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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF THE

### PROVINCE OF

## LOWER-CANADA.



BEING THE FIRST SESSION

OF THE

### Eighth Provincial Parliament.

1815.

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(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

**G**EORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith; To our well beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our beloved and faithful the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes of the Houſe of Aſſembly of our ſaid Province, called and choſen to our preſent Provincial Parliament of our ſaid Province, and to all our loving Subjects whom theſe preſents may concern, Greeting:—Whereas we have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Executive Council of our ſaid Province of Lower Canada, to diſſolve this preſent Provincial Parliament of our ſaid Province, which now ſtands prorogued to Thursday the Seventh day of April next—We do for that end, publiſh this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby diſſolve the ſaid Provincial Parliament accordingly, and the Legislative Councillors, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes of the Houſe of Aſſembly are diſcharged from their meeting and attendance on Thursday the Seventh day of April next. And we being deſirous and reſolved, as ſoon as may be, to meet our People of our ſaid Province, and to have their advice in Provincial Parliament, do hereby make known our Royal Will and Pleaſure to call a new Provincial Parliament; and do hereby further declare, that with the advice of our ſaid Executive Council, we have this day given orders for iſſuing our Writs in due form, for calling a new Provincial Parliament in our ſaid Province, which Writs are to bear Teſt on Friday the Twenty-fifth day of this preſent month of March, and to be returnable on Friday the Thirteenth day of May next, for every place except the County of *Gaspé*, and for the County of *Gaspé* on Tueſday the Twenty-eighth day of June next.—In Teſtimony whereof we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our ſaid Province to be thereunto affixed; Witneſs our Truſty and well beloved Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our ſaid Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at our Caſtle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, in our ſaid Province, the Twenty-Second of March, in the year of our Lord one thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, and in the fifty-fourth year of our Reign.

(Signed) G. P.

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

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(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

**G**EORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our much beloved and faithful Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes of our ſaid Province, to an Aſſembly at our City of Quebec, on the Thirteenth day of May inſtant to have been commenced and held called and elected, and to every of you, Greeting:— Whereas for divers urgent and arduous affairs, Us the ſtate and defence of our ſaid Province concerning, our Aſſembly at the day and place aforeſaid to be preſent we did command, to treat, conſent and conclude upon thoſe things which in our Aſſembly ſhould then and there be propoſed and deliberated upon, and for certain cauſes and conſiderations Us to this eſpecially moving, We have thought fit to prorogue our ſaid Aſſembly, ſo that you nor any of you on the ſaid Thirteenth day of May inſtant at our ſaid City to appear are to be held or conſtrained, for We do will therefore that you and each of you be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated; commanding and by the tenor of theſe Preſents firmly enjoining you and every of you and all others in this behalf intereſted, that on the Twenty-third day of July, at our ſaid City of Quebec, perſonally you be and appear, to treat, do, act and conclude upon thoſe things which in our ſaid Aſſembly, by the Common Council of our ſaid Province by the favour of God may be ordained —In Teſtimony whereof, theſe our Letters we have cauſed to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our ſaid Province to be thereunto affixed; Witneſs our Truſty and well beloved Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our ſaid Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. at the Government Houſe in the City of *Montreal* and the Province aforeſaid, the Second day of May, and in the Fifty-fourth year of our Reign.

(Signed) G. P.

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

(Signed)

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

**G**EORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our much beloved and faithful Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of our said Province, to an Assembly at our City of Quebec, on the Twenty-third day of July instant, to have been commenced and held called and elected, and to every of you, Greeting:—Whereas for divers urgent and arduous affairs, Us the safety and defence of our said Province concerning, our Assembly at the day and place aforesaid to be present we did Command, to treat, consent and conclude upon those things which in our Assembly should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon; and for certain causes and considerations Us to this especially moving, We have thought fit further to prorogue our Assembly, so that you nor any of you, on the said Twenty-third day of July instant, at our said City to appear are to be held or constrained, for we do Will therefore, that you and each of you be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated; commanding and by the tenor of these presents firmly enjoining you and every of you and all others in this behalf interested, that on the Thirtieth day of September next, at our City of Quebec, personally you be and appear to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in our said Assembly, by the Common Council of our said Province by the favour of God shall be ordained.—In Testimony whereof, these our Letters we have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed; Witness our Trusty and well beloved Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, Governor in Chief of our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Government House in our City of *Montreal* and the Province aforesaid, the Eleventh day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and in the Fifty-fourth year of our Reign.

(Signed) G. P.

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

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(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

**G**EORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our much beloved and faithful Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses of our said Province, to an Assembly at our City of Quebec, on the Thirteenth day of September instant, to have been commenced and held called and elected, and to every of you, Greeting:—Whereas for divers urgent and arduous affairs, Us the safety and defence of our said Province concerning, our Assembly at the day and place aforesaid, to be present we did command, to treat, consent and conclude upon those things which in our Assembly should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon; and for certain causes and considerations Us to this especially moving, We have thought fit further to prorogue our Assembly, so that you nor any of you on the said Thirteenth day of September instant at our said City to appear are to be held or constrained, for We do will therefore, that you and each of you be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated; commanding and by the tenor of these presents firmly enjoining you and every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on the Twenty-eighth day of November next, at our City of Quebec, personally you be and appear, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which in our said Assembly by the Common Council of our said Province, by the favour of God shall be ordained.—In Testimony whereof, these our letters we have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed; Witness our Trusty and well beloved Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, Governor in Chief of our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Government House in our City of *Montreal*, and the Province aforesaid, the Fifteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and in the Fifty-fourth year of our Reign.

(Signed) G. P.

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

(Signed)

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

**G**EORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our much beloved and faithful Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes of our ſaid Province, to an Aſſembly at our City of Québec, on the Twenty-eighth day of November inſtant, to have been commenced and held called and elected, and to every of you, Greeting:—Whereas for divers urgent and arduous affairs, Us the ſtate and defence of our ſaid Province concerning, our Aſſembly at the day and place aforeſaid to be preſent we did command, to treat, conſent and conclude upon thoſe things which in our ſaid Aſſembly ſhould then and there be propoſed and deliberated upon, and for certain cauſes and conſiderations Us to this eſpecially moving, We have thought fit to prorogue our ſaid Aſſembly, ſo that you nor any of you on the ſaid Twenty-eighth day of November inſtant at our City to appear are to be held or conſtrained, for we do will therefore, that you and each of you be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated, commanding and by the tenor of theſe preſents firmly enjoining you and every of you, and all others in this behalf intereſted, that on the Twenty-ſeventh day December next at our city of Québec, perſonally you be and appear, to treat, do, act and conclude upon thoſe things which in our ſaid Aſſembly by the Common Council of our ſaid Province by the favor of God may be ordained.—In Teſtimony whereof, theſe our Letters we have cauſed to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our ſaid Province to be thereunto affixed: Witneſs our Truſty and well beloved Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our ſaid Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Government Houſe in the City of *Montreal* and the Province aforeſaid, the Fourteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, and in the fifty-fifth year of our Reign.

(Signed) G. P.

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

(Signed)

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

**G**EORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeffes of our said Province, Greeting:—Whereas the meeting of our Provincial Parliament stands prorogued to the Twenty-seventh day of December instant, neverthelels for certain causes and considerations we have thought fit further to prorogue the same to the Twenty-first day of January next, so that you nor any of you on the aforesaid Twenty-Seventh day of December, at our City of Quebec to appear are to be held or constrained, for we do will that you and each of you be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated, commanding and by the tenor of these presents firmly enjoining you and every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on the said Twenty-first day of January at our City of Quebec personally you be and appear *for the dispatch of Business*, to treat, do, and conclude upon those things which in our said Provincial Parliament by the Common Council of our said Province, by the favour of God may be ordained.—In Testimony whereof these our Letters we have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed; Witness our Trusty and well beloved Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of St. Lewis, in our city of *Quebec*, and the Province aforesaid, the Twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and in the fifty-fifth year of our Reign.

(Signed) G. P.

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

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**J O U R N A L S**  
OF THE  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

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**Anno 55 Georgii Tertii Regis.**

Saturday, the Twenty-first day of January, in the Fifty-fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, being the First Session of the Eighth Provincial Parliament of Lower Canada, as continued by several adjournments and prorogations, to this day.

**T**HE Members of the House convened at the Bishop's Palace, in the City of Quebec, were:

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*James Monk.  
Charles de St. Ours.  
John Hale.  
Antoine J. Duchesnay.  
Herman W. Ryland.  
James Cuthbert.*

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* informed the House, that a Commission had been issued under the Great Seal, appointing him Speaker of this House.

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**Which**

Which being read, was as follows, viz.

PROVINCE OF LOWER CANADA.

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

**G**EOERGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our trusty and well beloved Councillor *James Monk*, Esquire, our Chief Justice of our Court of King's Bench of and for our District of Montreal, in our Province of Lower Canada, Greeting:—Whereas by our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our said Province of Lower Canada, bearing date at our Castle of Saint Lewis in our City of Quebec, in our said Province, the Fifth day of January, in the Forty-ninth year of our Reign, We did constitute and appoint our trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell*, our Chief Justice of our said Province and one of the Members of our Legislative Council in our said Province, Speaker of our said Legislative Council in our said Province, during our pleasure, as by our said Letters Patent more at large appears, and whereas by other Letters Patent under our Great Seal of our said Province bearing date at our said Castle of Saint Lewis, the Twenty-third day of February, in the Fifty-fourth year of our Reign; We did constitute, name and appoint our trusty and well beloved Councillor *John Hale*, Esquire, from time to time during our pleasure to use, occupy and supply the room and place of the said *Jonathan Sewell* in our said Legislative Council among our Legislative Councillors there assembled, during the absence of our said trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell* from his accustomed place in our said Legislative Council, and then and there to do and execute all such things as our said trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell* should or might have done in that behalf if he were there personally present, as by our said last recited Letters Patent more at large appears: Now know ye, that We have revoked, determined and made void, and by these presents do revoke, and make void our said last recited Letters Patent and all things therein contained; and know ye further, that we trusting in your approved fidelity, wisdom and discretion, have constituted, named and appointed, and by these presents do constitute, name and authorize you, the said *James Monk*, from time to time during our pleasure, to use, occupy, and supply the room and place of the said *Jonathan Sewell* in our said Legislative Council



Council among our Legislative Councillors there assembled, during the absence of our said trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell* from his accustomed place in our said Legislative Council, and then and there to do and execute all such things as our said trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell* should or might do in that behalf were he there personally present, using and supplying the same room and place. Wherefore We will and command you the said *James Monk* to attend and execute the premises with effect, and these our Letters Patent shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge for the same in every behalf.—In Testimony whereof these our Letters We have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed; Witness our trusty and well beloved Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Lower Canada, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. at our Castle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, in our said Province of Lower Canada, the Sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and of our Reign the fifty-fifth.

(Signed) G. P.

(Signed) JOHN TAYLOR, Depy. Secy.

The Speaker took the Chair at the foot of the Throne, and the Commission was ordered to be put on the Journals.

## PRAYERS.

The House is informed, that a Commissioner was appointed and attending to administer the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of His present Majesty, who being introduced, was Mr. *Montizambert*.

Then the Members present took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of 31st of His present Majesty.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* acquainted the House “that there was a Member without ready to be introduced,”

When the Honorable Mr. *Debartzch* was introduced, between the Honorable Mr. *St. Ours* and the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert*.

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

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

**G**EORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our beloved and faithful Subject *Pierre D. Debartzch*, Esquire, Greeting:—Whereas by the advice and assent of our Council for certain arduous and urgent affairs, Us, the state and defence of our said Province of Lower Canada and the Church thereof concerning, our Legislature at our City of Quebec on the Twenty-first day of January instant, We have ordained to be holden and there with you and other great Men and our Legislative Council of our said Province to have conference and treaty, You, on the faith and allegiance by which you are bound to Us, firmly enjoining, We command, that the difficulty and dangers of the affairs aforesaid considered, laying aside every excuse whatsoever, on the aforesaid Twenty-first day of January instant, at the Meeting of our said Legislature you be personally present with Us and the great Men and the Legislative Council aforementioned upon the said affairs to confer, and your advice to afford, and this as Us, and the honor, safety and defence of our said Province and the Church of the same and the dispatch of the affairs aforementioned, you love, you are in no wise to omit. Witness our trusty and well beloved Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at our Castle of Saint Lewis in our City of Quebec, in our said Province, the Seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and in the fifty-fifth year our Reign.

(Signed) G. P.

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

Then the Honorable Mr. *Debartzch* came to the Table and took the oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of His present Majesty, which was administered by the Commissioner, and took his seat accordingly.

Then the Commissioner withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Honorable Mr. *Galdwell*, stating, that his health would not permit his attending in his place, this day.

A similar Letter was laid before the House from the Honorable Mr. *Williams*, stating the same reasons, for his non-attendance.

And another Letter from the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood*, stating the same reasons for his not attending in his place, this day.

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

The names of the Members of this House were called over as follows, viz,

*The Honorable*

<i>Lord Bishop of Quebec</i> , present.	<i>Messrs.</i> <i>James Monk</i> , Speaker, present.
	<i>Thomas Dunn</i> , absent.
	<i>François Baby</i> , absent.
	<i>Sir John Johnson</i> , absent.
	<i>Chartier De Lotbiniere</i> , absent.
	<i>Jenkin Williams</i> , absent.
	<i>Charles De St. Ours</i> , present.
	<i>John Hale</i> , present.
	<i>Antoine J. Duchesnay</i> , present.
	<i>J. B. M. De Rouville</i> , absent.
	<i>John Caldwell</i> , absent.
	<i>J. A. De Gaspé</i> , absent.
	<i>Herman W. Ryland</i> , present.
	<i>James Cuthbert</i> , present.
	<i>John Blackwood</i> , absent.
	<i>William M'Gillivray</i> , absent.
	<i>Pierre D. Debartzch</i> , present.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

Who being come,

The Speaker of this House said :

*Gentlemen*

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

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor in Chief to inform you, that His Excellency does not think fit to declare the causes for which he has summoned this Provincial Parliament, until there be a Speaker of the House of Assembly.—It is therefore His Excellency's Pleasure, that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, do forthwith repair to the place in which the Sittings of the House of Assembly are usually held, and there chuse a fit Person to be your Speaker; and that you present the Person who shall be so chosen, to His Excellency in this House on Tuesday next, at one o'clock, for his approbation.

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

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* declared this Assembly continued to Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, at Noon, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1815.

THE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Baby,  
Monk,  
De St. Ours,  
Hale,*

*Duchefnay,  
Ryland,  
Cutbert,  
Debartzch.*

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

Who being come,

Mr. Papineau said:

*May it please Your Excellency,*

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

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

Then the Speaker of this House said:

*Mr. Papineau,*

I am commanded by His Excellency to observe to you, that as the Office to which you have been chosen, calls for great experience and discretion, so he cannot but augur well of the future proceedings of the House of Assembly, from this early instance of their judgment in chusing a person of your knowledge and capacity for their Speaker. He does therefore allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.

Then the Speaker of the House of Assembly, said:

SIR,

The manner in which Your Excellency has been pleased to signify your assent to the choice of the Assembly, of which I have the honor to be the object, demands from me the deepest and sincerest gratitude. If in executing the duties of my station, I should at any time hereafter involuntarily fall into error, I humbly entreat that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to them whose Servant I have the honor to be, and that they, Sir, may be the better enabled to perform their duty to His Majesty and to their Country, I do therefore, in their name, and on their behalf, by humble Petition, lay claim to all their Rights and Privileges, particularly that they may have liberty of Speech for the better management of their debates, access to Your Excellency's Person on all reasonable occasions, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency, the most favorable interpretation.

Then

Then the Speaker of this House said :

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency has the greatest confidence in the duty and attachment of this House of Assembly to His Majesty's Person and Government, and doth willingly and readily, grant and allow to them all their Privileges, in as full and ample a manner as they have ever heretofore been granted, and with respect to yourself, I am commanded by His Excellency to acquaint you, that he will pass the most favorable construction on all your words and actions, and that the House may depend on having ready access to him on all seasonable occasions.

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

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

I have availed myself of an early period, after the close of the active operations of war, to summon you to the discharge of your Legislative Duties. I meet you in the full assurance, that the Deliberations in the first Session of the present Provincial Parliament will be distinguished by principles of patriotic Loyalty, and by a disposition to Cordiality, Confidence and mutual good-will.

I have to call your attention to the renewal of those Statutes, formed for the welfare of the People and the permanent security of the Province, which are about to expire; and I indulge a confident expectation that in all the measures which shall be adopted by you, His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, will receive fresh proofs of the high sense you entertain of the excellent Constitution which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer upon this Country.

His Majesty's Subjects have to lament the continuance of Indisposition with which the King has so long been afflicted; and our affectionate attachment to His Majesty prompts us at this moment the more deeply to deplore a Fatality which excludes our venerable Monarch from the general exultation of his Subjects, and of his Allies.

The re-establishment of ancient Thrones in their just rights, the subversion of the Tyranny which had oppressed them, and the return of  
Tranquility

Tranquillity and Order, to a World long disturbed, are subjects of sincere congratulation, and demand our gratitude to that Omnipotent Hand which alone could have wrought the consummation.

Peace, which has blessed the Nations of Europe, has not yet extended her influence to the Councils of America. The high pretensions, and impracticable disposition of the Government of the United States, have disappointed the desire of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, for an honorable termination to a war, which has assumed a particularly vindictive character. Individuals have thus been exposed to horrors unparalleled in the latter history of civilized warfare; but it is alone to be attributed to the repeated outrages of the Enemy; which from the magnanimity of His Majesty, and the consequent forbearance of his Troops, remained long unrevenged, by an offended People.

The proud Capitol at Washington has, however, as a just retribution, experienced a similar fate to that inflicted by an American Force on the seat of Government in Upper Canada.—The operations contemplated on the shores of Lake Champlain, were completely frustrated by the failure of our Naval means, in the very onset of the enterprize.

The reinforcements I have received from His Majesty's Government, have enabled me to diminish the pressure of the war on the inhabitants of this Province; but on all occasions, when I have called for their service, the alacrity and zeal, with which they have been rendered, sufficiently testify their faithful, loyal, and patriotic adherence to His Majesty.

Notwithstanding a state of war, prosperity dwells among you. After a long and severe Campaign, the American Army has been compelled to surrender the partial advantages it had gained in the Upper Province, and you have been secured from aggression.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

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

The demands of the Public Service continuing various, and large, I look to your liberality for continued exertions to meet them,—for the renewal of a productive Revenue Bill, not established in the last Session,

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and of such of the provisions of the Army Bill Act as it shall be deemed expedient to adopt for the future.

I recommend also to your attention, the improvement of the communications in the Province.

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

To you the community look for example, I therefore trust, that in all your proceedings, you will manifest that liberal confidence in His Majesty's Government, and unanimity among yourselves, which is so essential to the Public Service, and without which your exertions, and my own alike, must necessarily diminish in influence and effect.

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

*Hodie in vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act for the Improvement of the Navigation of the River St. Lawrence," pro forma.*

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, laid before the House a letter from the Honorable Mr. *De Lotbiniere*, stating, that some private business would not permit his attending in his place this day.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne.

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

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

The Honorable Messrs. *De St. Ours,*  
*Hale,*  
*Ryland,*

To meet and adjourn as they please.

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

*The*



*The Honorable*

<i>Lord Bishop of Quebec.</i>	<i>Messrs. Baby.</i>	<i>Duchesnay.</i>
	<i>Monk.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
	<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Cuthbert,</i>
	<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Debartzsch.</i>

To meet and adjourn as they please.

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

The Honorable Messrs. *Duchesnay.*  
*Ryland.*  
*Blackwood.*

To meet and adjourn as they please.

ORDERED, That the several Writs of Prorogations that have been issued since the last Session be entered at large on the Journals of this House, in the order of their respective dates, immediately before the entries of this day.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, laid before the House a Letter from Lieutenant General DRUMMOND, dated Kingston, 19th April, 1814, in answer to that which was transmitted to him, during the last Session, by the Speaker of this House, conveying the Thanks of this House. He then read the Letter, the purport of which was, that he had received the Notification of the unanimous Vote of Thanks of this House, on the occasion of the Capture of the Fortrefs of Niagara, and the subsequent Successes obtained over the Enemy on the Niagara Frontier. That this honorable Testimonial of the distinguished Approbation of this House, while it affords him the highest degree of satisfaction, cannot fail of making a deep and lasting impression on his mind.—He also requests to tender to this House, his best acknowledgements. He also returns the Speaker his warmest Thanks, for the very polite and cordial manner in which he has been pleased to express his sentiments on the occasion.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, also laid before the House a Letter from Colonel MURRAY, dated Quebec, 8th March 1814, in answer to that which was transmitted to him by the Speaker of this House during the last Session, conveying the Thanks of this House. He then read the Letter, the purport of which was, that he had received the highly ho-

norable and gratifying testimony of the approbation of this House on his conduct, and that of the detachment of the Army engaged in the Assault of the Fortrefs of Niagara. He requests the Speaker to present to this House his grateful Thanks, and to express how sensible he is of the distinguished honor conferred on him and the Officers and Men under his command on an occasion, when they can only feel that they endeavored to do their duty as British Soldiers. He returns the Speaker his warmest Thanks for the very handsome and polite manner in which he had been pleased to transmit to him the orders of this House, which he will take the earliest opportunity of communicating to the Officers and Men to whom it has reference.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, also laid before the House, a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel DE SALABERRY, dated Montreal, 17th March, 1814, in answer to that which was transmitted to him by the Speaker of this House during the last Session, conveying the Thanks of this House. He then read the Letter, the purport of which was, that he had received the Thanks voted by this House to him and those under his command in the action of Chateauguay; that so distinguished an honor could not fail to create an impression of the most sincere and unalterable gratitude—that he was anxious to express as respectfully as possible, that, which has been made on his mind, which is of the most lasting nature, and upon the minds of the Officers and Militia-men under his command, who have proved themselves to have possessed a most undaunted courage, which seemed to encrease at the imposing aspect of the Enemy, whose numerous Army was forced to yield the Field of Battle to his Three Hundred Men, rendered as formidable by their position and intrepidity, as they were inferior in numbers. That it has fallen to their happy lot to deserve well of their Country, and to his own, to have had the command of Brave Men, a satisfaction of the highest nature, that can only be equalled by the approbation of such a respectable Body; a remuneration of inestimable value. That he will use every diligence in communicating to his Chateauguay Friends the praises to honorably bestowed on them, and which they have so fully deserved, by their intrepid conduct; that their Courage, with the assistance of Divine Providence, could alone have supplied the deficiency produced by such a disparity of Forces.—He then returns the Speaker, his most sincere Thanks for the handsome manner in which he transmitted to him the Resolution of this House.

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The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to Thursday next, at One o'Clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY, 26th JANUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

	<i>The Honorable</i>	
Lord Bishop of Quebec.	Messrs. <i>Baby.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
	<i>Monk.</i>	<i>Cuthbert.</i>
	<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
	<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Debartzsch.</i>
	<i>Duchefnay.</i>	

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* appeared, and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of His present Majesty, which was administered by Mr. *Montizambert*, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oaths to the Members of the Legislature.

The Honorable Mr. *Baby* also appeared, and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of His present Majesty, which was administered by Mr. *Montizambert*, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oaths to the Members of the Legislature.

The Honorable Mr. *De St. Ours*, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency, to return the Thanks of this House for his Speech from the Throne, reported, that they had prepared the same, which being read by the Clerk,

It was thereon proposed,

That the said Address to His Excellency, be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Hale reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Address, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments.

The said Address having been read, was approved of by the House, and is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

**SIR GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet,**

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

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

We are sensible of your Excellency's attention in summoning us at an early period after the close of the active operations of war, to the discharge of our Legislative duties, and it is our earnest hope, that the deliberations in the first Session of the present Provincial Parliament, may be distinguished by principles of Loyalty, and by a disposition to Cordiality, Confidence, and mutual good will.

We shall not fail to give our attention to the renewal of those Statutes formed for the welfare of the People, and the permanent Security of this Province, which are about to expire; and, in all the measures we shall adopt, it will afford us inexpressible satisfaction, to give to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, fresh proofs of the high sense we entertain of the excellent Constitution, which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to bestow on this Colony.

In common with all His Majesty's Subjects, we have to lament the continuance of the indisposition with which our Sovereign has so long been  
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been afflicted;—and our affectionate attachment to His Majesty leads us most deeply to deplore a dispensation of Providence, which excludes our Venerable Monarch from participating in the general exultation of his Subjects and of his Allies.

The re-establishment of ancient Monarchs in their just rights, the subversion of the Tyranny which had oppressed them, and the return of Tranquillity and Order to a World long disturbed, we acknowledge with Your Excellency, are subjects of sincere congratulation, and demand our gratitude to that Omnipotent Being, to whose Providence we are indebted for these happy and important events.

We regret that Peace, which has blessed the Nations of Europe, has not yet extended its influence to the Councils of America, and that the high pretensions and impracticable disposition of the Government of the United States, have disappointed the desire of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, for an honorable termination of a war which has assumed a particularly vindictive character, exposing the People of these Provinces to horrors unparalleled in the history of civilized warfare, and we admire the magnanimity of His Majesty's Government, and the consequent forbearance of his Troops, in suffering such atrocities to remain so long unpunished.

We consider the destruction of the Public Buildings at Washington, as a just retribution for the outrages committed by an American Force, at the Seat of Government in Upper Canada.

We lament to hear from Your Excellency, that the operations contemplated on the Shores of Lake Champlain, were completely frustrated by the failure of our Naval Means, in the very commencement of the enterprize. It is nevertheless a consolation to us to be informed, that the Reinforcements Your Excellency has received from His Majesty's Government, have enabled you to diminish the pressure of the War on the Inhabitants of this Province, whose alacrity and zeal, whenever their Services have been called for, have procured them, the honor of Your Excellency's Testimony to their faithful, loyal and patriotic adherence to His Majesty.

We are sensible, that notwithstanding a state of War, Prosperity dwells among us. We rejoice, that after a long and severe Campaign,  
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the American Army has been compelled to relinquish the partial advantages it had gained in Upper Canada, and we acknowledge with satisfaction, the state of security in which the Lower Province is placed.

Your Excellency may be assured, that we shall never lose sight of the effect which our example may have upon the Community; and that we shall be desirous to manifest that liberal confidence in His Majesty's Government, and that unanimity among ourselves, which are so essential to the Public Service, and without which, Your Excellency's exertions, as well as our own, must necessarily diminish in influence and effect.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to Saturday next, at Twelve o'Clock, at Noon, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Baby.*

*Ryland.*

*Monk.*

*Cutburt.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Blackwood.*

*Duchefnay.*

*Debartzsch.*

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbiniere* appeared, and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of His present Majesty, which was administered

administered by Mr. *Montizambert*, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oaths to the Members of the Legislature.

The Honorable Mr. *Caldwell* also appeared, and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of His present Majesty, which was administered by Mr. *Montizambert*, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oaths to the Members of the Legislature.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time, the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk* reported, that the House did, this day, present their Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, and that His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer :

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

I return you my sincere Thanks for this loyal Address. The assurances you give me of your attention to those objects I have recommended to your consideration, afford me the highest satisfaction, and the manner in which you propose to yourselves to manifest your confidence in His Majesty's Government, demands my best acknowledgments.

ORDERED, That the Address and Answer thereto, be printed and published.

The Honorable Mr. *De St. Ours*, stated to the House, that he had received a Letter from the Honorable Mr. *De Rouville*, informing the House, that his health would not permit his attendance, in his place, in this House, at present, but as soon as he possibly could, he would not fail to give his attendance.

The Honorable Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to Monday next, at One o'Clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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MONDAY, 30th JANUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Baby.*

*Caldwell.*

*Monk.*

*Ryland.*

*De Lotbiniere.*

*Blackwood.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Debartzsch.*

*Duchesnay.*

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

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

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read.

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

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

ORDERED, That a Committee of Three Members, be appointed, to examine the Journals of this House, not yet printed, namely, from 1795, to 1813, inclusively, and that they report upon such parts thereof, as they may think necessary to be hereafter printed for the use of the Members of this House.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Duchesnay*, *Ryland*, and *Blackwood*, do compose the said Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay*, laid before the House a Petition from  
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Mr. *St. George*, Merchant of Upper Canada, praying to be relieved from the payment of certain Duties.

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

ORDERED, That the Members absent, in Town, be summoned to attend in their places, in this House, on the next fitting day.

The Honorable Mr Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to Wednesday next, at Eleven o'Clock, in the Morning, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY,

THE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Baby,  
Monk,*

*De Lotbiniere.*

*De St. Ours,*

*Duchefnay,*

*Caldwell.*

*Ryland.*

*Cutbert.*

*Blackwood.*

*Debartzsch.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Blackwood*, presented a Bill, intituled, " An Act to continue an Act passed in the Forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace, to make for a limited time Rules and Regulations for the Government of Apprentices and others."

ORDERED, That the same be read.

*Hodie 1a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to continue an Act passed in the Forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace, to make for a limited time Rules and Regulations for the Government of Apprentices and others."

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

The Honorable Mr. *Cutbert* presented a Bill, intituled, "An Act further to continue part of an Act passed in the Forty second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide more effectual Regulations of Police, within the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and Town of Three Rivers, also for extending Regulations of Police to other Towns and Villages in certain cases, and for repealing the Acts or Ordinances therein mentioned."

ORDERED, That the same be read.

*Hodie 1a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act further to continue part of an Act passed in the Forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign; intituled, "An Act to provide more effectual Regulations of Police, within the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and Town of Three Rivers, also for extending Regulations of Police to other Towns and Villages in certain cases, and for repealing the Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned."

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

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, laid before the House, a letter from the Honorable Mr. *Dunn*, stating, that his health will not allow him to attend in his place in this House, this day, and praying to be excused.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Mr. *Dunn* be excused.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, also laid before the House, a Letter from the Honorable Mr. *Hale*, stating, that his health will not allow him to attend in his place, in this House, this day, and praying to be excused.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Mr. *Hale* be excused.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to Saturday next, at One o'Clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were:

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*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Baby.*

*Ryland.*

*Monk.*

*Cuthbert.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Blackwood.*

*Caldwell.*

*Debartzsch.*

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *De St. Ours*, presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

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

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

His Majesty's Government having in contemplation the speedy opening of a Canal from the neighbourhood of the Town of Montreal to Lachine, His Excellency the Governor in Chief recommends the subject to the early consideration of the Legislative Council, and that they will adopt such Legislative Provisions as they may deem expedient to assist in carrying into execution so important an object.

(Signed) G. P.

*Castle of St. Lewis,  
Quebec, 3d February, 1815. }*

**RESOLVED**, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return the Thanks of this House for his Message of this day, relative to the opening of a Canal from the neighbourhood of the Town of Montreal to Lachine, and to assure His Excellency, that this House will not fail to take the subject recommended, into their most serious consideration, and that they will readily adopt such provisions as may be deemed expedient, to assist in carrying into execution so important an object.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert*, acquainted the House, that there was a Member, without, ready to be introduced. When

When the Honorable Mr. *Grant* was introduced between the Honorable Mr. *Cutbbert* and the Honorable Mr. *Debartzch*.

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

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST, Governor.

**G**EORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our beloved and faithful Subject *Charles William Grant*, Esquire, Greeting:—Whereas by the advice and assent of our Council for certain arduous and urgent affairs, Us, the state and defence of our Province of Lower Canada and the Church thereof concerning, our Legislature at our City of Quebec on the Twenty-first day of January last, We did ordain to be holden, and there with you and other great Men and our Legislative Council of our said Province to have conference and treaty, You, on the faith and allegiance by which you are bound to Us, firmly enjoining, We command, that the difficulty and dangers of the affairs aforesaid considered, laying aside every excuse whatsoever, at the Meeting of our said Legislature you be personally present with Us and the great Men and the Legislative Council aforementioned upon the said affairs to confer, and your advice to afford, and this as Us, and the honor, safety and defence of our said Province and the Church of the same and the dispatch of the affairs aforementioned, you love, you are in no wise to omit. Witness our trusty and well beloved Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at our Castle of Saint Lewis in our City of Quebec, in our said Province, the Second day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and in the fifty-fifth year our Reign.

(Signed) G. P.

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

Then the Honorable Mr. *Grant* came to the Table, and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of His present Majesty, which was administered by the Commissioner appointed to administer the oaths to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland*, moves for leave to attend the House of Assembly as Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, with the Return and Papers

pers relative to the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Gaspé.

The Question of concurrence having been put on this motion,  
It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The same was read accordingly.

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

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

After some time the House was resumed.

And the Honorable Mr. *Cuthbert* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to continue an Act passed in the Forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace, to make for a limited time, Rules and Regulations for the government of Apprentices and others."

The same was read, accordingly.

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

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

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Honorable Mr. *Cutbert*, presented a Petition from the Superintendent of the Provincial Post Houses.

The same having been read,

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

The Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* laid before the House an Abstract of the Amount of Army Bills issued from the Army Bill Office, from the 1st August 1812, to 30th January 1815, furnished to the Commissioners for regulating the rate of Exchange.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland*, presented a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of the Press, within the Province of Lower Canada."

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read.

*Hodie in vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of the Press, within the Province of Lower Canada."

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

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to Monday next, at One o'Clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were:

*The*

	<i>The Honorable</i>	
<i>Lord Bishop of Quebec.</i>	<i>Messrs. Monk.</i>	<i>Cuthbert.</i>
	<i>De Lotbiniere.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
	<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
	<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Debartzsch.</i>
	<i>Caldwell.</i>	

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, laid before the House a letter from the Honorable Mr. *Ryland*, a Member of this House, with copies of an Order on him, and of two Letters from him to the Speaker of the Assembly; which being read, were as follows:

SIR,

*Quebec, 6th February, 1815.*

I feel it incumbent on me to acquaint you, that there are reasons which will prevent me from being present at the Meeting of the Legislative Council, this day, when the House will probably find it necessary to take into consideration the circumstances that have arisen out of the leave obtained by me on the last sitting day, to attend for a special purpose, in the Assembly, as Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for this Province; at the same time, I trust there will be no impropriety in my submitting to you, for the information of the Legislative Council, a brief review of the particulars relating to this subject.

I enclose the order of the Assembly for my attendance on Friday last, which, it is necessary to observe, was delivered to me at a time when the Legislative Council stood adjourned to the Saturday following, and by this means it was rendered impossible for me to obtain leave to attend at the time required, and I was thus put to the necessity, either of avoiding a compliance with the order, or of risking the censure of the Council, by infringing one of the established Regulations of that Body.

Thus circumstanced, I did not hesitate to propose, that the Commission which I had held for a period of Thirteen Years, (but which did not empower me to act by Deputy) should be cancelled, and that a new Commission should be issued, appointing another Person, together with myself, to be jointly, and severally, Clerks of the Crown in Chancery, so that the Assembly might be put in possession of the Papers required, on the day specified in the order of the House, and the risk of my acting contrary to the rules of the Legislative Council, be avoided.

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A Commission, of the nature above described, was accordingly issued, by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, as well for the purpose of obviating the existing difficulty, as of preventing the recurrence of similar difficulties in future.

I lost no time in apprizing the Speaker of the Assembly, of the measure that had been adopted, as will be seen by the enclosed Copy of my Letter to him on the subject; and at the Meeting of the Legislative Council, on the ensuing day, having obtained leave from the House, I instantly wrote again to the Speaker, to inform him, that I should be ready to attend the Assembly, with the Papers, whenever it should be the pleasure of the House to receive me; and I presented myself accordingly the same evening, but was not received.

I cannot but be extremely anxious, that my conduct, under these very delicate and difficult circumstances, should be such, as to secure the approbation of the Body to which I have the honor to belong, and to obtain this, I shall most willingly sacrifice all considerations of a personal nature. I will only further add, that I have acted under a deep sense of the advantages arising, from a strict observance of all Constitutional and established Regulations, between the two Houses of Provincial Parliament.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) HERMAN W. RYLAND.

*To the Honorable James Monk,  
Speaker of the Legislative  
Council of Lower Canada.*

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

*Wednesday, 1st February, 1815.*

ORDERED, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House on Friday next, with the Return and Papers, relating to the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Gaspé.

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



Quebec, 3d February, 1815.

SIR,

His Excellency the Governor in Chief, having been pleased to cancel the Commission heretofore held by me, as Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, for the Province of Lower Canada, and to issue a new Commission, appointing myself, and *Thomas Douglass*, Esquire, to be jointly, and severally, Clerks of the Crown in Chancery, for the said Province, the latter Gentleman will attend the Assembly, this day, with the Return and Papers, relating to the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament, for the County of Gaspé, in pursuance of the Order of the House, of the first of the present month; and should my attendance be at any time required by the Assembly, I shall not fail to comply with the wishes of the House in this respect, provided leave be, first, obtained of the Legislative Council, for my so doing.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) HERMAN W. RYLAND.

To

*The Honorable the Speaker of  
the House of Assembly of  
Lower Canada.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

SIR,

Quebec, 4th February, 1815.

Having this day obtained the leave of the Legislative Council, to attend the House of Assembly, with the Return and Papers relating to the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament, for the County of Gaspé, I beg leave to inform you, that I shall be ready to attend the Assembly accordingly, whenever it shall be the pleasure of the House to receive me. I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

To

(Signed) HERMAN W. RYLAND.

*The Honorable the Speaker of  
the House of Assembly of  
Lower Canada.*

It was moved;

That it having come to the knowledge of this House, by common report, that the Honorable *Herman W. Ryland*, a Member of this House, has been ordered by the Assembly, into the custody of the Serjeant at Arms of that House, and the absence of Mr. *Ryland*, justifying this report, that it be Resolved, in order to ascertain the truth of the report which has reached this House,

That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, praying, that His Excellency will be pleased to order to be laid before this House, Copies of the Proceedings and Resolutions of the Assembly, respecting the attendance of *Herman W. Ryland*, Esquire, as Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, at the Bar of that House.

The Question of Concurrence having been put on this Motion;

It was Resolved, unanimously, in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *De Lotbiniere*, and *Cutbert*, do wait on His Excellency, with the said Address.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to To-morrow, at One o'Clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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TUESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Monk.*

*Caldwell.*

*De Lotbiniere.*

*Grant.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Blackwood.*

*Duchesnay.*

*Debartzsch.*

PRAYERS.

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbiniere*, reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Cutbbert*, and himself, had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House, of yesterday, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would give directions, that the Papers required, be laid before this House.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to To-morrow, at One o'Clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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WEDNESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Baby,  
Monk,*

*De Lotbiniere.*

*De St. Ours,*

*Hale.*

*Duchefnay,*

*Caldwell.*

*Cutbbert.*

*Grant.*

*Blackwood.*

*Debartzsch.*

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbiniere*, in conformity to the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, laid before the House the Papers requested by the Address of this House, of the 6th instant.

Which being read, were as follows:

*Extract from Proceedings of the House of Assembly, Saturday, 4th February, 1815.*

The Order of the Day, for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to attend this House yesterday, with the Return and Papers relating to the

the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament, for the County of Gaspé, being read ;

The House proceeded to take the said Order, into consideration.

*Augustus Welling*, Deputy Serjeant at Arms, being called to the Bar, informed the House, he had served the order of this House upon Mr. *Ryland*, to attend this House, yesterday, with the Return and Papers relating to the Election for the County of Gaspé, on Thursday, the Second Instant.

Read the Order of yesterday, for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to attend the House this day, with the Return and Papers relating to the Election of a Member to serve in the present Parliament, for the County of Gaspé, *Jacques Langlois*, Messenger of this House, and one of the Deputies to the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, being called to the Bar, acquainted the House, he had, by the direction of Mr. *Lindsay*, Clerk of this House, delivered to Mr. *Ryland*, this day, a Letter but did not know its contents.

Mr. *Lindsay*, the Clerk, being called upon, acquainted the House, that the Letter given by him to the Messenger, *Jacques Langlois*, to be delivered to Mr. *Ryland*, contained the Order of yesterday, for his appearance this day, in the House, with the Return and other Papers relating to the County of Gaspé.

Mr. Speaker then acquainted the House, that he had received two Letters from Mr. *Ryland*, the which he read to the House, and the same are, as followeth, *videlicet*.

SIR,

Quebec, 3d February, 1815.

His Excellency the Governor in Chief, having been pleased to cancel the Commission heretofore held by me as Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for the Province of Lower Canada, and to issue a new Commission, appointing myself and *Thomas Douglafs*, Esquire, to be jointly and severally, Clerks of the Crown in Chancery, for the said Province, the latter Gentleman, will attend the Assembly this day, with the Return and Papers, relating to the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament, for the County of Gaspé, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the First of the present month, and should my attendance

attendance be at any time required by the Assembly, I shall not fail to comply with the wishes of the House, in this respect, provided leave be first obtained of the Legislative Council, for my so doing.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) HERMAN W. RYLAND.

To

*The Honorable the Speaker of  
the House of Assembly of  
Lower Canada.*

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

SIR,

Quebec, 4th February, 1815.

Having this day obtained the leave of the Legislative Council to attend the House of Assembly, with the Return and Papers relating to the Election of a Member to serve in the present Parliament, for the County of Gaspé, I beg leave to inform you, that I shall be ready to attend the Assembly accordingly, whenever it shall be the pleasure of the House to receive me.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) HERMAN W. RYLAND.

To

*The Honorable the Speaker of  
the House of Assembly of  
Lower Canada.*

Mr. James Stuart moved to Resolve, seconded by Mr. Denechau, that the Letter of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, dated 3d February, 1815, contains no cause to excuse his disobedience of the said Order of this House, of the first Instant.

Mr.

Mr. *Taschereau* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lee*, that the consideration of Mr. *James Stuart's* motion be postponed till Monday next.

The House divided upon the Question.

Yeas 10

Nays 16

So it passed in the Negative.

The main Question being now put, it was agreed to, unanimously, and

RESOLVED accordingly.

On motion of Mr. *James Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Denechau*,

RESOLVED, That the matter contained in the said Letter, is a high infringement of the Rights and Privileges of the Commons of this Province, and that *Herman Witfus Ryland*, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, by his disobedience to the said Order, and by the said Letter, hath been, and is guilty of a Contempt of this House.

RESOLVED, That the said Letter of the said *Herman Witfus Ryland*, dated the 4th instant, is an aggravation of his said offence, and a high infringement of the Rights and Privileges of the Commons of this Province, and that the said *Herman Witfus Ryland*, hath thereby been, and is guilty of a Contempt of this House.

Mr. *James Stuart* moved to Resolve, seconded by Mr. *Denechau*, That the said *Herman Witfus Ryland*, for his said offences, be immediately taken into the Custody of the Serjeant at Arms, attending this House, or of one of his Deputies.

Mr. *Lee* moved, seconded by Mr. *Taschereau*, that the consideration of the said motion be postponed till Monday next.

The House divided upon the Question.

Yeas 12

Nays 14

So it passed in the Negative.

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The main Question being put, the House again divided.

Yeas 19

Nays 7

So it was carried in the Affirmative, and

RESOLVED accordingly.

*Certified a True Copy.*

(Signed) R. DUNN.

It was moved,

That this House will proceed to take into consideration, on Friday next, the Proceedings of the Assembly, which His Excellency the Governor in Chief has been pleased this day to communicate, in consequence of the Address of this House, of the 6th instant.

The Question of concurrence being put on this motion.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

The Governor in Chief has given directions for laying before the Legislative Council the following Statements of the Provincial Revenue of the Crown, and of the Expenditure, between the 6th January, 1814, and the 5th January, 1815.

- No. 1. ACCOUNT of Cash received by *John Caldwell*, Esquire, Receiver General, for Casual and Territorial Revenue.
2. Do. of Cash received by ditto, for Duties and Licences, under the Statute of the 14th of His Majesty.
3. Do. of Cash received by ditto, for Duties on Wines, under the Provincial Act of the 33d of His Majesty.

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- No. 4. ACCOUNT of Cash received by ditto, for Duties on Sundry Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes and Licences, under the Provincial Acts of 35th of His Majesty, Cap. 8 and 9.
5. Do. of Cash received by ditto, for Duties on Licences for Billiard Tables, and on Manufactured Tobacco and Snuff, under the Provincial Acts of the 41st of His Majesty, Cap. 13 and 14.
6. Do. of Cash received by ditto, for Duties, under the Provincial Act of the 45th of His Majesty, Cap. 13, continued by 51st of His Majesty, Cap. 1.
7. Do. of Monies collected under the Acts of the Provincial Parliament of 45th and 51st of His Majesty, Cap. 12, and of the Expences incurred in supporting and improving the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence.
8. Do. received by *John Caldwell*, Esquire, Receiver General, for Interest accrued on Army Bills, while in the hands of Public Officers, pursuant to the Provincial Act of the 52d of His Majesty.
9. Do. of Duties payable on sundry Goods, Wares and Merchandize and Licences, under the Provincial Act of the 53d of His Majesty, Cap. 1st.
10. Do. of Duties payable under the Provincial Act of the 53d of His Majesty, Cap. 11.
11. Do. of Cash received by *John Caldwell*, Esquire, Receiver General, for Fines, Forfeitures, &c.
12. Do. of Provincial Revenue Collected and Received, between 6th January, 1814, and 5th January, 1815.
13. STATEMENT shewing the Duties Collected under sundry Acts of the Provincial Parliament, and the several appropriations thereof.
14. Do. of Articles liable to Duty, under the Provincial Act of the 33d and 35th of His Majesty, which have passed Coteau du Lac, on their way to Upper Canada, from 1st January, to 31st December, 1814.



- No. 15. STATEMENT of ditto, liable to ditto, under ditto of the 41st of His Majesty, which have passed do. from ditto to ditto.
- No. 16. Do. of Articles liable to duty, under Act of the 45th continued by 51st and 52d of His Majesty which have passed Coteau du Lac to Upper Canada, from 1st January, to 25th March, 1814.
17. Do. of ditto, liable to ditto, under ditto, of the 53d ditto, Cap. 1st, which have passed ditto to ditto from ditto to 31st December, 1814.
18. Do. of the Value of Merchandize which has passed Coteau du Lac, on its way to Upper Canada, liable to duty under the Provincial Act of the 53d of His Majesty, Cap. 11, from 1st January, to 31st December, 1814.
19. ABSTRACT of Warrants granted by His Excellency Sir George Prevost, Bart. Captain General and Governor in Chief, on *John Caldwell*, Esquire, Receiver General in payment of the Civil Expenditure of the Province of Lower Canada, for the year 1814.
20. Do. of Warrants granted by Sir George Prevost, Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief, on *John Caldwell*, Esquire, Receiver General, in payment of the Salaries of the Officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and the Contingent Expenses thereof, for the year 1814.
21. STATEMENT of the Expenses of the Collection of the Revenue of Lower Canada, for the year ending 5th January, 1815.

(Signed) G. P.

*Castle of St. Lewis,*  
*Quebec, 6th February, 1815. }*

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

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to Friday next, at One o'Clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Baby.*

*Caldwell.*

*Monk.*

*Cuthbert.*

*De Lotbiniere.*

*Grant.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Blackwood.*

*Hale.*

*Debartzsch.*

*Duchefnay.*

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, for Speaker.

It was moved, That this House do Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, for taking into consideration, the Proceedings of the Assembly, communicated by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, in consequence of the Address of this House, of the Sixth instant.

ORDERED accordingly.

The House (according to Order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Proceedings of the Assembly, communicated by His Excellency, to this House.

After some time the House was resumed ;

And the Honorable Mr. *Hale* reported, that the said Committee had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House.

The said Resolutions being read by the Clerk :

Thereupon it was moved,

That the Question of concurrence be put on each Resolution, separately.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The House having taken into consideration the Proceedings of the House

House of Assembly, as communicated by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, at the Prayer of the House, touching the conduct of the Honorable *Herman W. Ryland*, in declining to attend at the Bar of the Assembly, without the leave of this House first had :

RESOLVED, That the Assembly, in ordering into the Custody of the Serjeant at Arms of that House, the said Honorable *Herman W. Ryland*, a Member of this House, hath committed a flagrant violation of the Privilege of this House, and hath arrogated to itself an authority unknown to the Constitution ; and inconsistent with the dignity, subversive of the Rights, and destructive of the Independence of this House.

The Question of concurrence having been put on this Resolution,

It was Resolved, unanimously, in the Affirmative.

RESOLVED, That by the constrained absence of the said Honorable *Herman W. Ryland*, in consequence of this unconstitutional and alarming assumption of power, on the part of the Assembly, this House is no longer an entire branch of the Legislature ; and cannot, until the evil be completely done away, consistently with its just Rights and Privileges, proceed in the exercise of its Legislative functions.

The Question of Concurrence having been put on this Resolution,

It was Resolved, unanimously, in the Affirmative.

RESOLVED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, with a Copy of these Resolutions, for the information of that House.

The Question of Concurrence having been put on this Resolution.

It was Resolved, unanimously, in the Affirmative.

Thereupon it was moved to resolve,

That this House do adjourn to Tuesday next.

The Question of Concurrence having been put on this Motion,

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It was Resolved, unanimously, in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr Chief Justice *Monk*, then declared this Assembly continued to Tuesday next, at One o'Clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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TUESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Baby.*

*Caldwell.*

*Monk.*

*Grant.*

*De Lotbiniere.*

*Blackwood.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Debartzsch.*

*Duchefnay.*

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *M'Gillivray* appeared, and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of his present Majesty, which was administered by Mr. *Montizambert*, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oaths to the Members of the Legislature.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Lee*; which being read, was in the words following :

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,**

*Tuesday, 14th February, 1815.*

**RESOLVED**, That the Order of this House, of the Fourth of February, instant, for taking into custody, the Honorable *H. W. Ryland*, Member of the Legislative Council of the Province of Lower Canada, be now rescinded.

**ORDERED**, That the said Resolution be communicated to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

OR-

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

(Attest)

(Signed) WILLIAM LINDSAY, Clk. Assy.

The House having taken into consideration the Communication of the Assembly, that that House had this day Resolved,

That the Order of that House, of the Fourth of February, instant, for taking into Custody the Honorable *Herman W. Ryland*, a Member of the Legislative Council, be rescinded;

It is Ordered,

That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and inform that House, that the Legislative Council receives with satisfaction, the information thus communicated, and in consequence thereof, declares itself ready to proceed in the exercise of its Legislative functions.

It was moved,

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

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act further to continue for a limited time, part of an Act passed in the Fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for establishing Regulations respecting Aliens and certain Subjects of His Majesty who have resided in France, coming into this Province or residing therein."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and

and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, and desire the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

It was moved,

That the engrossed Bill, intituled, " An Act to continue an Act passed in the Forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace, to make for a limited time " Rules and Regulations for the Government of Apprentices and " others," be now read for the third time.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to continue an Act " passed in the Forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace, to make for a limited " time Rules and Regulations for the Government of Apprentices and " others."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *De St. Ours*, presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Town and District of Three Rivers, praying, That certain changes may be made, respecting the Terms of the Court of King's Bench, for Civil Causes, for that District.

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

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbiniere* presented a Petition from the Magistrates of the District of Montreal, praying, that certain regulations may be made, respecting Bakers.

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

And another Petition, from the Magistrates of the District of Montreal, praying, That a permanent House of Correction be established, and an increased allowance may be granted by the Legislature, in aid of the present temporary House of Correction, in Montreal. OR-

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

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to Thursday next, at one o'clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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THURSDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Monk.*

*Ryland.*

*De Lotbiniere.*

*Grant.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Blackwood.*

*Hale.*

*M'Gillivray.*

*Caldwell.*

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

It was moved,

That the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of the Prefs within the Province of Lower Canada," which had been postponed from the 4th instant, to the next Sitting Day, should now be read for the second time.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie za. vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of the Prefs within the Province of Lower Canada."

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

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

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

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Agreed

Agreed and Ordered,

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

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to Saturday next, at One o'clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

	<i>The Honorable</i>	
<i>Lord Bishop of Quebec.</i>	<i>Messrs. Monk.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
	<i>De Lotbiniere.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
	<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
	<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Debartzsch.</i>
	<i>Cadwell.</i>	<i>M<sup>c</sup>Gillivray.</i>

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, for Speaker.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Blanchet*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign. intituled " an Act to grant certain Duties to His Majesty, towards supplying the wants of the Province, during the present war with the United States of America, " and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read.

*Hodie in vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, " intituled, " An Act to grant certain Duties to His Majesty, towards supplying the wants of the Province during the present war with the United States of America, and for other purposes,"

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

The Order of the Day being read for the House resolving itself into



a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act for  
" the better Regulation of the Press within the Province of Lower  
" Canada :"

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

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr.  
*De Lotbiniere* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone  
through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with  
several Amendments, which he delivered in, at the Table.

The said Amendments being then read, were severally agreed to by  
the House.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be engrossed.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Debartzsch*, presented a Petition from Mr. *Ju-  
chereau Duchesnay*, praying the Legislature to grant him the privilege of  
erecting a Toll Bridge, over the River of *Cap Rouge*.

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

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly con-  
tinued to Monday next, at One o'Clock, in the Afternoon, the House  
so decreeing.

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MONDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Monk.*

*De Lotbiniere.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Hale.*

*Caldwell.*

*Ryland.*

*Cuthbert.*

*Grant.*

*Blackwood.*

*Debartzsch.*

*M'Gillivray.*

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, sat Speaker.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the " fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " an Act to grant " certain Duties to His Majesty, towards supplying the wants of the " Province, during the present war with the United States of America, " and for other purposes."

It was moved,

That the said Order be postponed, until the next sitting day.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr *Lee*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act for the better support of the dignity of the Speaker of the " House of Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, and for disabling the Speaker of the House of Assembly for the time being, " from holding any office or place of profit, during pleasure, under " the Crown."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

And another Message by the same Messenger, which being read, was in the words following :

*HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,*

*Saturday, 18th February, 1815.*

**RESOLVED**, That it is necessary, for the interests of the inhabitants of this Province, that a Person fully qualified, be appointed an Agent near His Majesty's Government, in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the purpose of soliciting the passing of Laws, and the transacting of such public matters as shall be from time to time committed to his care, for the good of the said Province.

**RESOLVED**, That the concurrence of the Honorable the Legislative Council, in the said Resolution, be desired. OR-

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ORDERED, That Mr. *Lee*, do carry the said Resolutions to the Legislative Council.

(Attest)

(Signed) WILLIAM LINDSAY, Clk. Affy.

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

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act for the better Regulation of the Press within the Province of Lower Canada, be postponed until the next fitting day.

It was Resolved in the Negative.

It was then moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie 3a. vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act for the better Regulation of the Press within the Province of Lower Canada."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Monk*, declared this Assembly continued to Wednesday next, at Three o'Clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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WEDNESDAY, 22d FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were:

*The*

*The Honorable*

<i>Messrs. De Lotbiniere.</i>	<i>Cuthbert.</i>
<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
<i>Duchefnay.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Debartzsch.</i>
<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>M'Gillivray.</i>
<i>Ryland.</i>	

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, informed the House, that a Commission had been issued under the Great Seal, appointing him Speaker of this House, which being read, was in the words following :

*Province of }  
Lower Canada. }*

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

**G**EORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith ;— To our trusty and well beloved Councillor, *John Hale*, Esquire, Greeting : Whereas by our Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of our said Province of Lower Canada, bearing date at our Castle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, in our said Province, the fifth day of January, in the forty-ninth year of our Reign, We did constitute and appoint our trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell*, our Chief Justice of our said Province, and one of the Members of our Legislative Council, in our said Province, Speaker of our said Legislative Council, in our said Province, during our pleasure, as by our said Letters Patent more at large appears. And whereas by other Letters Patent, under our Great Seal of our said Province, bearing date at our said Castle of Saint Lewis, the sixteenth day of January, in the fifty-fifth year of our Reign, we did constitute, name and appoint our trusty and well beloved Councillor, *James Monk*, Esquire, from time to time, during pleasure, to use, occupy and supply the room and place of the said *Jonathan Sewell*, in our said Legislative Council, among our Legislative Councillors there assembled, during the absence of our said trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell*, from his accustomed place in our said Legislative Council ; and then and there to do and execute all such things as our said trusty and

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well beloved *Jonathan Sewell*, should or might have done in that behalf if he were there personally present, as by our said last recited Letters Patent more at large appears. Now know ye, that We have revoked, determined and made void, and by these presents, do revoke, determine and make void, our said last recited Letters Patent, and all things therein contained. And know ye further, that we, trusting in your approved fidelity, wisdom and discretion, have constituted, named and appointed, and by these presents, do constitute, name and authorize you, the said *John Hale*, from time to time, during our pleasure, to use, occupy and supply the room and place of the said *Jonathan Sewell*, in our said Legislative Council, among our Legislative Councillors there assembled, during the absence of the said trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell*, from his accustomed place in our said Legislative Council; and then and there to do and execute all such things as our said trusty and well beloved *Jonathan Sewell*, Esquire, should or might do in that behalf, were he there personally present, using and supplying the same room and place. Wherefore We will and command you, the said *John Hale*, to attend and execute the premises with effect, and these our Letters Patent, shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge for the same in every behalf. In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness our trusty and well beloved Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Lower Canada, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. at our Castle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, in our said Province of Lower Canada, the twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and of our Reign the fifty-fifth.

(Signed) JOHN TAYLOR, Dep. Secy.

(Signed) G. P.

Then the Speaker took the Chair at the foot of the Throne, and the Commission was ordered to be put on the Journals.

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé*, appeared and took the oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of His present Majesty, which was administered by Mr *Montizambert*, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the oaths to the Members of the Legislature. The

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the " fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to grant " certain Duties to His Majesty, towards supplying the wants of the " Province during the present war with the United States of America, " and for other purposes."

It was moved,

That the above Order of the day be postponed to the next sitting day.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay*, acquainted the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief having been apprised of the contents of the Bill, intituled, " An Act for the better support of the dignity of the " Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, " and for disabling the Speaker of the House of Assembly, for the time " being, from holding any office or place of profit, during pleasure, un- " der the Crown," has no objection that the House proceed therein as the House may think expedient.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay*, also acquainted the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief having been apprised of the contents of a Bill, intituled, " An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed " in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " an Act " to grant certain Duties to His Majesty, towards supplying the wants " of the Province during the present war with the United States of " America, and for other purposes," has no objection that the House proceed therein as the House may think expedient.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time, and amend an Act passed " in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to " grant to His Majesty certain additional duties towards supplying the " wants of the Province."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved,

That the Bill, intituled, " An Act for the better support of the dignity of the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, and for disabling the Speaker of the House of Assembly for the time being, from holding any office or place of profit, during pleasure, under the Crown," be now read for the second time.

It was thereupon moved, in amendment,

That this Bill be read for a second time on Monday next.

The same being objected to.

After debate,

The Question of Concurrence was put on the Amendment.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Message sent from the Assembly, respecting an Agent for this Province, near His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, be taken into consideration on the next sitting day.

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

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THURSDAY, 23d FEBRUARY,

**T**HE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

<i>Messrs. De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Cuthbert.</i>
<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
<i>De Gaspé.</i>	<i>Debartzsch.</i>
<i>Ryland.</i>	<i>M<sup>r</sup> Gillivray.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker, by virtue of his Commission.  
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The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the "fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to "grant certain duties to His Majesty, towards supplying the wants of "the Province during the present war with the United States of Ame- "rica, and for other purposes."

The said Bill was read accordingly, for the second time.

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

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

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

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

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Message sent up from the Assembly, respecting an Agent for this Province, near His Majesty's Government;

The House proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

It was moved to resolve,

That in the opinion of this House, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, for the time being, is the fit and Constitutional Channel of communication between the Legislative Bodies in this Province, and His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Question of Concurrence being put on this Motion,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.



It was moved to Resolve,

That, in the opinion of this House, the appointment of an Agent near His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the purposes specified in the Resolution of the Assembly of the eighteenth day of February, instant, would derogate essentially from the most important functions of the King's Representative in this Province; would tend to embarrass his Majesty's Ministers, to excite distrust and discord between the several Branches of the Provincial Legislature, and greatly to impede, instead of facilitating, the public business.

The same being objected to.

After Debate,

It was moved in Amendment,

That the further consideration of the Resolution and Message from the Assembly be postponed, until Thursday next.

The Question of Concurrence being put on the Amendment.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the further consideration of the Resolution and Message, be taken into consideration, on Thursday next.

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

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FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. De Lotbiniere.*

*De St. Ours.*

*Hale.*

*Duchesnay.*

*Caldwell.*

*Gaspé.*

*Ryland.*

*Cuthbert.*

*Grant.*

*Blackwood.*

*Debartzsch.*

*M<sup>c</sup>Gillivray.*

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The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

The Order of the Day being read for the third Reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to repeal part of and amend an Act passed in the " fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to grant " certain duties to His Majesty, towards supplying the wants of the " Province during the present war with United States of America, and " for other purposes."

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read for the third time.

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

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery, do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any Amendment.

It was moved,

That this House do now Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Privileges of this House.

It was Resolved, in the Affirmative.

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

After some time, the House was resumed.

Doubts having been entertained, in this House, respecting the man-  
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ner in which the Casting Vote, usually given by the Speaker of this House, by virtue of the Constitutional Act, is to be explained.

It was moved to Resolve,

That in all cases, where the Votes shall be equally divided, the non-contents shall carry it, according to the Parliamentary usage established and constantly followed in the House of Lords of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain.

The same being objected to,

After debate,

The Question of concurrence having been put on this motion,

It was Resolved in the Negative.

Dissentient,

I. Because, we believe, that this motion ought not to have been carried in the negative, as the right exercised by the Speaker of this House, in giving his Vote, when the Votes were not equal, is not only contrary to the spirit, but to the letter of the Constitutional Act; which Act declares, in clear and precise terms, that in all cases, when the Votes are equally divided, the Speaker shall only have the Casting Vote, which can leave no doubt, that in the contrary case, he has not the right of voting.

II. Because, the Casting Vote given to the Speaker, when he votes in the minority, is contrary to the usages established, from time immemorial, and constantly followed in the House of Lords of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, an example which the Members of this House, ought to have made it their duty scrupulously to have observed, had they not thought themselves strictly bound, by the spirit and letter of the Constitution, the fundamental maxim of the House of Lords, in cases where the Vote of the Speaker makes a tie, his Vote always carrying with it the principle *semper pro sumetur pro negante*, and therefore the non-contents carry the Question.

III. Because, we have reason to believe, that such practice is derogatory to the honor and dignity of the Members of this House, who are thereby deprived of that equality of rights granted them by the Constitutional Act, in the exercise of their Legislative functions. IV.

IV. Because, it gives to one individual of this House, an extraordinary power, dangerous in its consequences, as well to the interests of the Public as to the freedom of the Proceedings of this House, particularly as the Rules of this House fix the Quorum, to be of only five Members, and in some instances, the Quorum has even been reduced to three Members, who are declared to be a competent number, to decide Questions that may be agitated in the House, whereby the best interests of the Province, and the exercise of the Rights and Privileges of this House, would be often left, in the first case, to the decision of two persons, in the second case to one alone.

V. Because, it would give to the Executive Power in this Province, a decided preponderance in this Branch of the Legislative Body, through the Speaker of this House, who is generally Chief Justice of the Province, and who holds his office, only, during pleasure.

(Signed) C. WM. GRANT,  
P. D. DEBARTZCH.

SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

<i>Messrs. De Lotbiniere.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
<i>Duchefnay.</i>	<i>Debartzch.</i>
<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>M'Gillivray.</i>
<i>De Gaspé.</i>	

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill intituled "An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty to supply the wants of the Province."

This Bill was read for the first time.

**ORDERED,**

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

The Honble. Mr. *Ryland* presented a Petition from *Alexr. Wood*, of Upper Canada.

The Honble. Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>Gillivray* signified to the House that His Excellency having been apprized of the contents of this Petition, had no objection that the House proceed therein, as the House may think fit.

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

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

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MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

THE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

<i>Messrs. De Lotbiniere.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Cuthbert.</i>
<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
<i>Duchefnay.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>Debartzsch.</i>
<i>De Gaspé.</i>	<i>M<sup>c</sup>Gillivray.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honble. Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

It was moved,

That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the next sitting day, to take into consideration the insufficiency of the Salaries of the Clerks of this House, and the want of further assistance.

The Question of Concurrence being put on this motion,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on this Motion, on the next sitting day. The

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act for the better support of the dignity of the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, and for disabling the Speaker of the House of Assembly, for the time being, from holding any office or place of profit, during pleasure, under the Crown,"

It was moved, that the said order of the Day be discharged, and that the said Bill be printed.

It was thereupon moved, in Amendment,

That the words " be printed ;" be struck out, and the words, " be read" for a second time, on Wednesday next, be inserted in their stead.

The Question of Concurrence being put on the Amendment,

The same being objected to,

After debate,

It was Resolved in the Negative.

The Question having been put on the original motion,

It was Resolved in the Negative.

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act for the better support of the dignity of the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, and for disabling the Speaker of the House of Assembly for the time being, from holding any office or place of profit, during pleasure, under the Crown."

ORDERED, That this Bill be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House, and be taken into consideration To-morrow.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Viger*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of Montreal,"

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

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

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TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

<i>Messrs. De Lotbiniere.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Cuthbert.</i>
<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
<i>Duchesnay.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>Debartzsch.</i>
<i>De Gaspé.</i>	<i>M'Gillivray.</i>

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

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

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

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty, to supply the wants of the Province."

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

The Order of the Day being read for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the insufficiency of the Salaries of the Clerks of this House, and the want of further assistance.

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

After some time, the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Ryland*, reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the same into consideration, and had come to the following Resolution: That it

it was expedient, that a more ample provision be made for the Clerks, and Officers of this House.

The House agreed with the Committee.

The House taking into consideration the expediency of a more ample provision being made for the Clerks and Officers of this House;

It was moved,

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

**SIR GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet,**

*Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and their several dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, Lieutenant General and Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and their several dependencies, and in the Islands of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, Cape Breton and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of the Province of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, taking into consideration, the insufficiency of the present Salaries of the Clerks and Officers of this House, do beseech Your Excellency that you will be pleased to take the same into Your Excellency's consideration.

The Question of Concurrence being put on the said Motion,

It was Resolved unanimously in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *De Gaspé* and *Ryland*, do wait on His Excellency, with the said Address.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this House, that the appointment of a Law Clerk, for the service of this House, is highly expedient and necessary.

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RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to appoint a fit and proper person to fill such Office.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *De St. Ours* and *Caldwell*, do wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the said Resolution.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Lee*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time, and to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

*Hodie la lecta vice est Billa*, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time, and to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province."

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

The Order of the Day being read, for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better support of the dignity of the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, and for disabling the Speaker of the House of Assembly, for the time being, from holding any office of profit, during pleasure, under the Crown."

It was moved,

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

The Question being put on this motion,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* declared this Assembly continued to Tomorrow, at Two o'Clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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WEDNESDAY, 1st MARCH.

THE Members convened were:

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*The Honorable*

<i>Messrs. De Lotbiniere.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Cuthbert.</i>
<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
<i>Duchesnay.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>Debartzsch.</i>
<i>De Gaspé.</i>	

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé* reported, That the Honorable Mr. *Ryland*, and himself, had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House, of yesterday, respecting an additional Salary to the Clerks and Officers of this House, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would take the same into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. *De St. Ours* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Caldwell*, and himself had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the Address of this House, respecting the appointment of a Law Clerk for the services of this House, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would take the same into consideration.

It was moved,

That the fifth Order of the Day, respecting the House going into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better support of the dignity of the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, and for disabling the Speaker of the House of Assembly for the time being, from holding any office or place of profit, during pleasure, under the Crown," be taken into immediate consideration.

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

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, with two Amendments, which he delivered in at the Table.

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The said Amendments were twice read as follows :

Prefs 1, line 18, After " shall" insert, " during the term of the present Provincial Parliament."

Preamble, Leave out from " most" inclusive, to " it" also inclusive, in the eighth line of the same, and insert, " Whereas it is expedient to enable the Speaker of the House of Assembly for the time being, better to maintain the dignity of this office, and to meet the expences, necessarily attendant thereon, Be it therefore."

The Question was put, to concur with the Committee, on the first Amendment."

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question was put, to " concur with the Committee, on the second Amendment."

It was Resolved in the Negative.

ORDERED, That the Amendment be engrossed.

It was moved,

That this Bill be read for a third time to-morrow.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

The Governor in Chief avails himself of the earliest opportunity of communicating to the Legislative Council, that he has received from His Majesty's Envoy at Washington, notification of the conclusion and ratification of a Treaty of Peace and Amity between His Majesty and the United States of America,

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The restoration of the relations of friendship between His Majesty and the United States, being likely to render immediately the intercourse which subsisted before the commencement of the war between this Province and the adjacent territories of the American Government, the Governor in Chief recommends to the Legislative Council the early adoption of such measures as shall seem to them best calculated for the due regulation of that intercourse, until His Majesty's Government shall finally determine in what manner, and under what restriction it shall be carried on, and shall make some permanent arrangements with respect to it.

(Signed) G. P.

*Castle of St. Lewis,  
1st March, 1815.*

**ORDERED,** That the said Message do lie on the Table.

**RESOLVED,** That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return the thanks of this House for his Message of this day, communicating to this House, the Notification received from His Majesty's Envoy at Washington, of the conclusion and ratification of a Treaty of Peace and Amity between His Majesty and the United States of America; and to assure His Excellency, that this House will not fail to adopt such measures as shall seem best calculated for the due regulation of that intercourse likely to be renewed between this Province and the adjacent territories of the American Government, until His Majesty's Government shall make some permanent arrangements with respect to it.

**ORDERED,** That the Honorable Messrs. *Duchénoy* and *Debartzsch*, do wait upon His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the said Address.

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

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

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

The Governor in Chief has directed to be laid before the Legislative Council an Estimate of sundry Repairs indispensably necessary to be made

made on the Court House in the City of Quebec; and he recommends to the Legislative Council to concur in making such provision for these Repairs, as shall seem to them to be adequate.

The Governor in Chief has also directed to be laid before the Legislative Council, two Estimates of the expence of certain other proposed repairs and alterations in the Court House, of which the necessity is less urgent, and he has caused to be annexed thereto, the Architect's Report upon the subject.

And on this matter, if it should come before the Legislative Council, it is the wish of the Governor in Chief that they should do as to them shall seem most expedient

(Signed) G. P.

Castle of St Lewis,  
28th February, 1815.

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

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return the Thanks of this House for his Message of yesterday, laying before this House, an Estimate of sundry Repairs indispensably necessary to be made on the Court House in the City of Quebec, and to assure His Excellency, that this House will not fail to concur in making such provisions for these repairs as shall seem to be most adequate: and that should the matter of the two Estimates of the expence of other proposed repairs in the Court House, of less urgent necessity, come before the Legislative Council; this House will readily take them into consideration, and adopt such measures as shall appear best calculated to accomplish the objects proposed.

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

It was moved,

That a Conference be demanded of the Assembly, on the subject of the expediency of a Salary being granted to the Speaker of this House.

The Question was put,

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Whether this Motion shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, To-morrow, to take the same into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. *De Lotbiniere*, presented a Petition from *Lambert Dumont*, Esqr. praying that a patent be granted to him for erecting Bridges with wrought Iron, of his own invention.

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

Whereas this day was appointed for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time and amend an Act passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to grant to His Majesty certain additional Duties towards supplying the wants of the Province,"

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

Whereas this day was appointed for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of Montreal,"

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

Whereas this day was appointed for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty, to supply the wants of the Province,"

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

Whereas this day was appointed for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time, and to amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province,"

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, declared this Assembly continued to To-morrow at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing. THURS-

THURSDAY, 2d MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

<i>Messrs. De Lotbiniere.</i>	<i>De Gaspé.</i>
<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
<i>Duchesnay.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>Debartzsch.</i>

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

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

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Message from the Assembly, respecting the appointment of an Agent near His Majesty's Government, and the Resolutions proposed thereupon.

The House proceeded to take into consideration, the Resolution, which had been postponed to this day, viz.

That in the opinion of this House, the appointment of an Agent near His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the purposes specified in the Resolutions of the Assembly, of the eighteenth day of February, instant, would derogate essentially from the most important functions of the King's Representative in this Province; would tend to embarrass His Majesty's Ministers, to excite distrust and discord between the several branches of the Provincial Legislature, and greatly to impede, instead of facilitating, the public business.

And the Question of concurrence having been put on this Resolution :

It was resolved in the Negative.

It was moved to Resolve, therefore,

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That

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That the House doth not concur in the measures proposed in the Message of the Assembly, of the 18th February last.

The Question of concurrence being put on this Motion,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly with the Resolution of the 23d February, and the Resolution of this day.

The Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act for the better support of the dignity of the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, and for disabling the Speaker of the House of Assembly for the time being, from holding any office or place of profit, during pleasure, under the Crown."

It was moved,

That the Bill, intituled, " An Act for the better support of the dignity of the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, and for disabling the Speaker of the House of Assembly, for the time being, from holding any office or place of profit, during pleasure, under the Crown," and the engrossed Amendment made thereto, be re-committed.

It was Resolved in the Negative.

It was then moved, that the word " present" in the 8th line of the engrossed Amendment be struck out, and the word " eighth" inserted in its stead.

The Question being put on this Motion,

It was Resolved, in the Affirmative.

It was thereupon moved,

That the engrossed Amendment be struck off from the Bill.

It was Resolved in the Negative.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa,* intituled, " An Act for the better support  
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“ port of the dignity of the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the  
“ Province of Lower Canada, and for disabling the Speaker of the  
“ House of Assembly for the time being, from holding any office or  
“ place of profit, during pleasure, under the Crown.”

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill with the Amendment shall pass ?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Whereas this day was appointed for the second reading the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to continue for a limited time and amend the Militia Acts now in force in this Province,”

ORDERED, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration, the motion made yesterday, respecting a Conference with the Assembly, on the subject of the expediency of granting a Salary to the Speaker of this House,

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, to take the same into consideration.

After some time, the House was resumed.

It was moved,

That it is not at present, expedient to demand a Conference with the Assembly, on the subject of a Salary for the Speaker of this House.

The Question being put,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr *Hale*, declared this Assembly continued to Tomorrow, at Three o’Clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY, 3d MARCH.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. De St. Ours.*

*Hale.*

*Duchefnay.*

*Caldwell.*

*De Gaspé.*

*Ry'and.*

*Grant.*

*Blackwood.*

*Debartzsch.*

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Debartzsch* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay*, and himself had (according to order) waited on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House, of the first of March, instant, respecting the Ratification of Peace between Great Britain and the United States of America, and that His Excellency was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty, to supply the wants of the Province,"

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

After some time, the House was resumed.

And the Honorable Mr. *Grant*, reported from the said Committee, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report this Bill, without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act to grant new Duties to His Majesty, to supply the Province."

The Question was put,

Whether

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any Amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Debartzsch*, presented a Petition from the Citizens of the City of Quebec, praying Legislative aid, for removing the Market House of the City of Quebec.

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

It was moved to Resolve,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to inform His Excellency, that in consequence of his Message of Twenty-second February last, this House hath passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better support of the dignity of the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, and for disabling the Speaker of the House of Assembly for the time being, from holding any office or place of profit, during pleasure, under the Crown," for granting an annual Salary for a limited time, to the Speaker of the Assembly."

And that this House being impressed with the expediency of remunerating their Speaker also, by an annual Salary, for the arduous and important duties attached to his high office, humbly pray his Excellency to take the same into consideration, and to adopt such measures thereupon, as to his Excellency in his wisdom may seem meet.

The Question of concurrence being put,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs *De St. Ours*, *Duchefnay*, *Ryland*, *Blackwood*, and *Debartzsch*, do wait on his Excellency with the said Address.

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

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SATURDAY, 4th MARCH.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

<i>Messrs. De Lotbiniere.</i>	<i>De Gaspé.</i>
<i>De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>
<i>Duchesnay.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>Debartzsch.</i>

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* reported, that the Honorable Messrs. *De St. Ours*, *Duchesnay*, *Ryland*, *Debartzsch* and himself had (according to order) waited on his Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House of yesterday, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he would take the same into consideration.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to improve the Internal Communications of this Province."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time and amend an Act passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to grant to His Majesty, certain additional duties towards supplying the wants of the Province."

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

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

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

It was moved,

That this Bill be now read for the third time.

It was moved in amendment,

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

The Question being put on the Amendment,

It was Resolved in the Negative.

And the Question having been put on the original motion.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time and amend an Act passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to grant to His Majesty certain additional duties towards supplying the wants of the Province."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any Amendment.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Lee*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, to enable him to support the dignity of his office, during the present Provincial Parliament :"

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

It was moved,

That

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That the said Bill be now read for the first time.

ORDERED, That the Address of this House, to His Excellency, of yesterday, be now read.

The same having been read,

It was moved in Amendment,

That this Bill be not read, until a Message is received from his Excellency the Governor in Chief, on this subject.

It was Resolved in the Negative.

The Question being then put on the original motion, for the first reading of the said Bill,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

This Bill was accordingly read for the first time.

It was then moved,

That this Bill be read for the second time, on the first day of August next.

It was then moved in Amendment,

That the words "the first day of August next," be struck out, and that in lieu thereof, the word "now" be inserted.

The Question being put on this Amendment,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question being then put on the original motion, as amended,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act to grant a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, to enable him to support the dignity of his office, during the present Provincial Parliament."

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It was moved,

That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on this Bill.

It was moved in Amendment,

That no further proceedings do take place, respecting the consideration of this Bill, until a Message be received from his Excellency the Governor in Chief, on this subject.

The Question being put on the Amendment,

It was Resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the original Motion,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. *Debartzsch*, reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

It was moved,

That this Bill be now read for the third time.

It was moved in amendment,

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

The Question being put on this Amendment,

It was Resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the original motion,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa, intituled, " An Act to grant a Salary to*  
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“ the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, to enable  
“ him to support the dignity of his office, during the present Provin-  
“ cial Parliament.

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Dissentient, First—Because a Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the better  
“ support of the dignity of the Speaker of the House of Assembly of  
“ the Province of Lower Canada, and for disabling the Speaker of the  
“ House of Assembly for the time being, from holding any office or  
“ place of profit during pleasure, under the Crown,” which was  
brought up from the Assembly, in the present Session, was passed by  
this House on the 2d instant, and sent down with an amendment, to  
the Assembly for its concurrence; and because, on the same day on  
which the present Bill hath been brought up and passed, this House  
hath, by a solemn Address and deputation informed his Excellency the  
Governor in Chief of its having passed the Bill first mentioned.

Secondly—Because, it is contrary to Parliamentary usage, to intro-  
duce in one and the same Session, two Bills having the same object, and,  
in our opinion, the assenting to this Bill, will sanction a practice, tend-  
ing to produce the most dangerous irregularities.

Thirdly—Because, by passing the present Bill, this House tacitly ac-  
knowledges, that it does not possess a right to amend a Bill of appro-  
priation, which it hath already claimed and exercised in the present  
Session with respect to the Bill first mentioned, and consequently sub-  
jects its proceedings to be considered as inconsistent, and its privileges  
to be treated with contempt.

Fourthly—Because, according to the opinion of this House, expres-  
sed in the Report of a Committee, and concurred in by the whole  
House, on the 27th day of April, 1793, the ordinary course of fair  
legis-



legislation requires that each House should have the credit of what they respectively devise for the public benefit, and consequently, that Bills only approved in part, should be concurred in, with amendments.

Fifthly—Because, by this Bill it is enacted, that the Salary granted to the Speaker of the Assembly, shall commence from a time prior to the period fixed upon by the first mentioned Act, namely, from the 21st day of January last, which was three days prior to the confirmation of the Speaker elect, by the approbation of his Excellency the Governor in Chief.

Lastly—Because, this Bill being clearly a Bill of appropriation, bears an improper preamble, and because it has been proceeded upon without the sanction of a Message from the Governor, and hurried in a very unusual and irregular manner through its different stages, and passed in one sitting, without affording time for reflection, or for amending it, in any respect.

(Signed) J. HALE.

(Signed) HERMAN W. RYLAND.

(Signed) J. BLACKWOOD.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Ross Cutbert*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act further to extend the provisions, of and amend several Acts therein mentioned, for facilitating the circulation of Army Bills.”

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Viger*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to encourage and diffuse the practice of Vaccine Inoculation,”

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

ORDERED, That this Bill be referred to a Special Committee, to take  
the same into consideration, and that the Committee be, the Ho-  
norable Messrs. *Blackwood, Grant and Debartzch.*

To meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* declared this Assembly continued to Mon-  
day next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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MONDAY, 6th MARCH.

**T**HE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

<i>Messrs. De St. Ours.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Cutbbert.</i>
<i>Duchefnay.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>Debartzch.</i>
<i>De Gaspé.</i>	

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, sat Speaker.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, inti-  
tuled, "An Act for reviving and continuing for a limited time, and a-  
" mending two several Acts therein mentioned, for better regulating  
" the Militia of this Province,"

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first and second times.

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

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

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act for reviving and continuing for a limited time, and amending two several Acts therein mentioned, for better regulating the Militia of this Province."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved unanimously, in the Affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Caldwell* presented a Petition, stating the insufficiency of the Salary of the Receiver General, and the necessity of an additional allowance.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay*, signified to the House, that his Excellency the Governor in Chief, having been apprized of the contents of the said Petition, had no objection, that the House might proceed therein, as the House might think expedient.

The House taking into consideration the want of other Rooms, for the use of the Clerks and Officers of this House, and for depositing in safety the papers thereof,

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor in Chief, praying that his Excellency will permit such other appartments as may be requisite, to be occupied for the aforesaid purposes."

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

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The Honorable Mr. *Debartzsch*, presented a Petition from *Joseph Bouchette*. Esquire, Surveyor General, praying an aid, to enable him to publish a Map of the Province.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* signified to the House, that his Excellency the Governor in Chief, having been apprised of the contents of the said Petition, had no objection, that the House might proceed therein as the House might think fit.

It was moved to Resolve, as a standing order of this House,

That when a Bill has once passed through its final stage in this House, no new Bill for the same object, can afterwards be admitted, or proceeded upon, during the same Session.

It was moved in amendment,

That the House do proceed to the Orders of the Day.

It was Resolved in the Negative.

The Question being put on the original motion,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative,

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act to Improve the Internal Communications of this Province."

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

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act to encourage and diffuse the practice of Vaccine Inoculation."

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

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

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 7th MARCH.

**T**HE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. De St. Ours.  
Hale.  
Ryland.*

*Caldwell.  
Blackwood.  
Debartzsch.*

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Debartzsch* and himself, had (according to the order of this House) waited on his Excellency the Governor in Chief with the Address of this House of yesterday, and that his Excellency was graciously pleased to say that he would take the same into consideration.

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, “ An Act further to extend the provisions of, and amend several Acts therein mentioned, for facilitating the circulation of Army Bills.”

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

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to improve the Internal Communications of this Province.”

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, “ An Act to improve the Internal Communications of this Province.”

The Question being put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any Amendment.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, " An Act to encourage and diffuse the practice of Vaccine Inoculation."

After some time, the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. *Debartzsch*, reported from the said Committee, that they had made some progress in the said Bill, and prayed leave to sit again.

The Question being put,

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

It was then moved,

That no further proceedings be had on the said Bill, until his Excellency's pleasure thereon be signified to this House.

The Question being put on this Motion,

It was Resolved, in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Ryland* presented a Bill.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read.

*Hodie 1a lecta vice est Billa*, intituled, " An Act for altering and amending an Act passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for the safe custody and registering of all Letters Patent, whereby any grant of the waste Lands or other Lands of the Crown, lying within this Province, shall hereafter be made."

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

The Honorable Mr. *Debartzsch*, presented a Petition from Mr. *Casgrain*

grain, against a Bill authorising any other person but himself to build a Toll Bridge over the River Ouelle.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, declared this Assembly continued to Tomorrow, at One o'Clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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WEDNESDAY, 8th MARCH.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

<i>Messrs. Baby.</i>	<i>De Gaspé.</i>
<i>Hale.</i>	<i>Ry and.</i>
<i>Duchesnay.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>
<i>Caldwell.</i>	

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

The Order of the Day being read for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, " An Act further to extend the provisions of, and amend several Acts therein mentioned, for facilitating the circulation of Army Bills."

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

After some time, the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay*, reported from the said Committee, that they had made some progress in the said Bill, and prayed leave to sit again.

Agreed, and Ordered,

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

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The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time, the House was resumed.

His Excellency Sir George Prevost, Baronet, Governor in Chief, coming down to the House, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "It is his Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker :

Then the Clerk of the Crown read the title of the Bill to be passed, intituled, "An Act for reviving and continuing two several Acts therein mentioned, for better regulating the Militia of this Province."

To this Bill the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following :

"In His Majesty's Name his Excellency the Governor in Chief doth assent to this Bill."

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

Whereas this day was appointed for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for altering and amending an Act passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the safe custody and registering of all Letters Patent, whereby any grant of the waste or other Lands of the Crown, lying within this Province, shall hereafter be made."

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

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* informed the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief having been apprised of the contents of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to encourage and diffuse the practice of Vaccine Inoculation," had no objection that the House might proceed therein as the House might think expedient.

It was moved,

That



That the said Bill be now recommitted, and to a Committee of the whole House.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act to encourage and diffuse the practice of Vaccine Inoculation."

The Question being put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any Amendment.

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

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THURSDAY, 9th MARCH.

THE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Baby.  
Hale.  
Duchesnay.  
Caldwell.*

*De Gaspé.  
Ryland.  
Blackwood.*

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The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act for altering and amending an Act passed in the " Thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for " the safe custody and registering of all Letters Patent, whereby any " grant of the waste or other Lands of the Crown, lying within this " Province, shall hereafter be made ;"

This Bill was read for the second time.

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

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

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

ORDERED, That this Bill be engrossed.

The Honorable Mr. *Blackwood*, from the special Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, " An Act to establish a House of Industry in the City of Montreal," informed the House, that the said Special Committee never met, two of the Members who were to compose the same, being absent from Town.

It was moved,

That the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Caldwell* presented a Petition from *John Mure*, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for building a Gaol for the District of Quebec, praying a further sum of money for the use of that building.

ORDERED,

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

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day, for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, " An Act further to extend the provisions of, and amend several Acts therein mentioned, for facilitating the circulation of Army Bills," be discharged, and that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, on the next sitting day.

Agreed and Ordered,

That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on this Bill to-morrow.

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

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FRIDAY, 10th MARCH.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Hale.*

*Duchesnay.*

*Caldwell.*

*De Gaspé,*

*Ryland.*

*Blackwood.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

It was moved,

That the Bill intituled, " An Act for altering and amending an Act passed in the Thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for the safe custody and registering of all Letters Patent, whereby any grant of the waste or other Lands of the Crown, lying within this Province, shall hereafter be made," be read for a third time.

The Question being put on this motion,

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It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read for the third time.

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the Day being read, for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to extend the provisions of, and amend several Acts therein mentioned, for facilitating the circulation of Army Bills,"

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

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

Agreed and Ordered,

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

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Vanfelson*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate persons engaged in the business or trade of Baking and Selling Bread within the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the town of Three Rivers, and to repeal an Ordinance therein mentioned."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Lee*, with a Bill, intituled,  
“ An Act to grant a certain Sum of Money to *Joseph Bouchette*, Es-  
quire, to assist him in publishing Geographical and Topographical  
“ Maps of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada.

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

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SATURDAY, 11th MARCH.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Hale.*

*Caldwell.*

*De Gaspé.*

*Cutbert.*

*Blackwood.*

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill; inti-  
tuled, “ An Act to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the  
“ fifty-third year of his Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act further  
“ to continue for a limited time the powers granted to certain Commis-  
“ sioners by an Act intituled, “ An Act for removing the old walls and  
“ fortifications that surround the city of Montreal, and otherwise to  
“ provide for the salubrity, convenience and embellishment of the said  
“ city, as also to continue for a limited time, the extension of the said  
“ powers in certain cases.”

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

ORDERED,

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

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Blanchette*, with a Bill intituled, " An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for the division of the Province of Lower Canada, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain Laws therein mentioned," so far as respects the Judiciary and Superior Terms of the Court of King's Bench for the District of Three Rivers."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable Mr. *Caldwell*, signified to the House, that his Excellency the Governor in Chief, having been apprised of the contents of this Bill, had no objection that the House might proceed thereon as they may think proper.

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

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill intituled, " An Act to regulate persons engaged in the business or trade of baking and selling Bread within the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the town of Three Rivers, and to repeal an Ordinance therein mentioned."

The said Bill was accordingly read for a second time.

It was moved,

That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, immediately.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

*Blackwood*. reported from the said Committee, that they had gone thro' the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several amendments, which he delivered in at the table.

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

— Prefs 1. line 24. Leave out from " Provided" inclusively to " entering" also inclusively, in the thirty-second line of the same Prefs, and insert " and that every person so licenced to " exercise the trade of Baker shall enter"

— Prefs 3. line 14. Leave out from " and" inclusively to " currency" also inclusively, in the nineteenth line of the same Prefs.

— 40. Leave out " city of" and insert " cities of Quebec " and"

— *ibid.* After " Montreal" insert " and town of Three Rivers." " vers."

ORDERED, That the said Amendments be engrossed.

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

The order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bill intituled, " An Act to grant a sum of Money to *Joseph Bouchette*, Esquire, to assist him in publishing Geographical and Topographical Maps of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada."

The said Bill was accordingly read for a second time.

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

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Cutbert*, to return the Bill, intituled, " An Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-second year " of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to empower the " Justices of the Peace, to make, for a limited time, Rules and Regulations for the government of Apprentices and others," and to acquaint this House, that the Assembly have agreed to the same, without any amendment.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Cutbert*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time certain parts of an Act passed in the forty-second year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled; "An Act to provide for the more effectual regulation of the Police within the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and town of Three Rivers; also for extending regulations of Police to other towns and villages in certain cases, and for repealing the Acts or Ordinances therein mentioned."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Cutbert*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to appropriate several sums of money therein mentioned, for repairing, improving and enclosing the Court House in the city of Quebec."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

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MONDAY, 13th MARCH.

**T**HE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Hale.  
Duchefnay.  
Caldwell.  
De Gaspé.*

*Ryland.  
Cutbert.  
Blackwood.*

PRAYERS.

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The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

The order of the day being read, for the House again resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act further to extend the provisions of, and amend several Acts therein mentioned, for facilitating the circulation of Army Bills,"

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

After some time, the House was resumed,

The order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time an Act passed in the fifty-third year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act further to continue for a limited time the powers granted to certain Commissioners by an Act intituled, "An Act for removing the old Walls and Fortifications that surround the City of Montreal, and otherwise to provide for the salubrity, convenience and embellishment of the said city" as also to continue for a limited time the extension of the said powers in certain cases,"

The said Bill was accordingly read for a second time.

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

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

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

It was moved,

That this Bill be now read for a third time.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read for a third time.

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act to regulate persons engaged in the business or trade of baking and selling Bread within the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the town of Three Rivers, and to repeal an Ordinance therein mentioned."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill as amended shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The order of the day being read, for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to grant a certain sum of money to *Joseph Bouchette*, Esquire, to assist him in publishing Geographical and Topographical Maps of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada,"

It was then moved,

That the said order be discharged, and that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

It was Resolved, in the Affirmative.

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time, certain parts of an Act passed in the forty-second year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide for the more  
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“ effectual regulation of the Police within the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and Town of Three Rivers; also for extending regulations of Police to other towns and villages in certain cases, and for repealing the Acts or Ordinances therein mentioned.”

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now committed, and to a Committee of the whole House.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative,

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

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for a third time.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read for a third time.

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. Hale declared this Assembly continued to Tomorrow, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY.

TUESDAY, 14th MARCH.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Hale.*

*Caldwell.*

*De Gaspé.*

*Ryland.*

*Blackwood.*

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

The order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty fourth year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for the division of the Province of Lower Canada, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain laws therein mentioned," so far as respects the Judiciary and Superior Terms of the Court of King's Bench for the District of Three Rivers."

The said Bill was accordingly read for a second time.

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now committed, and to a Committee of the whole House.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

Agreed and Ordered,

That the said Bill be again put into a Committee of the whole House on Friday next.

The order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bill intituled, " An Act to appropriate several sums of money therein mentioned, for repairing, improving and enclosing the Court House in the city of Quebec."

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The said Bill was accordingly read for a second time.

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now committed; and to a Committee of the whole House.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

It was then moved,

That the said Bill be now read for a third time.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read for a third time.

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

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THURSDAY, 16th MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

The

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Hale.*

*Duchefnay.  
Caldwell.*

*Ryland.  
Blackwood.*

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* for Speaker.

The order of the day being read for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, "An Act to grant a certain sum of money to *Joseph Bouchette*, Esquire, to assist him in publishing Geographical and Topographical Maps of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada."

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

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Bill a*, intituled, "An Act to grant a certain sum of Money to *Joseph Bouchette*, Esquire, to assist him in publishing Geographical and Topographical Maps of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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A Message from the Assembly, by Mr *Cutbert*, with a Bill intituled, " An Act to grant an aid to his Majesty, to assist in opening a Canal from the neighbourhood of Montreal to Lachine, and further to provide for facilitating the execution of the same."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Lee*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to prevent the injuring of Hides."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, declared this Assembly continued to Tomorrow, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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FRIDAY, 17th MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

<i>Lord Bishop of Quebec.</i>	<i>Messrs. Hale.</i>	<i>De Gaspé.</i>
	<i>Duchefnay.</i>	<i>Ryland.</i>
	<i>Caldwell.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, sat Speaker.

The order of the day being read, for the House again resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, " An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for the division of the Province of Lower Canada, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for re-  
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“ pealing certain Laws therein mentioned,” so far as respects the Judiciary and Superior Terms of the Court of King’s Bench for the District of Three Rivers.”

It was then moved,

That the said order of the day be discharged.

The same being objected to,

After debate,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to grant an Annuity to such Militiamen as were wounded during the late war with the United States of America, and to apply a sum of money therein mentioned, to aid and assist his Majesty in defraying the expences of the Militia incurred during the said war, and also to indemnify certain officers of Militia and the families of such Militiamen as were killed in the said war.”

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

Another Message from the Assembly, by the same Member, with a Bill intituled, “ An Act to provide for the holding of the Provincial Court of Appeals, during the repairs to be done to the Court House at Quebec.”

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Despré*, with a Bill intituled, “ An Act to continue for a limited time, two Acts therein mentioned, for the better regulation of the Lumber Trade.”

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

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This Bill was read for the first time.

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

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to grant an aid to his Majesty, to assist in opening a Canal from the neighbourhood of Montreal to Lachine, and further to provide for facilitating the execution of the same."

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

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Vanfelson*, to return the Bill intituled, " An Act to regulate persons engaged in the business or trade of baking and selling Bread within the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the Town of Three Rivers, and also to repeal an Ordinance therein mentioned." And to acquaint this House, that the House of Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House, to that Bill.

The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to prevent the Injuring of Hides."

It was moved,

That this Bill be read for the second time on the fourth day of May next.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Cuthbert*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant a Salary to the Speaker of the Legislative Council of Lower Canada, to enable him to support the dignity of his office during the present Provincial Parliament."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

It was moved,

This Bill be read for the second time on the first day of August next.

It was Resolved, unanimously, in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* presented a Petition from *Jacques Morin*, praying Legislative aid, to build a Bridge over the River Ouelle.

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

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

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SATURDAY, 18th MARCH.

**T**HE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

<i>Lord Bishop of Quebec.</i>	<i>Messrs. Hale.</i>	<i>De Gaspé.</i>
	<i>Duchefnay.</i>	<i>Ryland</i>
	<i>Calverwell.</i>	<i>Blackwood.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to provide for the holding of the Provincial Court of Appeals, during the repairs to be done to the Court House at Quebec."

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

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time two Acts therein mentioned, for the better Regulation of the Lumber Trade."

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

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* signified to the House, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief having been apprised of the contents of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to grant an annuity to such Militiamen  
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“ as were wounded during the late war with the United States of America, and to apply a sum of Money therein mentioned, to aid and assist his Majesty in defraying the expences of the Militia incurred during the said war, and also to indemnify certain Officers of Militia, and the Families of such Militiamen as were killed in the said war,” had no objection that the House might proceed thereon as the House might think expedient.

It was then moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, “ An Act to grant an annuity to such Militiamen as were wounded during the late war with the United States of America, and to apply a sum of money therein mentioned, to aid and assist his Majesty in defraying the expences of the Militia incurred during the said war, and also to indemnify certain Officers of Militia, and the Families of such Militiamen as were killed in the said war.”

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

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill intituled, “ An Act for the Relief of such Students in Law preparing themselves for the professions of Advocates and Attornies or Notaries, as have served in the Embodied Militia, during the late war with the United States of America.”

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, “ An Act to grant an aid to his Majesty, to assist in opening a Canal from the neighbourhood of Montreal to Lachine, and further to provide for facilitating the execution of the same.” After

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

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

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. *Lee*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act for opening the Street called Saint Paul's Street, in the Lower Town of Quebec, and to grant the advance of a sum of money for effecting the same."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* signified to the House, that his Excellency having been apprized of the contents of this Bill, had no objection that the House might proceed thereon as the House might think expedient.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau*, with a Bill intituled, " An Act to make good the deficiency of the Funds by Law provided for paying the Salaries of the Officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and the Contingent Expences thereof."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* signified to the House, that his Excellency the Governor in Chief having been apprized of the contents of this Bill, had no objection that the House might proceed thereon, as the House might think expedient.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

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The Honorable Mr. *Hale* declared this Assembly continued to Monday next, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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MONDAY, 20th MARCH.

**T**HE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

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

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the holding of the Provincial Court of Appeals, during the repairs to be done to the Court House at Quebec."

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act to provide for the holding of the Provincial Court of Appeals, during the Repairs to be done to the Court House at Quebec."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

**ORDERED**, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any Amendment.

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The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time, two Acts therein mentioned, " for the better Regulation of the Lumber Trade."

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

*Hodie 3a lecta vice est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time two Acts therein mentioned, for the better Regulation of " the Lumber Trade."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, " An Act to grant an Annuity to such Militiamen as were wounded " during the late war with the United States of America, and to ap- " ply a sum of money therein mentioned, to aid and assist his Majes- " ty in defraying the expences of the Militia incurred during the said " war, and also, to indemnify certain Officers of Militia, and the Fa- " milies of such Militiamen as were killed in the said war."

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Baby* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he delivered in at the Table.

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

Prefs

Prefs 1. line 21. Leave out "Officer."

— 34. Leave out "The Adjutant General of the Militia" and insert "such person as shall be appointed for that purpose by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province, for the time being."

— 40. Leave out "said Adjutant General of the Militia," and insert "Person to be named as aforesaid."

Prefs 3. line 7. Leave out "those" and insert "or."

— 8. After "Children" leave out "and" and insert "or."

— ibid. After "Father" leave out "and" and insert "or."

— ibid. After "Mother" insert "as the case may be."

ORDERED, That the said Amendments be engrossed.

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of such Students in Law preparing themselves for the professions of Advocates and Attornies or Notaries, as have served in the Embodied Militia, during the late war with the United States of America."

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

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Blanchet*, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise *Jacques Morin*, to erect a Toll Bridge, over the River Ouelle, in the Parish of Notre Dame de Liesse, County of Cornwallis."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for opening the Street called, St. Paul's Street, in the Lower Town of Quebec, and to grant the advance of a sum of money, for effecting the same."

It was thereon, moved :

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That

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

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to grant an aid to his Majesty, to assist in opening a Canal from the neighbourhood of Montreal to Lachine, and further to provide for facilitating the execution of the same."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr *Cutbert*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act for making a temporary provision for the Regulation of Trade between this Province and the United States of America, by Land or by Inland Navigation."

To which they desire the concurrence of this House

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to make good the deficiency of the Funds, by Law provided, for paying the Salaries of the Officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and the Contingent Expences thereof."

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

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Vanfelson*, with a Bill intituled, " An Act to demolish the Market House of the Upper Town of Quebec, and to provide means for erecting new Stalls, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

To



To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Lord Bishop of Quebec, in his place, suggested to the House the necessity of making certain corrections and amendments to the Form of Prayer daily used in this House.

ORDERED, That a fair copy of the Prayer with the corrections and amendments suggested by the Right Reverend Prelate, be taken into consideration on the next sitting day.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to revise the Rules and Standing Orders of this House, and that the Committee do report the same, preparatory to their being printed. And that the Committee be the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Québec, and the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay* and *Ryland*, and that the Committee do meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* declared this Assembly continued to Tomorrow, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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TUESDAY, 21st MARCH.

THE Members convened were:

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

*Messrs. Baby.*

*Ryland.*

*Hale*

*Blackwood.*

*Duchefnay.*

*M'Gillivray.*

*Caldwell.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, sat Speaker.

A Message from the Assembly by Mr. *Blanchet*, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-first year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for the Relief

“ lief of Infane Persons, and for the support of Foundlings and o-  
“ thers therein mentioned,” and also to grant a further sum of money  
“ for the more effectual attainment of the purposes of the said Act.”

To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

This Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved,

That the first Order of the Day, which was for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill intituled, “ An Act  
“ for the Relief of such Students in Law preparing themselves for the  
“ professions of Advocates and Attornies, or Notaries as have served in  
“ the Embodied Militia, during the late war with the United States  
“ of America ;” be discharged.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

It was moved,

That the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to grant an Annuity to such Mi-  
“ litiamen as were wounded during the late war with the United States  
“ of America, and to apply a Sum of Money therein mentioned, to  
“ aid and assist his Majesty in defraying the expences of the Militia,  
“ incurred during the said war, and also to indemnify certain Officers  
“ of Militia and the Families of such Militiamen as were killed in the  
“ said war,” be committed, and to a Committee of the whole House.

The same being objected to,

After debate,

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Baby* reported that the Committee had re-considered the said Bill, and the

the engrossed Amendments, and had directed him to report, that they had rejected the said Amendments, and had agreed to the Bill without any amendment.

Dissentient—1st. Because the propriety of the amendments made to this Bill on the 20th, and struck out on the 21st instant, has not been disputed.

2dly. Because, one of the clauses in this Bill contained matter which it became the Constitutional duty of this House to amend, inasmuch as it dictated to the Crown in respect to its undoubted Prerogative, the right to name the Persons by whom the Laws shall be executed.

3dly. Because, no argument hath been urged against the Amendments, except the declared apprehension, that the Assembly might take offence to see the Bill amended, and that in consequence it might be lost: an argument which, in our opinion, is unparliamentary; unworthy of the consideration of a Member of this House; and which, we further are of opinion, is entirely without foundation: Because, as the Bill granted a liberal gratuity to a large body of the People, it is most unlikely that the Popular Branch would reject the Bonus; and because no opportunity so favourable, may ever recur, for this House to exercise and establish its undoubted Privilege, of amending any Bill of Appropriation.

(Signed)

J. QUEBEC.

J. HALE.

H. W. RYLAND.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for a third time to-morrow.

It was moved,

That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of such Students in Law preparing themselves for the professions of Advocates and Attornies or Notaries, as have served in the Embodied Militia, during the late war with the United States of America."

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *Caldwell* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with one amendment, which he delivered in at the Table.

The said amendment was twice read, and was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :

Prefs 1. line 36. Leave out from "Whereas" inclusive, to "notwithstanding," also inclusive, in the twenty-third line of the second Prefs.

ORDERED, That the said Amendment be engrossed.

ORDERED, That this Bill be read for a third time to-morrow.

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make good the deficiency of the Funds by Law provided for paying the Salaries of the Officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and the Contingent Expences thereof."

After some time, the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act to make good the deficiency of the Funds by law provided, for paying the Salaries of the Officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and the Contingent Expences thereof."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

It was moved,

That the Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act for making a temporary provision for the Regulation of Trade between this Province and the United States of America, by Land or Inland Navigation," be discharged, and that this Bill be read for a second time, on the next fitting day.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to demolish the Market House of the Upper Town of Quebec, and to provide means for erecting New Stalls, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

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

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

The Members rose, and the Message was read.

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST, Governor.

The Governor in Chief has directed to be laid before the Legislative Council, a Representation which has been made to him by one of the Commissioners, for the erection of a Gaol in this District, of the necessity of a further sum of money, for the payment of a balance still due from the Public, to the workmen employed in the erection of that building, and he has caused to be annexed thereto, an Estimate, which has been submitted to him, of the expence of certain Repairs and alterations still required for the Gaol, and he recommends to the Legislative Council to concur in such provisions as shall appear to them to be sufficient for meeting the outstanding demands for the work already performed, and for covering the expenditure now necessary to make the building more secure and convenient for the purposes for which it was intended.

*Castle of St. Lewis,  
Quebec, 21st March, 1815.*

(Signed) G. P.

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor in Chief, to return him the Thanks of this House, for his

his Message of this day, and to assure his Excellency, that the House will pay due attention to the object recommended to their consideration.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. *Duchefnay* and Mr. *M'Gillivray*, do wait on his Excellency with the said Address.

ORDERED, That the Message and Papers accompanying the same, do do lie on the Table.

It was moved,

That the Bill intituled, " An Act to authorise *Jacques Morin* to erect a Bridge over the River Ouelle, in the Parish of Notre Dame de Lieffe, County of Cornwallis," be now read for a second time."

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act to authorise *Jacques Morin* to erect a Toll Bridge over the River Ouelle, in the Parish of Notre Dame de Lieffe, County of Cornwallis."

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

The House having taken into consideration the amendments made to the Form of Prayer daily used in this House,

ORDERED, That the amended Form of Prayer be used in this House, instead of the one daily read in this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* declared this Assembly continued to Tomorrow, at Two o'clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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WEDNESAY, 22d MARCH.

**T**HE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Hale.  
Duchefnay.  
Caldwell.  
De Gaspé.*

*Ryland.  
Blackwood.  
M'Gillivray.*

PRAYERS.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *M'Gillivray* and himself, had (according to order) waited on his Excellency the Governor in Chief with the Address of this House of yesterday.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act for opening the Street called, St. Paul's Street, in Lower Town of Quebec, and to grant the advance of a sum of money, for effecting the same."

It was moved,

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

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of such Students in Law preparing themselves for the professions of Advocates and Attornies or Notaries, who have served in the Embodied Militia, during the late war with the United States of America."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill, with the Amendments, shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this

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this Bill, with one amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill intituled, " An Act for making a temporary provision for the Regulation of Trade between this Province and the United States of America, by Land or by Inland Navigation."

It was moved,

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

It was Resolved in the Negative.

*Hodie 2a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act for making a temporary provision for the Regulation of Trade between this Province and the United States of America, by Land or by Inland Navigation."

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

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

After some time, the House was resumed.

And the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, " An Act for making a temporary provision for the Regulation of Trade between this Province and the United States of America, by Land or by Inland Navigation."

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative,

ORDERED,



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

*Hodie 3a lecta vice est Billa*, intituled, “ An Act to grant an Annuity to such Militiamen as were wounded during the late war with the United States of America, and to apply a sum of money therein mentioned, to aid and assist his Majesty in defraying the expences of the Militia incurred during the said war, and also, to indemnify certain Officers of Militia, and the Families of such Militiamen as were killed in the said war.”

The Question was put,  
Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House (according to order) was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to demolish the Market House of the Upper Town of Quebec, and to provide means for erecting new Stalls, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

After some time the House was resumed.

And the Honorable Mr. *Duchefnay* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

The House agreed with the Committee.

*Hodie 3a vice lecta est Billa*, intituled, “ An Act to demolish the Market House of the Upper Town of Quebec, and to provide means for erecting new Stalls, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

The Question was put,  
Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The order of the day being read, for the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise *Jacques Morin* to erect a Toll Bridge over the River Ouelle, in the Parish of Notre Dame de Liefte, County of Cornwallis."

It was moved,

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

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, declared this Assembly continued to Tomorrow, at Two o'Clock, in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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THURSDAY, 23<sup>d</sup> MARCH.

THE Members convened were :

*The Honorable*

*Messrs. Hale.  
Duchesnay.  
De Gaspé,*

*Ryland.  
Blackwood.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, for Speaker.

It was moved to Resolve,

That Two Hundred Copies of the Journals of the present Session be printed in both languages, with an Index for this and the last Session, for the use of the Members of this House, and that it is the opinion of this House, that a remuneration of one hundred pounds should be made to the Clerk of this House, for his extraordinary trouble in superintending

ing the printing the said Journals and Index in both languages, and that he be authorised to procure such additional assistance as he shall find necessary, to enable him to cause the said Journals and Index to be published as speedily as possible, and that he do charge the expences attending the same, in the future Contingent Accounts of the House.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

The House agreed with the Committee.

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

The Question was put,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any Amendment.

A Message from the Assembly, by Mr. Taschereau, to return the Bill intituled, " An Act for the Relief of such Students in Law preparing " them

“ themselves for the professions of Advocates and Attornies or Notaries, as have served in the Embodied Militia, during the late war with the United States of America.” And to acquaint this House, that the Assembly hath agreed to the amendment made by this House, to that Bill.

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

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

To meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Duchesnay* reported from the Committee, that they had audited the said Accounts of the Clerk of this House, and had found the same just and true.

ORDERED, That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor in Chief, humbly to request, that his Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant, in favor of *William Smith*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Council, for the sum of Six Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence currency, being the amount of the Expences incurred in his Office since the last Session, for which he has produced Vouchers, and that his Excellency would be also pleased to issue a Letter of Credit in his favor, for the sum of Two Hundred Pounds currency, for his expences during the Recess; to be accounted for by him, at the ensuing Session of the Legislature.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hale*, declared this Assembly continued to Saturday next, at One o’Clock in the Afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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SATURDAY, 25th MARCH.

THE Members convened were:

*The*

*The Honorable*

*Lord Bishop of Quebec.*

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

*Ryland.  
Blackwood.  
M'Gillivray.*

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hale* sat Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *De Gaspé* reported, that the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* and himself had (according to order) waited on his Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Address of this House of Thursday last, and that his Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would give the necessary directions.

The Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Quebec, from the Committee appointed to revise the Rules and Orders of this House, previous to their being printed, reported, that the Committee have not been able to make any report, for want of time.

The Speaker acquainted the House, that the Clerk of the Assembly having demanded certain Bills, for the purpose of their being presented for the Royal Assent by the Speaker of the Assembly; he had directed the Clerk to write to the Governor's Secretary for instructions on the subject, and that the Clerk had received the Secretary's answer; both of which papers were read to the House.

ORDERED, That the Clerk's Letter, and the Secretary's Answer be entered on the Journals.

SIR,

I am desired by the Speaker of the Legislative Council to request, that you will apply to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to know which of the Bills are to be considered as Money Bills, that they may be delivered to the Speaker of the House of Assembly—as the Clerk of the Assembly has applied for several Bills, upon which the Governor's assent has not been given in the form usual, to Money Bills.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servt.

(Signed) WM. SMITH.

*Andrew Wm. Cochran, Esq.*

*Castle*

Castle of St. Lewis,

Quebec, 25th March, 1815.

SIR,

In consequence of the lateness of the moment at which the doubt has been raised as to what Bills are Money Bills, I am authorised to acquaint you, that His Excellency the Governor in Chief is willing that you should deliver to the Clerk of the Assembly the Canal Bill—the Militia appropriation Bill, and the Bill for Improving the Internal Communications, that they may receive the Assent as Money Bills, and that the form now written in them may be altered accordingly.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servt.

ANDREW W. M. COCHRAN.

*Wm. Smith, Esq.*

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

Who being come with their Speaker :

The Clerk of the Crown read the Titles of the Bills to be passed, as follows :

“ An Act to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the Fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ An Act for the Relief of Insane Persons, and for the support of Foundlings and others therein mentioned, and also to grant a further sum of money for the more effectual attainment of the purposes of the said Act.”

“ An Act to continue an Act passed in the forty-second year of His Majesty's

- “ Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to empower the Justices  
“ of the Peace, to make, for a limited time, Rules and Regulations  
“ for the government of Apprentices and others.”
- “ An Act to repeal part of, and amend an Act passed in the fifty-third  
“ year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to grant cer-  
“ tain duties to His Majesty, towards supplying the wants of the  
“ Province, during the present war with the United States of Ame-  
“ rica, and for other purposes.”
- “ An Act to continue for a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-third  
“ year of his Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act further to  
“ continue for a limited time the powers granted to certain Com-  
“ missioners by an Act intituled, “ An Act for removing the old  
“ walls and fortifications that surround the city of Montreal, and  
“ otherwise to provide for the salubrity, convenience and embel-  
“ lishment of the said city, as also to continue for a limited time,  
“ the said powers in certain cases.”
- “ An Act for the Relief of such Students in Law preparing themselves  
“ for the professions of Advocates and Attornies, or Notaries as  
“ have served in the Embodied Militia, during the late war with  
“ the United States of America.”
- “ An Act to continue for a limited time certain parts of an Act passed  
“ in the forty-second year of his Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An  
“ Act to provide for the more effectual regulation of the Police  
“ within the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and town of Three  
“ Rivers; also for extending regulations of Police to other towns  
“ and villages in certain cases, and for repealing the Acts or Or-  
“ dinances therein mentioned.”
- “ An Act for making a temporary provision for the Regulation of  
“ Trade between this Province and the United States of America,  
“ by Land or by Inland Navigation.”
- “ An Act to continue for a limited time two Acts therein mentioned,  
“ for the better Regulation of the Lumber Trade.”
- “ An Act to grant a certain sum of Money to *Joseph Bouchette*, Esquire,  
R “ to

- “ to assist him in publishing Geographical and Topographical  
“ Maps of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada.”
- “ An Act to encourage and diffuse the practice of Vaccine Inoculation.”
- “ An Act to provide for the holding of the Provincial Court of Appeals, during the repairs to be done to the Court House at Quebec.”
- “ An Act to regulate persons engaged in the business or trade of baking and selling Bread within the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the Town of Three Rivers, and to repeal an Ordinance therein mentioned.”
- “ An Act to make good the deficiency of the Funds by Law provided for paying the Salaries of the Officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and the Contingent Expenses thereof.”
- “ An Act to demolish the Market House of the Upper Town of Quebec, and to provide means for erecting new Stalls, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”
- “ An Act to appropriate several Sums of Money therein mentioned, for repairing, improving and enclosing the Court House in the city of Quebec.”

To these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following :

In His Majesty's Name, His Excellency the Governor in Chief doth assent to this Bill.

Then the Clerk of the Crown read the Title of the Bill following :

- “ An Act to grant a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, to enable him to support the dignity of his Office, during the present provincial Parliament.”

The Clerk of this House, by His Excellency's Command, did say thereupon :

“ His



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

Then the Speaker of the House of Assembly, on presenting several Money Bills, did thereupon say :

*May please your Excellency ;*

His Majesty’s dutiful Subjects, the Commons of Lower Canada, have hastened to bestow their most serious attention upon the several objects connected with the public Service, which it pleased your Excellency, at the opening and during the course of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, to recommend to their consideration. The measures which have appeared best adapted to promote the common interests of His Majesty’s Subjects in this Province, and those of his Government, which is obliged still to continue a great part of the expences occasioned by a state of warfare, have all, inasfar as it has depended upon them, been adopted.

With this view, the Revenue Act, which was on the eve of expiring, has been continued, and a new one passed : Appropriations which will be deemed liberal, considering the means of the Colony, have been granted to His Majesty.

The People of the Province having followed whithersoever the interest of His Majesty’s Government, the voice of honor, the presence of the enemy, and your Excellency’s Commands and example have called, now contributes, by the voluntary gift of its Representation, to the expences incurred for the support of the war ; provides some indemnification to those of its citizens whom the love of their King and Country had induced to accept Commissions in the Provincial Corps, and whom the sudden return of Peace will deprive of employment, until they shall be able advantageously to resume the exercise of the several professions which they had abandoned, and affords relief to the Families of such of their Countrymen as have fallen on the day of battle, and to those whose sufferings for life, from the honorable wounds they bear, furnish living evidence of the zeal and feelings which have animated His Majesty’s Canadian Subjects in the defence of the Rights of that Empire to which it is their glory to belong, and in the defence of that Constitution which has been conferred upon them, to render them the guardians of their dearest rights.

The events of the late war have drawn closer the bonds which connect Great Britain and the Canadas; these Provinces have been preserved to her under circumstances of peculiar difficulty. At the epoch of the declaration of war, this Country was destitute both of Troops and of Money; and your Excellency was at the head of a people in whom it was pretended, that half a century of repose had extinguished all Military Spirit. Superior to prejudices which had but too generally prevailed, your Excellency has derived from the devotion of that Brave and Loyal, yet unjustly calumniated People, resources sufficient for disconcerting the plans of Conquest devised by a foe at once numerous and elated with confidence.—Reinforcements were subsequently received; and the blood of the Sons of Canada has flowed mingled with that of the brave Soldiers sent to its defence. Multiplied proofs of the efficacious and powerful protection of the Mother Country, and of the inviolable Loyalty of the People of this Province, strengthen their claim to the preservation and free exercise of all the benefits which are secured to them by their existing Constitution and Laws.—The pursuits of war are about to be succeeded by those of Peace, it is by the increase of its population, agriculture and commerce, that the possession of this Colony may become of importance to Great Britain. The improvement of internal Communications having a close connexion with the progress of the prosperity of the Colony. It was with lively satisfaction that the House of Assembly heard your Excellency recommend to their consideration that subject. To second those views, and the desire so natural to your Excellency, of improving a Country which you have so essentially contributed to preserve to the Empire. His Majesty's dutiful Subjects, the Commons of Lower Canada have voted large appropriations in order to facilitate the opening of a Canal from Montreal to Lachine, to assist in the opening of new Roads, and to acquire such information as may enable them hereafter to follow up and extend that plan of improvements.

The said Bills were then delivered to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, who read the Titles of the said Bills, as follows:

- “ An Act to grant New Duties to His Majesty, to supply the wants of  
“ the Province.”
- “ An Act to grant an Annuity to such Militiamen as were wounded  
“ during the late war with the United States of America, and to  
“ apply

“ apply a Sum of Money therein mentioned, to aid and assist his  
“ Majesty in defraying the expences of the Militia, and the Fami-  
“ lies of such Militiamen as were killed in the said war.”

“ An Act to grant an Aid to His Majesty, to assist in opening a Canal  
“ from the neighbourhood of Montreal to Lachine, and further  
“ to provide for facilitating the execution of the same.”

“ An Act to Improve the Internal Communications of this Province.”

To these Bills the Royal Assent was then, severally, pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in these words :

In His Majesty's Name, His Excellency the Governor in Chief thanks His Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.

The Speaker of the Assembly also presented another Money Bill, the Title of which was in these words :

“ An Act to continue for a limited time, and amend an Act passed in  
“ the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ An  
“ Act to grant to His Majesty certain additional Duties, towards  
“ supplying the wants of the Province.”

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

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

Then His Excellency the Governor in Chief was pleased to make the following Speech :

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

The measures adopted by you having provided for the important public interests which required your immediate attention, in a manner evincing both a just comprehension of the exigencies of the Province, and an anxious desire to promote its prosperity, I no longer delay to release you from those useful public labours which have detained you from your private concerns.

I owe it equally to yourselves, and to a sense of justice, to express  
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the high satisfaction with which I have viewed your unwearied application to matters closely interwoven with the general welfare.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

The liberality with which you have provided for the advancement of purposes of high public utility, has sufficiently shewn, that you have proceeded upon those patriotic and loyal Principles, which dignify when they actuate the Representatives of a free People.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

You will have learned with satisfaction that the desire of His Majesty, for the renewal of Amity with America, has been met by a corresponding disposition from the Government of the United States, and that a Peace has ensued, which it may be permitted us to hope, will, by its ultimate provisions and its permanence, compensate for the evils of war to which it has given a termination.

I have now to inform you, that I have received the commands of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to return to England for the purpose of repelling accusations affecting my Military Character, which have been preferred by the late Naval Commander in Chief on the Lakes in Canada; and while I take my leave of you with regret, I embrace with eagerness, the opportunity afforded me of justifying my reputation.

However intent on the subject which so unexpectedly thus summons my attention, be assured I shall bear with me a lively recollection of the firm support I have derived from you, and I shall be gratified at an early period, in representing personally to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, the zeal and loyalty evinced by every class of His Majesty's Subjects in British North America during my Administration, their attachment to His August Person and to His Government, and most particularly, the spirit and devotion manifested by the People of the Canadas, in the late Contest with the United States of America.

Then the Speaker of this House said:

*Gentlemen*

55 Geo. III. Journals of the Legislative Council. A. 1815. 127

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

It is His Excellency's Will and Pleasure, that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Tuesday the Second Day of May next, to be then here held, and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly Prorogued to Tuesday the Second Day of May next.