contemplated canals, to cause surveys and levels to be taken, and maps, field books, and draughts to be made, and to adopt and recommend proper plans for the construction and formation of the said canals and of the locks, dams, embankments, tunnels, and aqueducts, and to cause all necessary plans, models, and draughts thereof to be executed. 3rd—To calculate and estimate the expense of the above operation. 4th—To devise and recommend ways and means for carrying the above purposes into effect.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves, agreeably to notice, that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Majesty, praying His Majesty may be graciously pleased to order that the claims of certain inhabitants of this Province, who have suffered severe losses in property by the late war, be laid before the Imperial Parliament.

In amendment, Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that after the words "resolved that" the words "an humble address be presented" be expunged.

and that the words "there be requested a conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council, to consider of the propriety of presenting a joint address of both Houses" be inserted. Which was carried.

The main question, as amended, was then put and carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Pattie, moves that a message be sent to request the said conference, and that Messrs. Baldwin and Hornor be ordered to carry up the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, from the committee to draft a bill to provide for additional commissioners, reported a bill, which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that the additional Commissioners' Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that it be resolved that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting a renewal of the conference on the subject of the bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into counties and districts," and that the said conference be a free one.

In amendment, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that after the word "moves" in the original motion the remainder be expunged, and the words: that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council informing them that this House have concurred in the reason given by the conference on the part of that Honorable House against passing the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into counties and districts," be inserted. Which was lost.

On the original question the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Nichol, Attorney General, Robinson, Pattie, Clark, Baldwin, Chisholm, Randal, Hornor, Wilmot, Willson of Wentworth, Wilson of Prince Edward, Hamilton of Wentworth, McDonell, Morris, Crooks—16.

Nays: Messrs. Bostwick, Gordon, Jones of Leeds, McCormick, MacLean of Frontenac, Burwell, Gates, McLean of Stormont, Hamilton of Lincoln, Ruttan, McMartin, Casey, Shaver—13.

The original question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three, and it was resolved accordingly.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that Messrs. McDonell and Morris be ordered to carry up the message to the Honorable the Legislative Council respecting the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of the Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into counties and districts." Which was ordered.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the joint address of both Houses to His Excellency on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province," which was read as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein. &c.

May it please Your Excellency: We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, having passed a bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province," respecting which doubts have existed in conformity to the provision made by the Constitutional Act of the thirty-first year of his late Majesty's reign, chapter thirty-first, beg leave in presenting the same for the royal assent, humbly to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit it to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, in order that it may be laid before the Imperial Parliament.

Also three messages which were received, and read as follows:—

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of, amend, and continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective districts, authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses,' for which purpose they have appointed a committee of two of its members, who will be ready to meet a committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the joint committee room at ten o'clock to-morrow.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 10th April, 1821.

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council have agreed to a conference with the Commons House of Assembly to consider the propriety of presenting a joint address of both Houses to His Majesty, praying His Majesty may be graciously pleased to order that the claims of certain inhabitants of this Province who have suffered severe losses in property by the late war, be laid before the Imperial Parliament for which purpose they have appointed a committee of two of its members, who will be ready to meet a committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the joint committee room at half-past twelve o'clock to-morrow.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 10th April, 1821.

Mr. Speaker: The Honorable the Legislative Council have agreed to a conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject of the amendments made by this House to the bill entitled "An Act to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for the public registering of deeds, conveyances, wills, and other incumbrances which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this Province,'" for which purpose they have appointed a committee of two of its members, who will be ready to meet a committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the joint committee room at eleven o'clock to-morrow.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 10th April, 1821.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that Messrs. Nichol, Crooks, and Jones of Leeds be a committee to confer with the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject matter of the amendments made by that Honor-

able House to the bill entitled "An Act to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for the public registering of deeds, conveyances, wills, and other incumbrances which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this Province.'" Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. McCormick, moves that Messrs. McDonell, Nichol and Morris be a committee to confer with the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of a joint address to His Majesty, relative to the claims for losses. Which was ordered.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward, moves that Messrs. Crooks, Gordon and Hamilton of Wentworth be a committee to confer with the conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject matter of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of, amend, and continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective districts, authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses,'" and that a message be sent to acquaint the Legislative Council thereof. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. McLean of Frontenac, moves that Messrs. Willson of Wentworth and McCormick be a committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have appointed a committee to confer with the committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject matter of the bill entitled "an Act to repeal part of, amend and continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective districts, authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses.'" Which was ordered.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that this House do concur in the address relative to the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province," and that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council to acquaint that Honorable House, that this House have concurred in the said address. Which was carried, and the address was signed.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. Robinson and McMartin be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the address relative to the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province," and to acquaint that Honorable House that this House has concurred in the said address. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Civil List Repeal Bill was read the second time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the bill for the repeal of the Civil List Appropriation Act. Which was carried. Mr. McCormick was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. McCormick reported the bill without amendment. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that the Civil List Repeal Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Crooks Relief Bill was read the second time. Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of James Crooks. Which was carried. Mr. McLean of Stormont was called to the chair of

the committee. The House resumed. Mr. McLean reported that the committee had risen, and asked leave to sit again this day three months. On the question for receiving the report the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays being taken were as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Bostwick, Attorney General, Jones of Leeds, Hamilton of Lincoln, Kerr, Chisholm, Gordon, Robinson, McLean of Stormont, McLean of Frontenac, Walsh, Casey, Shaver—13.

Nays: Messrs. Baldwin, Clark, Randal, Hornor, Willson of Wentworth, Morris, Nichol, Ruttan, Wilson of Prince Edward, Burwell—10.

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Wilson Relief Bill was read the second time. Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the House resolve itself into committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Gilman Wilson. Which was lost.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery. Mr. Walsh was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Walsh reported that the committee had agreed to a resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. On the question for receiving the report the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Attorney General, Bostwick, Gordon, Burwell, Kerr, Casey, Walsh, Robinson, Nichol, Hamilton of Lincoln, Chisholm, Ruttan, Crooks, MacLean of Frontenac, Jones of Leeds, Morris, McLean of Stormont, Gates—18.

Nays: Messrs. Baldwin, Wilson of Prince Edward, Randal, Willson of Wentworth, Clark—5.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirteen, and the report was received, and it was resolved, that it is expedient to provide by bill for granting a salary to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, one of the officers of this House.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that it be resolved that a bill be prepared in conformity to the resolution of this House, and that Messrs. MacLean of Frontenac and Robinson be ordered to draft and bring in the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that he have leave to bring in a bill to reduce the poundage to Collectors of Customs in this Province. Which was granted, and the bill read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the Collectors' Poundage Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

At half past nine p.m. the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

Present: Messrs. Attorney General, Bostwick, Jones of Leeds, Burwell, Baldwin, Chisholm, Willson of Wentworth, Wilson of Prince Edward, Clark, Ruttan, MacLean of Frontenac, and Casey—12.

Wednesday, 11th April, 1821.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to make further and more convenient provision by law for proceeding to repeal Letters Patent, in cases where the same have been obtained by fraud, or have improvidently issued, and generally in cases,

where Letters Patent might by the law of England be repealed" which they had passed, and to which they requested the concurrence of this House.

Also, the three following bills sent up from this House, viz.: the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the first year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation,' and further to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation." The Bill entitled "An Act to afford relief to Samuel Hull and Esther Phelps." And the bill entitled "An Act to appropriate a sum of money towards opening and completing the great line of communication from the Ottawa River passing through Richmond and Perth to Kingston," which they had passed without amendment.

The bill entitled "An Act to make further and more convenient provision by law for proceeding to repeal Letters Patent, in cases where the same have been obtained by fraud, or have improvidently issued, and generally in cases where Letters Patent might by the law of England be repealed," was then read the first time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the bill entitled "An Act to make further and more convenient provision by law for proceeding to repeal Letters Patent in cases where the same have been obtained by fraud, or have improvidently issued, and generally in cases where Letters Patent might by the law of England be repealed," be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following message:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council have acceded to the request of the Commons House of Assembly for a renewal of the conference, on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into Counties and Districts," and that the conference be a free one.

The Legislative Council have added another member to the former committee: the committee will be ready to meet the committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the joint committee room at 5 o'clock this day.

Legislative Council Chamber,

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

9th April, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bank Bill was read the third time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the bill do now pass, and that the title be "An Act to establish a Provincial Bank, under the style and title of the president, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada." On which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Bostwick, Crooks, Gordon, Pattie, Casey, Baldwin, Chisholm, Jones of Leeds, Clark, McDonell, Morris, Attorney General, MacLean of Frontenac. Hamilton of Lincoln, Ruttan, Kerr, Gates, Robinson, Shaver, Burwell, McMartin. McLean of Stormont—22.

Nays: Messrs. Randal, White, Peterson, Walsh, Wilson of Prince Edward, Hamilton of Wentworth, Hornor—7.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen, and the bill was signed.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that Messrs. Crooks and Morris be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to establish a Provincial Bank under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Morris, from the committee of conference on the bill entitled "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the public registering of deeds, conveyances, wills, and other incumbrances, which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this Province,'" presented the following report.

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled:

Report of the select committee appointed to confer with the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council, respecting the amendments made by that House to the bill entitled "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the public registering of deeds, conveyances, wills, and other incumbrances, which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this Province.'"

Your committee stated to the committee of the Legislative Council, that the first objection of the House of Assembly was to that part of the amendments to the bill, which requires "that the majority of the Magistrates resident within any County or Counties, of which more than one is supplied by one Registrar only," when it appeared to your committee, that it should have been the majority of the Magistrates of the County, requiring the appointment of a Registrar.

The second objection made by your committee to the words "being duly summoned," when it is not made to appear how and by whom they are to be summoned. All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MORRIS, Chairman.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Civil List Repeal Bill was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the Civil List Bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for granting a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province,' and for other purposes therein mentioned." Which was carried, and the bill signed.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following message:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council have appointed one of its members who is now ready to wait with a committee of the Commons House of Assembly upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the joint address of both Houses of the Provincial Legislature on the subject of tythes.

Legislative Council Chamber,
11th April, 1821.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Mr. Crooks, of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to establish a Provincial Bank under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that Messrs. Burwell and Kerr be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for granting a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province,' and for other purposes therein mentioned," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. MacLean of Frontenac, from the committee to draft a bill to provide a salary for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, reported a bill, which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. MacLean of Frontenac, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moves that the bill granting a salary to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery be read a second time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messrs. Robinson and McLean of Stormont be a committee to wait with the committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the joint address of both Houses of the Provincial Legislature, on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province." Which was ordered.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, from the committee of conference, on the subject of the bill sent up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to repeal part of, amend and continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective Districts authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses,'" presented the following report:

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled:

Report of the select committee appointed to confer with the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of, amend, and continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective Districts, authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses.

Your committee having met the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council, were informed, that the object of the conference was to ascertain, what is meant by the words "on the day appointed," for on referring to the Statute 58th Geo. III., chapter 2d, no particular day is defined for issuing such licenses. All which is respectfully submitted.

April 11th, 1821.

JOHN WILLSON, Chairman.

Mr. Nichol, from the committee of conference, on the subject of a joint address to His Majesty, relative to losses during the late war, delivered the following report:

To the Honorable the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

Report of the select committee appointed to confer with the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject of an address to His Majesty, relative to the losses of the inhabitants of this Province during the late War.

Your committee stated, that the object of the conference on the part of the House of Assembly, was to communicate the desire of this House, to address His Majesty on the subject of the losses of the inhabitants of this Province during the late War, and to request that the Honorable the Legislative Council would concur in a joint address to His Majesty on that subject.

The Conferees presented the draft of an address to the Managers on behalf of the Legislative Council, and were by them informed, that they had no authority to discuss the measure, but would submit the propositions of your committee to their House. All which is respectfully submitted.

April 11th, 1821.

ROBERT NICHOL, Chairman.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the amendments to the bill entitled "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the public registering of deeds, conveyances, wills, and other incumbrances, which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this Province.'" Mr. Chisholm was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Chisholm reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward gives notice, that he will on to-morrow move that it be resolved, that a select committee be appointed to sit during the recess of parliament, to examine the public accounts of the years 1817, 1818, 1819, and 1820, and report on the same at the opening of the next session of Parliament, and to have power to employ a clerk, and send for persons and papers.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the School Amendment Bill was read the second time.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the bill, to repeal part of the laws relative to common schools, and to make provision for compensating the different District Treasurers, for duties imposed upon them by the said school laws.

In amendment, Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the word "now" be expunged and "this day three months" inserted. Which was lost. The main question was then put, and carried. Mr. Kerr was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Kerr reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. McMartin, moves that the bill for compensating the District Treasurers be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Additional Commissioners Bill was read the second time. Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the House do on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee, to take into consideration the Commissioners' Bill. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the bill for the relief of Mrs. Lawe. Mr. Willson of Wentworth was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Willson reported the bill. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moves that the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Lawe be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

Mr. McLean of Frontenac gives notice, that he will on Friday next, move that the House do go into committee of the whole, on the contingent accounts of both Houses of Parliament.

The House then adjourned till eleven o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, 12th April, 1821.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to remunerate District Treasurers was read the third time. Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the bill for compensating District Treasurers do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to make provision for compensating District Treasurers, for duties imposed on them by the several Acts of this Province, relative to common schools." Which was carried, and the bill signed.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moves that Messrs Burwell and Hamilton of Lincoln be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to make provision for compensating District Treasurers, for duties imposed on them by the several Acts of this Province, relative to common schools," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill for the relief of Mrs. Lawe was read the third time. Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that the bill for the relief of Mrs. Lawe do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act granting a pension to Elizabeth Lawe." Which was carried and the bill signed.

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that Messrs. Burwell and Hamilton of Lincoln be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act granting a pension to Elizabeth Lawe," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson reported, that the Lieutenant Governor would receive the address relative to a bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province" to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves the order of the day for the second reading of the bill for the relief of John Wagstaff, of the Town of Niagara. Which was carried, and the bill was read the second time. Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moves that the House do now go into committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of John Wagstaff. Which was carried. Mr. Pattie was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Pattie reported the bill amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that the fifth rule of the House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the bill for the relief of John Wagstaff, and that it be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Peterson, moves the order of the day for the second reading of the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respecting the petition of Ebenezer Whiting. Which was carried, and the address was read the second time.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the address to His Excellency, respecting Ebenezer Whiting.

In amendment, Mr. Gordon, seconded by the Attorney General, moves that the word "now" in the original motion be expunged, and that the words "this day three months" be inserted. Which was lost. On the main question the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Pattie, Willson of Wentworth, Baldwin, Randal, Wilson of Prince Edward, Clark, White, Peterson, Gates, Chisholm, Walsh, Wilmot, Hornor, Hamilton of Wentworth—14.

Nays: Messrs. Gordon, Jones of Leeds, McCormick, McDonell, McLean of Stormont, Shaver, Attorney General—7.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and Mr. Hornor was called to the chair of the committee.

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

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following address:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc., etc., etc.

May it please Your Excellency,—We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to inform Your Excellency that we have agreed upon an address to His Majesty respecting the application of the Officers and Staff of the late Regiment of Incorporated Militia of this Province to His Majesty for half pay.

We humbly beg to express our hope, that Your Excellency may be pleased to strengthen the same with your favorable recommendation, and to transmit it, to be laid at His Majesty's feet.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that this House do concur in the address sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, respecting the Incorporated Militia. Which was carried, and the address was signed.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that Messrs. Gordon and McLean of Stormont be a committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council, that this House have concurred in the address, to His Majesty, sent down from that House, respecting the Incorporated Militia. Which was ordered.

The bill for the relief of John Wagstaff was read the third time. Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, seconded by Mr. Kerr, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to afford relief to John Wagstaff of the Town of Niagara, Tinsmith." Which was carried, and the bill signed.

Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Kerr be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to afford relief to John Wagstaff, of the Town of Niagara, tinsmith," and request their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following message:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly, to prepare a joint address of both Houses to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request him to transmit the joint address of both Houses to His Majesty, respecting the late Regiment of Incorporated Militia of this Province, for which purpose they have appointed a committee of two members, who will be ready to meet a committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the joint committee room at three o'clock this day.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that Messrs. Attorney General, McLean of Stormont, Gordon, and Jones of Leeds, be a committee to confer with the committee appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that Messrs. Morris and Ruttan be a committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council of the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following message:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council request a renewal of the conference with the Commons House of Assembly to consider the propriety of presenting a joint address of both Houses to His Majesty, praying His Majesty may be graciously pleased to order that claims of certain inhabitants of this Province who have suffered severe losses in property by the late war be laid before the Imperial Parliament, and that the conference may be a free one. The committee of the Legislative Council are now ready to meet the committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the joint committee room.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 12th April, 1821.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that the committee of conference on the subject of claims for losses be a free one, and that it now be resumed. Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that a committee be appointed to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have agreed to a renewal of the conference on the subject of the joint address, relative to losses sustained by the late war, and that the same should be a free conference, and that Messrs. Robinson and Gordon be that committee. Which was ordered.

The House again went into committee on the address of Ebenezer Whiting. Mr. Hornor in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Hornor reported that the committee had risen, and asked leave to sit again this day three months. On the question for receiving the report, the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Bostwick, Jones of Leeds, Hamilton of Lincoln, Gordon, Casey, Wilson of Prince Edward, Baldwin, Robinson, McCormick, Hamilton of Wentworth, McDonell, Gates, Morris, Ruttan, Pattie, Wilmot, Chisholm, McLean of Stormont, Burwell, Shaver, Attorney General—21.

Nays: Messrs. Hornor, Clark, Peterson, Kerr, Randal, Crooks, Walsh—7.

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

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act relative to the Service of Process issuing out of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, and the several District Courts in this Province," which they had passed without amendment. Also the bill entitled "An Act to establish a Provincial Bank under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," to which they had made some amendments, which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

The amendments were then read as follows:

Press 8, Line 15.—After "Corporation" insert "Provided always, that a branch of the said bank shall be established in the town of Kingston, within two

years from the passing of this Act, in case the stockholders of the town of Kingston and the Midland district hold fourteen hundred shares in the said bank.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the amendments to the bill entitled "An Act to establish a Provincial Bank, under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada," be read a second time this day, and that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the said bill. Which was carried, and the amendments were read the second time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee upon the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act to establish a Provincial Bank under the style and title of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada." Which was carried. Mr. Ruttan was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Ruttan reported the amendments. Ordered that the report be received, and the amendments were passed and signed.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that Messrs. McDonell and Morris be a committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have concurred in the amendments made by that Honorable House to the bill entitled "An Act to establish a Provincial Bank under the style and title of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada." Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to provide a salary for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery was read the second time.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the bill granting a salary to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery. Which was carried. Mr. Wilmot was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following message:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council have agreed to the report of their committee of conference on the subject of a joint address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to forward the address of both Houses to His Majesty, praying half-pay to the officers and staff of the late Incorporated Militia, and have appointed one of its members who will be ready to wait with a committee of the Commons House of Assembly upon His Excellency to know when he will be pleased to receive the same, at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 12th April, 1821.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that Messrs. Kerr and Hamilton of Lincoln be ordered to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the deputation of the Honorable the Legislative Council, to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of both Houses, praying him to transmit to His Majesty their joint address, praying him to grant half-pay to the surviving officers of the late Incorporated Militia. Which was ordered.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following message:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council request a renewal of the conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of the bill entitled "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act passed in

the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for the public registering of Deeds, Conveyances, Wills, and other Incumbrances, which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements or hereditaments within this Province.'

The Committee of the Legislative Council will be ready to meet the committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the joint committee room at ten o'clock to-morrow forenoon.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 12th April, 1821.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that the petition of Ebenezer Whiting with the accompanying documents, on the subject of his claim to town lot number five in the Town of Niagara, be entered on the journals of this House. Which was ordered, and are as follows:—

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, etc.

The petition of Ebenezer Whiting, of the Township of Woodhouse, in the London District, Watchmaker, humbly sheweth: That your petitioner migrated to this province in the year 1793, and swore allegiance to his late Majesty King George III., being a watchmaker by profession, established himself in the Town of Niagara, the then seat of Government, having previously purchased from Henry Weishuhn, the original Grantee (as will appear by the accompanying certificates), the lot number five in the said Town of Niagara, and made valuable improvements thereon, which purchase was acknowledged by the Crown, and the petitioner's name inserted on the plan for the lot, but could not obtain the Government patent, although frequently applied for.

That in the year 1799 certain private occurrences required your petitioner's attendance in the United States of America, he leased the said property for the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars per annum, and appointed an agent in the premises, and from casual delays was unable to return to this Province till the year 1819, when he discovered his buildings to have been destroyed during the late war with the United States, and the documents of assignment alluded to, lost by said agent, and that in the year 1818, to his great surprise and injury, a grant for the lot in question improvidently issued to Mr. John Andrew Stevenson, of Niagara, by a special order in Council, to shew which, a copy of his Excellency the Lieutenant's Governor's Order in Council, on petitioner's memorial for relief in his case, will accompany this petition.

Your petitioner humbly hopes your Honorable House will not suppose it presumptuous, from the peculiar circumstances before stated, add to which his pecuniary embarrassments, in suggesting that your Honorable House will address His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this Province to lay his case before His Majesty, and to request the deed to Mr. Stevenson to be cancelled, and your petitioner put in possession of his said property, or afford him such other Legislative interference, as in your wisdom may seem meet.

And as in duty bound will ever pray.

York, March 15th, 1821.

EBENEZER WHITING.

Copy of the Minute in Council upon the petition of Ebenezer Whiting, of Woodhouse, Watchmaker, respecting his claim to lot number five in the Town of Niagara, containing half an acre.

Read 6th March, 1821.

On the petition of Ebenezer Whiting the committee respectfully submit, that the lot claimed by him under H. Weishuhn, is actually under grant to Mr. Stevenson under Special Order in Council of 22nd October, 1818, but as petitioner was not the original Nominee, the Governor in Council could refer to the commission only, and as the patent has issued, the commission has no jurisdiction, nor can have any until the patent is cancelled by regular course of law, as improvidently issued to Mr. Stevenson.

(Signed) P. M.

(Signed) W. D. P.

A true copy.—JOHN BEIKIE, Conf. Clerk.

I do recollect, and can attest on oath, that I heard Mr. Henry Weishuhn say that he sold lot number five in the Town of Niagara to Mr. Ebenezer Whiting, with a regular assignment of the said lot from Mr. Weishuhn to Mr. Whiting, and further, that I did see the said lot in the possession of Mr. Whiting.

Queenston, 18th December, 1820.—J. SECORD, Senr.

London District, Ss.

Matthias Steel, of Charlotteville, in the said district, makes oath and saith, that he was present (as Deponent verily believes some time in the year 1794) and did see the late Henry Weishuhn transfer for a valuable consideration to Ebenezer Whiting Minutes of Council, and all the right, title, interest, claim and demand of the said Henry Weishuhn to a certain lot lying in the Town of Niagara, bounded East by the Government Reserve, and situated near the premises of Andrew Heron.

Sworn at Charlotteville,
19th February, 1821, before
J. Mitchell, J.P., and a
Commissioner in K.B.

} M. STEEL.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, informing them that this House have agreed to a renewal of the conference on the amendments made by that House to the bill entitled "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for the public registering of deeds, conveyances, wills, and other incumbrances, which shall be made, or may affect any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this Province,'" and that Messrs. Ruttan and Chisholm be ordered to carry up the said message. Which was ordered.

The House went again into committee on the Salary Bill. Mr. Wilmot in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Wilmot reported the bill amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that the bill for the remuneration of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery be engrossed and read a third time this day, and that the fifth rule be dispensed with so far as relates to the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that it is the opinion of this House that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the proper officer to lay before this House, at an early day of the next session of Parliament, a detailed statement of all moneys in arrear due or payable from and after the first of January, 1812, into the hands of the Receiver General

of this Province, to and for the uses of the Province, such arrearages being in the hands of the collectors, inspectors, officers commanding regiments, or in the hands of any person or persons in office, or not in office, and that His Excellency will be pleased in the mean time to order such concise measures to be adopted as may be practicable and advisable for the recovery of such sums in arrear.

And also, that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the proper officer to demand from all persons whatsoever who may have been entrusted with public moneys and who have not already accounted for the same, to send in detailed accounts and vouchers properly attested, showing the manner in which the moneys so entrusted to them have been expended, and that copies of such detailed accounts be also laid before this House at an early day of next session.

In amendment, Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that in the original motion the words "from and after the 1st day of January, 1812," be expunged. Which was lost.

On the main question the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Jones of Leeds, Walsh, Randal, Casey, McCormick, Wilson of Prince Edward, Gates, McLean of Stormont, Kerr, Morris, Shaver, Attorney General—12.

Nays: Messrs. Gordon, Burwell, Bostwick, Baldwin, Clark, Peterson, Hornor, Ruttan, Chisholm, Wilmot, Hamilton of Wentworth, Nichol, Pattie, Hamilton of Lincoln, Crooks, Wilson of Wentworth, Robinson—17.

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

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following message:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council have appointed a committee of two members who will be ready to wait with the committee of the Commons House of Assembly upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the joint address on the subject of the Tythe Bill.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 12th April, 1821.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messrs. Robinson, McLean of Stormont, Kerr, and Hamilton of Lincoln, be a committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the committee on the part of the Honorable the Legislative Council, to present the joint address of the two Houses of the Legislature on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes."

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the Commissioners' Bill. Mr. Jones of Leeds was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Jones reported the bill amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Wentworth, moves that the Commissioners' Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The bill to provide a salary for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery was read the third time. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that the bill to remunerate the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to remunerate the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for past services, and to provide for the future payment of that Officer." Which was carried and the bill signed.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that Messrs. McLean of Stormont, and Hamilton of Lincoln be ordered to carry the bill entitled "An Act to remunerate the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for past services, and to provide for the future payment of that Officer" to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward moves that it be resolved that in order to expedite public business at the next session of Parliament a select committee be appointed to sit during the recess, who shall have power to investigate and report upon the public accounts, and also to send for persons and papers. On which the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Randal, Clark, Casey, Wilson of Prince Edward, Peterson, Hornor, Pattie, Wilmot, Hamilton of Wentworth, Willson of Wentworth—10.

Nays: Messrs. Jones of Leeds, Burwell, Attorney General, Bostwick, Robinson, Baldwin, Ruttan, Gates, Morris, McLean of Stormont, Chisholm, Hamilton of Lincoln, Nichol, Hornor, Crooks—15.

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee, to take into consideration the message of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the 30th March. Mr. Crooks took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Crooks reported several resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the resolutions adopted as follows:—

Resolved—That his late Most Gracious Majesty, in dividing the Province of Quebec into the two Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, contemplated the common benefit of his faithful subjects.

Resolved—That the Parliament of Great Britain, in furtherance of such gracious intention, gave to each Province a separate legislature, independent each of the other, and controllable only in certain cases by the Parliament of Great Britain.

Resolved—That the principal revenue of both of the said Provinces is and ought to be derived from duties on imports from the sea.

Resolved—That the said Provinces have access to the ocean only through the port of Quebec.

Resolved—That, by mutual assent, the said Province of Lower Canada imposed duties on imports at the port of Quebec, the proportion of which to be received by Upper Canada was settled from time to time by amicable arrangement.

Resolved—That the last amicable agreement to that effect expired on the 30th June, 1819.

Resolved—That from causes not depending on Upper Canada, no authority existed to continue the same, or to provide a new agreement from that period to the day of March last.

Resolved—That all proportion of duties on imports at Quebec since the said 30th June, with the exception of the sum of £4,000 paid on account by order of the Governor in Chief, has been and continues to be withheld from this Province.

Resolved—That any other mode of collecting duties on imports into this Province from Lower Canada, except by a ratable proportion of the receipts at the Port of Quebec, has been found impracticable.

Resolved—That any delay in the payment of such proportionable receipts to the uses of this Province is injurious, and ought not to depend on the control of any but the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

Resolved—That an arrear of the fair proportion of duties due from Lower Canada to this Province has accumulated to a large amount, whilst the public creditor has been delayed, and the ordinary administration of the Government embarrassed from want of funds.

Resolved—That it is expedient humbly to address His Majesty and the Imperial Parliament to exercise the undoubted right reserved by the 31st Geo. III., chapter 31, and to provide that the proportion of duties collected at the Port of Quebec shall be paid to the uses of this Province, in such amount, manner, and form as Parliament in its justice and wisdom may devise.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Willson of Wentworth, moves that the fifth rule be dispensed with, in so far as to allow him to move for leave to bring in a bill to provide for the appointment of Commissioners to explore and survey the inland communications of this Province, to prepare plans and estimates for the improvement of the inland navigation, and to report their opinion as to the most eligible and practicable routes for effecting the same; also, to devise ways and means for completing the said canals. Which was carried, and the bill was read the first time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the bill to provide for surveying the inland navigation of this Province be read a second time this day. Which was carried, and the bill was read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take the Inland Navigation Bill into consideration. Which was carried. Mr. Bostwick was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Bostwick reported the bill. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the Inland Navigation Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till to-morrow at nine o'clock.

Friday, 13th April, 1821.

Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln reported as follows:—

Mr. Speaker,—The committee of this Honorable House appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the committee of the Legislative Council, to know when His Excellency will be pleased to receive the joint address of the two Houses of the Legislature, on the subject of the Incorporated Militia, have done so, and report that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock as the time to receive the address by deputation from both Houses.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the additional Commissioners' Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following bills which they had passed without amendment, viz.: The bill entitled "An Act to make provision for compensating District Treasurers for duties imposed on them by the several Acts of this Province, relative to Common Schools." The bill entitled "An Act for granting a pension to Elizabeth Law." The bill entitled "An Act to afford relief to John Wagstaff, of the Town of Niagara, Tinsmith." And the bill entitled "An Act to remunerate the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for past services, and to provide for the future payment of that Officer." Also the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of, amend,

and continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective districts, authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses," which they had passed with some amendments, and which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

Also the following message:—

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council request a conference with the Commons House of Assembly on the subject matter of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for granting a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the civil administration of the Government of this Province,' and for other purposes therein mentioned," and have appointed a committee of two members who will be ready to meet a committee of the Commons House of Assembly in the joint committee room at one o'clock this day.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, 13th April, 1821.

The Messenger withdrew, when the amendments were read:—

In the Title Line 1.—After "to" expunge "repeal part of, amend, and."

Press 1, Line 14.—After "contained" expunge the remainder of the bill, and insert "is hereby continued in force for two years from the passing of this Act, and from thence to the end of the next ensuing session of Parliament, and no longer."

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that Messrs. Nichol, Gordon, and Wilmot be a committee to confer with the committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for granting a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'" Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln, moves that Messrs. Jones of Leeds and McLean of Stormont be a committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have appointed a committee. Which was ordered.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that the Commissioners' Bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to provide for an additional number of Commissioners, to treat for the purposes therein mentioned." Which was carried, and the bill signed.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that Messrs. Casey and Pattie be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to provide for an additional number of Commissioners, to treat for the purposes therein mentioned," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the 'Canal Commissioners' Bill was read the third time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to make provision for the improvement of the internal navigation of this Province." Which was carried, and the bill signed.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that Messrs. Hamilton of Lincoln and Rutan be ordered to carry the bill entitled "An Act to make provision for the

improvement of internal navigation of this Province," to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the report of finance. Mr. Chisholm took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Chisholm reported that the committee had risen. Ordered that the report be received.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Pattie, moves that part of the order of the day for the second reading of the Home District Quarter Session Bill be now proceeded in. Which was carried, and the Home District Quarter Session Bill was read the second time.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that the Home District Quarter Session Bill be now referred to a committee of the whole. Which was carried, and Mr. Burwell was called to the chair of the committee.

The House resumed, to receive a report from the committee of conference on the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for granting a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'"

Mr. Nichol, from the committee of conference presented the following report:

Report of the select committee appointed to meet the Conferees of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for granting a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'"

Your committee beg leave to report that the Managers on the part of the Honorable the Legislative Council informed your committee that the object of the conference was to say that the bill appeared to be modelled on information which that House did not possess, which they had been directed to request might be communicated for the information of their House.

Your committee then stated that they would report the desire of the Legislative Council to their House.

ROBERT NICHOL, Chairman.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward, moves that it be resolved that the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled 'an Act for granting a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the civil administration of the Government of this Province and for other purposes therein mentioned,'" being grounded on the necessities of the general finance of the Province, of which alone this House hath the sole consideration, the information derived from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to the address of this House cannot be communicated to the Legislative Council, as required by them in the conference had upon the said bill.

In amendment, Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled an Act granting a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned," upon which the Honorable the Legislative Council ask for information, was grounded upon a fact of general notoriety, viz.:

The law which it goes to repeal and not upon any special facts that are necessary to be proven by evidence, and that this House cannot agreeably to parliamentary usage communicate any information upon the subject to the Honorable the Legislative Council. Which was carried.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council an address, which was read the first time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Doctor Baldwin, moves that the fifth rule be dispensed with, and that the joint address to His Majesty be now read a second time, and that the question of concurrence be put thereon. Which was carried and the address was read the second time, was passed, and signed as follows:—

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty:

The humble address of the Legislative Council, and the House of Assembly of Your Majesty's Province of Upper Canada in their several Legislative capacities assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave in behalf of a large body of your Majesty's subjects of this Province most humbly to represent; that on the Thirteenth day of March, 1815, we, your Majesty's loyal subjects, did through your Lieutenant Governor, Sir Gordon Drummond, then administering the Government of this Province, address Your Majesty, at that time Prince Regent of the United Empire, on the subject of very severe losses sustained by many of your Majesty's subjects by the war which raged in this Province in the years 1812, 1813, and 1814.

That moved by that address your Majesty was graciously pleased to direct the proceeds of the sales of certain forfeited estates in this Province to be appropriated towards the remuneration of such losses.

That it now appears that the produce of such sales probably under fifteen thousand pounds will afford a relief very remote indeed from the remuneration which the necessities of those sufferers lead them to hope for through the generosity of your Majesty and the Imperial Parliament, with which hope we your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects humbly request your Majesty will please to cause that the several claims for those losses heretofore transmitted to your Majesty's Secretary of State be laid at a convenient time before the Imperial Parliament with such recommendation as Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to give.

In no way doubting the munificence of Your Majesty nor the generosity of the British nation we yet hope Your Majesty will permit us to remark that the war in which this Province suffered was professedly waged by a jealous enemy, with the hope (providentially disappointed); of establishing certain principles of national policy affecting the whole Empire in the defence of which on all occasions your Majesty's Province of Upper Canada will ever aspire to partake with sentiments of proud devotion to the interests of the parent state.

Legislative Council Chamber,
13th April, 1821.
Commons House of Assembly,
13th April, 1821.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

LEVIUS P. SHERWOOD, Speaker.

Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Nichol, moves that Messrs. Jones of Leeds, and Hamilton of Wentworth, be a committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House has concurred in the joint address to his Majesty on the subject of losses sustained by the late war. Which was ordered.

The House went again into committee on the Home District Quarter Sessions Bill. Mr. Burwell in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Burwell reported the bill as amended. Ordered that the report be received.

Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with, as far as regards the bill for altering the time of holding the Quarter Sessions of the Home District and that it be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves for leave to bring in a bill for continuing for a limited time the Act for regulating the duty on tavern licenses, and that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the said bill. Which was granted and the bill read.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the Tavern License Bill be read a second time this day. Which was carried and the bill was read the second time. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole upon the Tavern License Bill. Which was carried. Mr. Randall was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Randall reported the bill amended. Ordered that the report be received. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the Tavern License Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Jones of Leeds, seconded by Mr. Gordon, moves that Messrs. Baldwin and Walsh be a committee to carry up to the Legislative Council a copy of the resolution relative to the information required by that House on the matter of the Committee of conference upon the subject of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act granting a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the Civil Administration of the Government of this Province'" and for other purposes therein mentioned. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the report of the select committee on public buildings, etc. Doctor Baldwin took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Doctor Baldwin reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that the order of the day for the second reading of the bill in aid of Elizabeth Mason and William Curtis be now proceeded in, and that the House do resolve itself into a committee of the whole thereon. Which was carried and the bill was read the second time. The Home District Quarter Sessions Bill was read the third time. Dr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the bill for altering the time of holding the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Home District do now pass and that it be entitled "An Act for altering the time of holding the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the Home District." Which was carried and the bill signed.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that Messrs. Chisholm and Hamilton be a committee to take up to the Legislative Council, the bill entitled "An Act for altering the time of holding the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the Home District" and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

The Tavern License Bill was read the third time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the bill do now pass and that the title be "An Act to continue for a limited time a certain Act of the Parliament of this Province passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to inn-keepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions, assembled for their respective Districts authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses.'" Which was carried and the bill signed.

The Attorney-General, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that Messrs. Willson of Wentworth and Shaver be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to continue for a limited time a certain Act of the Parliament of this Province passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to innkeepers, and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective Districts authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses,'" and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the bill in aid of Elizabeth Mason and William Curtis. Which was carried. Doctor Baldwin was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Dr. Baldwin reported the bill amended. On the question for receiving the report the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Burwell, Jones of Leeds, Crooks, Bostwick, Clark, Baldwin, Pattie, Randall, Ruttan, Hornor, Morris, Kerr, Hamilton of Wentworth, Walsh—14.

Nays: Messrs. Gordon, Attorney General, Nichol, McDonell, Hamilton of Lincoln, Gates, Casey, Shaver, McLean of Frontenac, Wilmot—10.

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

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Mason and William Curtis, be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by the Attorney General, moves that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as to allow him to move certain resolutions on the commercial intercourse between Great Britain and the Canadas. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by the Attorney General, moves that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Majesty to represent to His Majesty:

1st. That the principal staples of Upper Canada, and the only articles with which her merchants or people can pay for the goods, wares and merchandise imported (exclusively from Great Britain), for their consumption are her bread stuffs, and the timber of her forests.

2nd. That these articles being various and of great bulk the transportation of them from the interior is attended with great risk, labor and expense, and the exportation of them from Quebec to Great Britain and other countries to which they are permitted to be sent (being confined to British shipping) gives employment to a considerable number of her seamen.

3rd. That during the last season, several cargoes of wheat and flour were exported from the port of Quebec to his Majesty's European Dominions, at a time when the ports of the United Kingdom were open; but previous to their arrival the ports had been shut, by which these cargoes were subjected to be bonded for exportation, and future shipments under similar circumstances may experience the same fate.

4th. That flour being a perishable commodity and one which cannot for a long period be kept in a sound state, the owners may become subject to the total loss of their property with the heavy charges incurred for transportation and commissions superadded.

5th. That His Majesty's faithful subjects have been apprized of an intention of His Majesty's Ministers to bring under the consideration of Parliament during the present session, the levying of certain additional duties on Canadian timber or of lessening those already imposed on the same article when imported from foreign ports.

6th. That should either of these intentions be carried into effect, it will complete the ruin of the Canadian timber trade, and reduce a great portion of His Majesty's subjects in this Province to great distress.

And 7th. To implore His Majesty to take the distressed situation of his colony into His Royal consideration and to be graciously pleased to recommend to the Parliament of the United Kingdom to concur with His Majesty in enacting laws by which the corn and bread stuffs of His Majesty's colonies of Upper and Lower Canada shall and may be admitted into Great Britain for Home consumption, subject only to the payment of duty when the price is less than the average fixed by law, and also to continue the restrictive duties on foreign timber, by which measure only can the trade of this Province be saved from the ruin with which it is menaced and the Province instead of continuing a heavy burthen to its parent state, become one of the most valuable and important as it has ever been one of the most dutiful and loyal colonies of His Majesty's United Kingdom. Which was carried.

Mr. McLean of Stormont, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. Nichol and Kerr be ordered to draft an address to His Majesty on the resolutions of this House respecting commercial intercourse with Great Britain and to report the same to the House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol of the committee to draft an address to His Majesty on the subject of the commercial intercourse between Great Britain and the Canadas reported a draft which was received and read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that the fifth rule of the House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the address, and that it be now read a second time. Which was carried and the address was read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by the Attorney General, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take the address to His Majesty into consideration. Which was carried. Mr. Ruttan was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Ruttan reported the address. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that the address to His Majesty be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the fifth rule of this House may be dispensed with so far as to enable him to move that it be resolved that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council to acquaint them that this House have come to several resolutions respecting the intercourse between this Province and Lower Canada, in which they request the concurrence of that Honorable House and that a copy of the said resolutions be transmitted to that Honorable House and that the Attorney General and Mr. Gates be ordered to carry up the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that the Attorney General and Mr. McLean of Stormont be ordered to draft an address to His Majesty on the subject of the intercourse between this Province and Lower Canada. Which was ordered.

The Attorney General from the committee to draft an address to His Majesty agreeably to certain resolutions of this day reported a draft which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as relates to the address to His Majesty and that it be now read a second time. Which was carried and the address was read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take the address to His Majesty into consideration. Which was carried. Mr. Hamilton of Lincoln was called to the chair of the Committee. The House resumed. Mr. Hamilton reported the address. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Ruttan, moves that the address to His Majesty be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee on the message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the 30th March. Mr. Crooks was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed, the Black Rod being at the door.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act for altering the time of holding the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the Home District," and the bill entitled "An Act to continue for a limited time a certain Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to innkeepers and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions, assembled for their respective Districts authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses,'" which they had passed without amendment; also the bill entitled "An Act to provide for an additional number of Commissioners to treat for the purposes therein mentioned," with some amendments which they recommended to the adoption of this House; also an address as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc., etc.

May it please Your Excellency:

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Upper Canada, urged by the extreme necessity of the sufferers by the late war with the United States of America, are anxious in their behalf most humbly to approach His Majesty.

Sensible that Your Excellency and His Majesty's Government have done everything possible for their relief without resort to the Imperial Parliament they now with great humility beseech His Majesty to lay their case before the Parliament of the United Kingdom, with such recommendation as His Majesty in His wisdom may deem meet, and they entreat that Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to transmit their address to His Majesty's principal Secretary of State, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

The amendments to the bill entitled "An Act to provide for an additional number of Commissioners to treat for the purposes therein mentioned" were read the first time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, sent down from the Honorable the Legislative

Council praying him to transmit to His Majesty the address on the subject of losses during the late war be now read a second time. Which was carried and the address was read the second time, passed and signed by the Speaker.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward, moves that Messrs. Morris and Wilmot be a committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council, that this House have concurred in the joint address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to lay before His Majesty the joint address of both Houses relative to the losses sustained in consequence of the late war. Which was ordered.

The bill for the relief of Elizabeth Mason and William Curtis was read the third time. Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that the bill in aid of Elizabeth Mason and William Curtis, do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act in aid of Elizabeth Mason and William Curtis." Which was carried and the bill signed.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that Messrs. Bostwick and Walsh be a committee to take up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act in aid of Elizabeth Mason and William Curtis," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following message:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council have appointed a committee of two of its Members to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the joint addresses of the two Houses of the Provincial Legislature respecting the claims for losses by the sufferers in the late war with the United States of America.

Legislative Council Chamber,
13th April, 1821.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Doctor Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that Messrs. Gordon, Robinson, McDonell and Hamilton of Wentworth be a committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the committee appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council to present the joint addresses of both Houses to His Excellency, and that Messrs. Gordon and Robinson do inform the Legislative Council of the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to make provision for the improvement of the internal navigation of this Province" which they had passed without amendment.

The House went again into committee on His Excellency's message of the thirteenth of March, Mr. Crooks in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Crooks reported the following resolutions.

Resolved—That the allowance made by law to the Surveyor General for the duties required of him by an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to repeal the several laws now in force relative to levying and collecting rates and assessments in this Province, and further to provide for the more equal and general assessment of lands and other ratable property throughout this Province," is inadequate to remunerate him for the services required by the said Act.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty the sum of one hundred and fifty-four pounds four shillings and two pence halfpenny to enable him to remun-

erate the Surveyor General for the services required of him by the said Act. On the question for receiving the report the House divided, and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Crooks, Burwell, Walsh, Bostwick, McCormick, Wilmot, Robinson, Hornor, McLean of Frontenac, Attorney General, Morris, McDonell, Kerr, McLean of Stormont, Randall, Gates, McMartin—17.

Nays: Messrs. Clark, Willson of Wentworth, Pattie, Baldwin, Wilson of Prince Edward, Hamilton of Wentworth, Casey, Chisholm, Shaver—9.

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

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Walsh, moves that Messrs. McLean of Stormont and Bostwick be ordered to bring in a bill in pursuance of the resolutions of this House. Which was ordered.

The address to His Majesty on the subject of the commercial intercourse with Great Britain was read the third time, passed and signed by the Speaker, as follows:

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble address of the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beg leave to represent to Your Majesty, that the principal staples of Upper Canada, and the only articles with which her merchants and people can pay for the goods and merchandise imported (exclusive from Great Britain) for their necessary consumption, are her bread stuffs and the timber of her forests.

That these articles being various and of great bulk, the transportation of them from the interior is attended with great risk, labour and expense; and the exportation of them from Quebec to Great Britain and other countries to which they are permitted to be sent, (being confined to British shipping), gives employment to a considerable number of her seamen.

That by the corn laws of Your Majesty's United Kingdom, the wheat and bread stuffs of Your Majesty's colonies are prohibited from entry for home consumption when the average of the former article is under sixty-seven shillings per quarter.

That during the last season several cargoes of wheat and flour were exported from the port of Quebec to Your Majesty's European Dominions at a time when the ports of Your United Kingdom were open, but previous to their arrival the ports had been shut, by which these cargoes were subjected to be bonded for exportation, and future shipments under similar circumstances may experience a similar fate.

That flour being a perishable article, and one which cannot be kept for a long period in a sound state, the owners may become subject to the total loss of their property, with the heavy charges incurred for transportation and commissions superadded.

That Your Majesty's faithful Commons have been apprised of an intention of Your Majesty's Ministers to bring under the consideration of Parliament during the present session the levying of certain additional duties on Canadian timber, or of lessening those already imposed on the same article when imported from foreign ports.

That should either of these intentions be carried into effect, it will complete the ruin of the Canadian timber trade, and reduce a great portion of Your Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province to great distress.

Wherefore Your Majesty's faithful Commons most earnestly implore Your Majesty to take the distressed situation of this colony into Your Royal consideration, and to be graciously pleased to recommend to your Parliament to concur with Your Majesty in enacting laws by which the corn and bread stuffs of Your Majesty's colonies of Upper Canada and Lower Canada shall and may be admitted into Great Britain for home consumption, subject only to the payment of duty when the price is less than the average fixed by law; and also to continue the restrictive duties on foreign timber, by which measures only can the trade of this colony be saved from the total ruin with which it is menaced; and the Province instead of continuing a heavy burden to its Parent State, become one of the most valuable and important, as it has ever been one of the most dutiful and loyal colonies of Your Majesty's United Kingdom.

Commons House of Assembly,
13th April, 1821.

LEVIUS P. SHERWOOD, Speaker.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that it be resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to transmit the humble address of this House to His Majesty, on the commercial intercourse with Great Britain, and that Messrs. McLean of Stormont and Morris be a committee to prepare the same. Which was carried.

Mr. McLean of Stormont from the committee appointed to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to transmit the address of this House to His Majesty, reported a draft which was received and read the first time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the address of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be now read a second time. Which was carried and the address was read the second time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee upon the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Which was carried. Mr. McMartin was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. McMartin reported the address. Ordered that the report be received. The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed and read a third time this day, and that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with as far as relates to the said address. Which was ordered.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following message:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council have concurred in the resolutions of the Commons House of Assembly, sent up this day and request a conference for the purpose of framing an address to the King and Imperial Parliament on the subject of the said resolutions and one to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to transmit the same to His Majesty's Ministers to be laid at the foot of the Throne, and before the Parliament.

The Legislative Council have for that purpose appointed a committee of two Members who will be ready to meet a committee of the Commons House of Assembly, in the joint committee room at 8 o'clock this evening.

Legislative Council Chamber,

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. McLean of Stormont, moves that Messrs. McLean of Frontenac, Crooks and McMartin be a committee to confer

with the committee appointed on the part of the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject of their message respecting certain resolutions sent up from this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. McLean of Stormont reported a bill to provide for the remuneration of the Surveyor General. Which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the fifth rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as relates to the bill to remunerate the Surveyor General, and that the same be now read a second time. Which was carried and the bill was read the second time.

The Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that Messrs. Morris and Gates be a committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have appointed a committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have appointed a committee of four of its Members to confer with the committee appointed on the part of that House upon the subject matter of certain resolutions sent up from this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the bill to remunerate the Surveyor General. Which was carried. Mr. Shaver was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Shaver reported the bill amended. Ordered that the report be received. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the bill to remunerate the Surveyor General be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of supply to consider of His Excellency's messages of the 3rd and 5th of April instant. Which was carried. Mr. Robinson was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed.

Mr. Robinson reported several resolutions which were received and adopted as follows:

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House that to enable His Majesty to remunerate the Honorable Thomas Clark and James Crooks, Esquires, for their services as commissioners for conferring with the commissioners on the part of Lower Canada, respecting the improvement of the inland navigation there be granted the sum of two hundred pounds: one hundred pounds to be paid to each of the said commissioners.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House that there be granted the sum of three hundred and thirty-three pounds, thirteen shillings and seven pence to reimburse Peter Robinson and Grant Powell, Esquires, the same having been expended by them in erecting and furnishing the public buildings for the accommodation of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly.

Resolved—That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted to Grant Powell, Esquire, one of the commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of public buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature for his services in the discharge of that duty.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that it be resolved that a bill be brought in for appropriating the sums voted in the committee of supply and that the Attorney General and Mr. Wilmot be ordered to prepare and bring in the same. Which was ordered.

The bill to provide for the remuneration of the Surveyor General was read the third time. Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Gates, moves that the bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to remunerate the Surveyor General for certain services." On which the House divided and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Bostwick, Burwell, Robinson, Morris, Walsh, Wilmot, McMartin, McLean of Stormont, Nichol, Gates, Attorney General, McCormick—12.

Nays: Messrs. Hamilton of Wentworth, Clark, Chisholm, Willson of Wentworth, Baldwin, Casey, Shaver—7.

It was carried in the affirmative by a majority of five and the bill was signed.

Mr. McMartin, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, moves that Mr. Burwell and Bostwick be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, the bill entitled "An Act to remunerate the Surveyor General for certain services," and to request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that it be resolved that William Hamilton, Esquire, having been returned as duly elected by the Returning Officer to represent the Counties of Prescott and Russell, and having been summoned and duly attended for a certain period of the session until his election was declared void, is entitled to his legal wages for the time he so attended, and that the Speaker is fully authorised to sign a warrant for the time he so attended his duty in this House. Which was ordered.

The House then adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday, 14th April, 1821.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that it be resolved that in consequence of the lateness of the day, and approaching prorogation, and to enable the House to complete the necessary business, the standing order for reading the Journals be dispensed with this day. Which was carried.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, the bill entitled "An Act to remunerate the Surveyor General for certain services" sent up from this House, which they had passed without amendment; also, a joint address to His Majesty with a joint address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to transmit the joint address to His Majesty relative to the intercourse with Lower Canada, to both of which the concurrence of this House was requested.

The addresses were then read as follows:

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Your Majesty's Province of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to implore Your Majesty's Gracious Consideration of the great and pressing difficulties in which this Province is involved by the nature of its situation with respect to Your Majesty's Province of Lower Canada.

We are entirely convinced that Your Majesty's Royal Father, our late Most Gracious Sovereign, in dividing the Province of Quebec into the two Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada contemplated the common benefit of his faithful subjects, in furtherance of which Gracious intention the Parliament of Great Britain gave to each Province a separate Legislature, independent each of the other, and controllable only in certain cases by the Parliament of the Parent State. The principal revenue of both the said Provinces is and ought to be derived from duties on imports from the sea to which they have access only through the Port of Quebec.

The Province of Lower Canada has by mutual assent imposed duties on imports at the Port of Quebec, the proportion of which to be received by Upper Canada was settled from time to time by provisional agreements entered into by commissioners appointed in behalf of both Provinces to treat for that purpose, and subject to be afterwards confirmed or annulled by their respective Legislatures. The last agreement to that effect expired on the thirtieth day of June, 1819, and from causes not depending upon Upper Canada, no authority existed on the part of Lower Canada to continue the same or to provide a new agreement from that period to the seventeenth day of March last, in consequence of which, all proportion of duties on imports at Quebec, since the said 30th day of June, with the exception of the sum of four thousand pounds, paid on account by order of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, has been and continues to be withheld from this Province.

We further humbly beg leave to submit to your Majesty that any other mode of collecting duties on imports into this Province from Lower Canada except by a ratable proportion of the receipt at the Port of Quebec has been found impracticable and that any delay in the payment of such proportionate receipt to the uses of this Province is injurious and ought not to depend on the control of any but the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

At the present moment an arrear of the fair proportion of duties due from Lower Canada to this Province has accumulated to a large amount, whilst the public creditor has been delayed and the ordinary administration of the Government embarrassed for want of funds.

This portion of your Dominions, Sire, though favoured with great natural advantages derives its wealth from the produce of land thinly settled and but newly cultivated.

No considerable revenue to meet the expenses of its Government can be obtained from direct taxation, and the whole annual amount of its internal revenue is wholly inadequate to defray the ordinary charges for the public service. A failure therefore in receiving our just claims upon the Province of Lower Canada necessarily leaves the public creditor unpaid, and deprives us of the power of promoting any work of public utility.

We therefore humbly address ourselves to Your Majesty's justice in the earnest desire that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to your Parliament, to exercise the undoubted right reserved by the statute which gave to the Provinces of Canada their separate Governments, and praying him to transmit the same to His Majesty.

Which was carried and the addresses were signed by the Speaker.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that a message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council to acquaint them that this House has concurred in the joint address to His Majesty, and to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to transmit the same, and that Messrs. Crooks and Burwell be ordered to carry up the said message. Which was ordered.

Mr. Wilmot of the committee ordered to prepare a bill founded on the resolutions of the committee of supply reported yesterday, reported a draft of a bill accordingly. Ordered that the report be now received and the draft was read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that the fifth rule of the House be dispensed with for the remainder of the session. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that the bill to remunerate and reimburse certain persons therein mentioned be now read a second time. Which was carried and the bill read the second time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the bill for reimbursing certain persons therein mentioned. Which was carried and Mr. Wilmot took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Wilmot reported that the committee had agreed to the bill without amendment. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that the bill be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the following message:

Mr. Speaker,—The Honorable the Legislative Council have appointed one of its Members who is now ready to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the joint addresses of both Houses, upon the subject of revenue to be received from Lower Canada.

Legislative Council Chamber,
14th April, 1821.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Pattie, moves that Messrs. Robinson and Crooks be appointed to wait on and present to His Excellency the joint addresses of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly. Which was ordered.

The engrossed bill to provide for the reimbursement and remuneration of certain commissioners was, agreeably to order, read the third time.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Bostwick, moves that the remuneration bill do now pass, and that it be entitled "An Act to provide for the remuneration and reimbursement of certain persons therein mentioned." Which was carried and the bill signed.

Mr. Gordon, seconded by the Attorney General, moves that Messrs. Ruttan and Chisholm be a committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to provide for the remuneration and reimbursement of certain persons therein mentioned," and request their concurrence thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Ruttan of the committee to carry up to the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to provide for the remuneration and reimbursement of certain persons therein mentioned," and request their concurrence thereto, reported they had done so.

Mr. Robinson of the committee to wait upon His Excellency to present the address praying him to transmit the address to the King relative to the intercourse with Great Britain, reported that they had done so accordingly, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make a reply thereto, a copy of which he delivered to the Speaker who read the same as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I shall take the earliest opportunity of forwarding your address upon subjects so highly important to this Province, for His Majesty's favorable consideration.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the contingent accounts. Which was carried, and Mr. Gordon was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Gordon reported that the committee had agreed to certain resolutions which he was ordered to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be received, and the resolutions were adopted as follows:

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this House, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to issue his warrant in favor of Mr. William Lee, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, to enable him to discharge certain contingent expenses of the Legislative Council—£107 11s. 3¾d.

In favor of John Powell, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Council, to defray certain contingent expenses of his office, and to provide stationery for next session of Parliament—£136 0s. 0d.

In favor of Grant Powell, Esquire, to enable him to defray the wages of the copying clerks during the present session, postages of public instruments and letters, printing, allowance as Librarian, furniture for the Houses of Parliament, and other contingent expenses, the sum of £652 18s. 3¼d.

In favor of the Serjeant at arms, to enable him to defray certain contingent expenses of this House during the present session, including the sum of £23 7s. 6d, allowed for executing the orders of this House in serving a warrant upon Joseph Fortune, returning Officer, £104 7s. 6d.

Resolved—That it is expedient a further sum of fifty pounds be advanced to Grant Powell, Esquire, to enable him to pay so much to each of the following persons:

To Pierre St. Julian, Esquire	£12 10 0
To Hiram Marsden	12 10 0
To James P. Wells	12 10 0
To Olmsted Gates	12 10 0

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Casey, moves that Messrs. McDonell and McMartin be ordered to draft an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in pursuance of the resolutions of this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Boulton, Master in Chancery, brought down from the Honorable the Legislative Council the bill entitled "An Act to provide for the remuneration and reimbursement of certain persons therein mentioned," sent up from this House, which they had passed without any amendment: also, the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the better division of the same into Counties and Districts," which they had passed with some amendments which they recommended to the adoption of this House.

The Messenger being withdrawn, the amendments to the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into Counties and Districts" were then read and are as follows:

Press 1, line 24. After "that," expunge the remainder of the line.

Press 1, line 25, 26. Expunge the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth lines.

Press 1, line 27. Expunge "souls."

Press 1, line 28. After "Proclamation," insert "as soon as he may think fit."

Press 2, line 20. After "York" expunge the remainder of the line.

Press 2, line 21. Expunge the line.

Press 2, line 22. Expunge "Caledon and the Gore of Toronto" and insert "and that hereafter the following Townships to wit: Chinguacousy, Caledon, Albion and the Gore of Toronto, be added to the West Riding of York."

Press 2, line 27. After "that" expunge the remainder of the line.

Press 2, line 28. Expunge the line.

Press 2, line 29. Expunge "the said County of Simcoe contains six thousand souls."

Press 3. Expunge the ninth clause, and insert "*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the following townships to wit: Esquesing, Erin, Nasagaweya, Eramosa, Garafraxa, and the Church Lands be annexed to the County of Halton.*"

Press 3. Expunge the eleventh clause.

Press 3, line 18. After "aforesaid" expunge the remainder of the line.

Press 3, line 19. Expunge the line.

Press 3, line 20. Expunge "County of Norfolk."

Press 3, line 22. After "Zorra" expunge the remainder of the line.

Press 3, line 23. Expunge "being at present within the limits of the County of Middlesex."

Press 3, line 24. After "the" expunge "following."

Press 3, line 24. After "Township" expunge the remainder of the line.

Press 3, line 25. Expunge the line and insert "of."

Press 3, line 26. After "Lobo" insert "be added to the County of Middlesex."

Passed the Legislative Council as amended, 14th April, 1821.

WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into committee on the petition of the Serjeant at arms. Mr. Walsh took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Mr. Walsh reported that the committee had agreed to certain resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be now received and the resolutions were adopted as follows:

Resolved—That the Serjeant at Arms is Ex-Officio House Keeper of the House of Assembly and all the apartments attached thereto, Clerks' Offices excepted.

Resolved—That the Serjeant at Arms do within a reasonable time receive possession of the House and apartments thereunto attached.

Resolved—That the Chamber of Assembly be shut up during the recess, and continue shut excepting at such times as it may be necessary to ventilate the same.

Mr. McDonell from the committee ordered to prepare an address to His Excellency, for payment of the contingent accounts to the session, reported a draft of an address accordingly, which was received and read.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that the address be now read a second time. Which was carried, and the address was read the second time.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Wilson of Prince Edward, moves that the House do now go into committee on the address. Which was carried and Mr. Ruttan was called to the chair of the committee. The House resumed.

Mr. Ruttan reported that the committee had agreed to the address without any amendment, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be received.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Jones of Leeds, moves that the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be engrossed and read a third time this day. Which was ordered.

Agreeably to order the engrossed address to His Excellency on the contingent accounts was then read the third time, passed and signed by the Speaker as follows:

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, etc., etc.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to request That Your Excellency will be pleased to issue your warrant to the Receiver General of this Province, in favor of John Powell, Esquire, Clerk of the Honorable the Legislative Council for the sum of one hundred and thirty-six pounds for certain contingent expenses thereof during the present session.

Also in favor of Mr. William Lee, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, for certain contingent expenses of the Honorable the Legislative Council during the present session, the sum of one hundred and seven pounds eleven shillings and three pence three farthings.

Also, in favor of Grant Powell, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Assembly, for the payment of the contingencies of his office for the present session, and other contingent accounts, the sum of six hundred and fifty-two pounds eighteen shillings and three pence and three farthings: also, to enable him to pay certain witnesses for their expenses in attending at the bar by order of this House the further sum of fifty pounds.

Also in favor of Mr. Allan McNabb, Serjeant at Arms, to enable him to discharge sundry contingent expenses for the present session, the sum of one hundred and four pounds seven shillings and six pence.

Which sums His Majesty's faithful Commons will make good during the next session of the Provincial Legislature.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that Messrs. McMartin and Chisholm be ordered to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive the address of this House and to present the same. Which was ordered.

Mr. McDonell, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that the rule requiring one day's previous notice be dispensed with so far as respects his having leave to bring in a bill authorising His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to appoint two additional commissioners to meet with and discuss the subject matter of the revenue with the commissioners of Lower Canada, and that he have now leave to bring in the same. On which the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Attorney General, Burwell, Casey, McCormick, McDonell, Robinson, Morris, Crooks, Wilnot, McMartin, Bostwick—11.

Nays: Messrs. Gordon, Jones of Leeds, Randal, Wilson of Prince Edward, Shaver, Willson of Wentworth, Baldwin, Ruttan, Chisholm, Clark, Hamilton of Wentworth, Walsh—12.

It was carried in the negative by a majority of one.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into counties and districts" be read a second time this day. Which was carried and the amendments read the second time.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the amendments made by the Honorable the Legislative Council to the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into Counties and Districts." Which was carried and Doctor Baldwin took the chair of the committee. The House resumed. Dr. Baldwin reported that the committee had agreed to the amendments and recommended them to the adoption of the House. Ordered that the report be received and the amendments concurred with.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. McDonell, moves that Messrs. Crooks and Wilson of Prince Edward be a committee to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council that this House have concurred in the amendments. Which was ordered.

Mr. Crooks of the committee to acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council, that this House had agreed to the amendments made by them to the bill entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act for the better division of this Province,' and to make further provision for the division of the same into Counties and Districts," reported that they had done so.

Mr. Randal, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that the Clerk of this House be directed to furnish him with true copies of the petition of Ebenezer Whiting and the writings relative thereto. Which was ordered.

Mr. Robinson of the committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, to present the joint addresses praying him to transmit the joint addresses to His Majesty, relating to our intercourse with Lower Canada, and also relative to the claims for losses, reported that they had delivered the same accordingly, and presented to the Speaker copies of His Excellency's replies thereto, which were read by the Speaker and are as follows:

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen:

I shall lose no time in transmitting your joint address on a subject so materially interesting to this Country to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies in order to its being laid before His Majesty.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen:

The sale of the confiscated estates commanded for the gracious purpose to which your joint address alludes was an earnest of His Majesty's benevolent intentions towards the sufferers by the late war; the delay which succeeded has been contrary to the wishes of your Sovereign. His Majesty's Government interested for the sufferers had recourse a second time to the Parliament of this Province for the preliminary enactment which was necessary, but had been denied in a former session, no representation therefore in addition to those already made could be necessary to induce the attention of the King to this subject, whenever an official statement of the proceeds of the confiscated property could be transmitted from this country; yet as the extreme distress of the sufferers under that pressure which we feel in common with other parts of the world is the immediate cause of your address and the official statement of the proceeds cannot be immediately procured, I shall with great pleasure comply with your wishes, and I shall have the most sincere gratification if it shall be found in the power, as I know it to be in the inclination, of my Royal Master to afford the sufferers for whom I warmly feel, a compensation justly proportioned to the losses they may have sustained.

Mr. McMartin of the committee ordered to present the address of this House to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to cause to be paid the contingent expenses of the present session, reported that they had done so, and presented a copy of His Excellency's reply thereto to the Speaker, who read the same as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I shall issue my warrants for payment of the contingent expenses of the two Houses of Parliament during the present session in compliance with the address of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Hamilton of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that it be resolved that four hundred copies of the journals of this House for this session be printed. Which was ordered.

Mr. Hamilton of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Hornor, moves that it be resolved that the Clerk be directed to advertise for sealed proposals to be given in for the printing of the journals of this House for this session, stating the number of copies, quality of paper, etc., and that the said Clerk be directed to contract with the person tendering the lowest sum, and that the said Clerk upon the receipt of the said copies, do transmit ten copies to each member of this House. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that it be resolved that the postage of all letters from or to the Members of this House during any future session of the Provincial Parliament be paid by the Clerk and charged in the contingent accounts of said session. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that it be resolved that a copy of the York Gazette be sent to each of the Members, and that the Clerk be directed to include the charge for the same in the contingent accounts. Which was carried.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that he have leave to bring up the petition of William Hamilton Merrit, Captain in the late Provincial Dragoons, and that the sixth rule of the House be dispensed with in so far as to allow the same to be read and filed. Which was granted, and the petition brought up and read.

Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Crooks, moves that he have leave to bring up the petition of Peter M. Ball, late Provincial Artillery Drivers, and that the sixth rule of the House be dispensed with in so far as to allow the same to be read and filed. Which was granted and the petition brought up and read.

Mr. Willson of Wentworth, seconded by Mr. Clark, moves that it be resolved that the Clerk of this House be directed to furnish David Pattie, Esquire, a Member representing the Counties of Prescott and Russell, with a certified copy of the resolutions of this House upon the contested election for the said Counties of Prescott and Russell. Which was ordered.

Mr. Nichol gives notice that he will on the fourth day of the next session move that this House do resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the state of the Province.

At six o'clock p.m. Mr. Lee, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod came to the bar and delivered the commands of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for the immediate attendance of this House at the bar of the Legislative Council Chamber.

And having withdrawn, Mr. Speaker and the House forthwith proceeded to the Chamber of the Honorable the Legislative Council, where His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to give the assent in His Majesty's name to the following bills, viz.:

An Act to establish an uniform currency throughout this Province.

An Act to explain doubts which have arisen respecting the right of persons holding a license to keep a house of public entertainment, to retail spirituous liquors, to be consumed out of their houses without any additional license for that purpose.

An Act to repeal the laws now in force relative to the preservation of salmon, and to make further provisions respecting the fisheries in certain parts of this Province, and also to prevent accidents by fire from persons fishing by torch or fire light.

An Act to empower certain trustees therein mentioned to sell and convey a certain lot of land in the Town of York, and to purchase another lot or tract of land for the use and accommodation of a Roman Catholic congregation.

An Act for the preservation of deer within this Province.

An Act for the more certain punishment of persons illegally solemnizing marriage within this Province.

An Act to render legal certain small notes and inland bills of exchange within this Province.

An Act to afford relief to Edmund Mott and John Blanchard of the District of Johnstown.

An Act to make good certain moneys issued and advanced by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in pursuance of several addresses of the House of Assembly.

An Act relative to the service of process issuing out of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, and the several District Courts in this Province.

An Act to continue an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act to supply in certain cases the want of County Courts in this Province,' and to make further provision for proceeding to outlawry in certain cases therein mentioned."

An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to increase the salary of the Speaker of the House of Assembly and remunerate the present Speaker for past services."

An Act to enable married women more conveniently to convey their real estate.

An Act further to relieve vessels and small craft from the payment of light house tonnage duty.

An Act to repeal an Act passed in the first year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to regulate the commercial intercourse between this Province and the United States of America, by land and inland navigation," and further to regulate the trade between this Province and the United States of America by land and inland navigation.

An Act to repeal an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign entitled 'an Act to provide for the maintenance of persons disabled and the widows and children of such persons as may be killed in His Majesty's service,'" and also an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to repeal part of and to alter and amend the laws now in force for granting pensions to persons disabled in the service, and the widows and children of persons who may have been killed in the service, and to extend the provisions of the same," and an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "an Act to repeal part of and to amend an Act

passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled 'an Act to repeal part of and to alter and amend the laws now in force for granting pensions to persons disabled in the service and the widows and children of persons who may have been killed in the service and to extend the provisions of the same,' and to make further provision for granting pensions to persons disabled in the service and to the widows and children of persons who may have been killed in the service, or who may have died while in captivity with the enemy during the late war with the United States of America.

An Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province to borrow a sum of money upon the securities therein mentioned to be applied in discharging the arrearages due to Militia Pensioners.

An Act to afford relief to Samuel Hull and Esther Phelps.

An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for the better division of this Province," and to make further provision for the division of the same into Counties and Districts.

An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of money in aid of the funds for defraying the expenses of the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government of this Province.

An Act to appropriate a sum of money towards opening and completing the great line of communication from the Ottawa River passing through Richmond and Perth to Kingston.

An Act to establish a Provincial Bank, under the style and title of the President Directors and Company of the Bank of Upper Canada.

An Act to make provision for compensating District Treasurers for duties imposed on them by the several Acts of this Province relative to Common Schools.

An Act granting a pension to Elizabeth Lawe.

An Act to afford relief to John Wagstaff of the Town of Niagara, tinsmith.

An Act to remunerate the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for past services and to provide for the future payment of that officer.

An Act to make provision for the improvement of the internal navigation of this Province.

An Act for altering the time of holding the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the Home District.

An Act to continue for a limited time a certain Act of the Parliament of this Province passed in the fifty-ninth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to alter the laws now in force for granting licenses to innkeepers and to give to the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions assembled for their respective Districts authority to regulate the duties hereafter to be paid on such licenses.

An Act to remunerate the Surveyor General for certain services.

An Act to provide for the remuneration and reimbursement of certain persons therein mentioned.

And was pleased to reserve the bill entitled "An Act relative to the right of tythes within this Province" for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon.

His Excellency was then pleased to address the two Houses with the following most gracious speech:

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

The public business no longer demanding your attention it gives me great satisfaction to close this long session of Parliament in order that you may be at liberty to attend to your private affairs, which must at this advanced season require in a particular manner your superintendence.

I cannot allow you to separate without expressing to you the satisfaction I have felt on observing the temper, diligence and regard for the interests of this Province by which your proceedings have been governed.

The variety and importance of the matters which have been under deliberation, and your attention to subjects of public moment, afford satisfactory proofs that your time has not been misemployed.

I have no doubt that your proceedings for incorporating a Provincial Bank, and for establishing an uniform currency throughout the Province will prove beneficial to the commercial and general interests. The bill for appointing Commissioners to ascertain and report on the improvements which can be effected in the internal navigation may be considered as the commencement of an important undertaking eminently calculated to advance the prosperity and greatness of Upper Canada.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I thank you on behalf of His Majesty for the supplies you have granted in aid of the civil list, which you must be convinced are not more than the exigencies of the public service compelled me to require.

The appropriation you have made to assist in opening the road from the Ottawa through Richmond and Perth to Kingston, though small in amount, will be regarded as a sufficient proof of your desire to add to the liberal appropriation made by His Excellency the Commander of the forces for that object when it is remembered that it is almost the only grant you have been enabled to make for any public purpose.

I participate with you in the regret which I am assured you feel, that the state of your finance has not permitted you to continue for a further period the increase which had been made to the Militia Pension List by a former temporary Act. The provisions you have enacted for the examination of the different pensioners and the means you have adopted to insure the liquidation of the arrears, fully manifest your desire to do justice to the revenue, and at the same time to relieve those whose just claims upon it have remained so long unsatisfied.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen:

Having characterized this session of Parliament, the first since the late augmentation in your respective bodies by great unanimity in the discharge of your important duties, you will, I trust, carry into your several counties a disposition which will lead you to cultivate a spirit of Harmony and good will among all classes and descriptions of their inhabitants.

Let me recommend that you should also instil into the minds of your fellow subjects the duty of a ready and conscientious discharge of those local services which the laws require for the general advantage and convenience, and that you should give by your countenance and support all the weight in your power to the authorities appointed for the enforcement of obligations so important.

In those parts of the country with which you are severally connected you will, I doubt not, render your presence an additional security against the progress of misrepresentation on matters of public concern of which in whatever cause it may originate, experience has sufficiently demonstrated the injurious tendency. The superior information you naturally possess of subjects of general importance,

and your nearer acquaintance with the views and principles of the Government, will, at all times enable you, by means of honorable and manly exertion, such as you, I am persuaded, would employ, to expose effectually any delusions which might be otherwise calculated to mislead the judgment of the unwary. You must be sensible that such a just discernment of their real interests as recently influenced the great mass of this loyal people, must ever be in the highest degree important for the undisturbed enjoyment of your full rights and liberties, and that it must prove the best security for a permanence of that internal tranquillity which is so essential to the diffusive existence of private happiness and the healthful growth of those advantages, which in their maturity constitute the greatness and felicity of a country.

After which the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council declared that it was His Excellency's pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday 22nd day of May next, and declared this Parliament prorogued to the 22nd day of May, to be then and here held.



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