

of constitutional rights. But, by what Government was that violation committed? Why, by the very Government which established the hundred of Responsible Government in the country [Hear! hear!] He concluded with Hon. gentlemen on the other side of the House in their opinion upon the subject of the Civil List; but they should remember that it was a part and parcel of Responsible Government.

Mr. Morris and others, of Sandwich—for compensation for losses during the rebellion.

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of the House would have spared the idea of such a thing as the Governor General having the sole power of originating money-bills. Now they must go to His Excellency to let him if he will be pleased to allow them to spend their own money. [How!] A wonderful improvement; truly has this Responsible Government educated; Lord Durham, a man whom he had never very greatly admired, but as he is now dead, he would say nothing against him—Lord Durham had sent to this country, bringing in his jailbirds with him [Laughter]; had paraded through the Province, and had written a report upon the state of the country—a very neat report of his findings, in which was recommended the establishment of a system of Responsible Government, and in consequence that system was introduced. He (Dr. G. O.) said two years ago, in the first of the House, and he said again, that "Responsible Government was but a trap in which to catch fish;" really, it had caught a great many, and they had allowed their absolute right to be wrested from them, something like the dog at the shadow [Hear!]. But with respect to the responsibility of ministers, he contended that one minister only, addressing the Crown, was as fully responsible as though the Cabinet was full [Mr. Aylwin—evidently]. I am glad that the last gentleman from Quebec has found fit sat. Every body knows that Charles L. fancied he had relieved his Chancellor of responsibility, by holding his seal off in his own hands, while he applied it to an unconstitutional instrument; and every body knows that the Chancellor was as much responsible for the act as if he had himself applied the seal. It was his duty to have informed His Majesty—that being personally responsible to the people for every act, which that seal was affixed, he must resign it into his Sovereign's hands before it should be applied to a purpose which he was unprepared to defend [Hear!]. That was the true principle of responsibility. An hon. gentleman on the other side of the House had asserted that the who had been returned favorable to the administration, had been returned only by adopting the principles and measures of their predecessors. As far as he was concerned he could say that had he either avowed the one or supported the other he would not at the present moment be standing on the floor of the House. Hon. gentlemen opposite appeared to prefer Responsible Government for everything—Administrative Responsible Government, says the quack doctor—it will cure the rust in your wheat—it will prevent rust in your crops—it will improve your roads, and so forth [laughter]. Now he was opposed to Responsible Government, yet he claimed to be a Reformer—not at the time, but as a Reformer. He desired to see a reform of words and names, but of abuses. He would like to see great reforms, and to see them begin at the head. He would like to see the Crown Lawyers attend to the legal business of the country. Before that great blessing Responsible Government, had been introduced, the Attorney General used to attend to the legal business of the country. Now he has to attend to the business of the government—and gets paid for that which he does not do, and does that for which he is not paid, while bills were paid in upon them from a battalion of Queen's Counsel, who were occupied in doing that, which properly belongs to the Crown Officers. There were several others, but perhaps they were vulgar, as being useless. He should like to see a return to the Crown Lands Department—so that when an hon. member paid his money for a piece of land he could get his deed. If one man bought a piece of land from another he could get a deed, but when he buys from the Crown no such thing. The Crown Lands Department says it is the fault of the Attorney General; the Attorney General says it is the fault of the Patent Office, and the Patent Office attributes all to the Surveyor General's Department; and amongst them it is—let us form a committee in Society for the Poor. Council Bill when the late elections were holding in the Parliament, he really supposed that any man knowing anything of the country should have colored. The expense of carrying on the machinery provided in 1840 would be enormous. In the District where he represented containing twenty-three townships, the annual expense, in wages alone, would considerably exceed £500, besides all the other necessary expenditure attending their proceedings. In one measure he agreed with the gentleman opposite—the opening of King's College, and would lose his assistance to the accomplishment of that purpose. The honorable gentleman concluded his speech by referring to the past public service of His Excellency the Governor General in the East and West Indies, and passing a high eulogium upon his character; and expressing his hope and his belief that the people of that country would give him a fair trial in the carrying on of the government of the colony.

The debate, on motion of Mr. Gowen, was then adjourned till to-morrow, Tuesday, and placed at the first order of the day.]

#### ROUTINE BUSINESS.

WEDNESDAY December, 4.

8 petitions were brought up.

The following petitions were read:

Of inhabitants of the Parish of St. Mathieu de Belœil, for an increase of the duty on cattle imported from the United States.

Of inhabitants of Léthielle and adjoining parishes, for a turnpike road from Léthielle to St. Ans.

Of Rev. A. Duranx and others, for completion of the macadamized road from Montreal to Léthielle.

Of Hon. G. H. Roy and others, of Côte St. Laurent, praying that a certain piece of land in that neighborhood may be included in the grants specified in Ord. 3 Vict., c. 31.

Of Rev. A. Gosselin and others, of the establishment of a separate Regt. of S. C. in the Island of New France.

Of S. Wood and others, complaining of the ineligibility of W. H. Meritt, Esq., M. P. P. for North Riding of Lincon, and praying that the return may be amended by substituting the name of Gen. Rykert, Esq.

Of John Yule, Jr., for authority to erect a bridge over the Rive du Loup, near Chambly, and to collect tolls thereon.

Of C. F. Elkins, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Stanstead, praying for a salary. Also another petition from him, praying to have certain expenses refunded to him.

Of the Home Dist. Council praying that certain defects in the Municipal Council Act may be remedied.

Of the Johnston District Council, for the erection of Yonge into a separate township.

Of the same, for the completion of the macadamized road from Brockville to St. Francis.

Of Mr. Teta, Treasurer of District of St. Francis, praying remuneration for his services.

Of A. Lure and others, complaints of encroachments committed by the Crown Lands Agent.

Of Prince Tobi, praying to naturalize.

Of the Ladies of the Committee of the Quebec Infant School, praying for aid.

Of the Ladies of the Charles Street Infant School, Quebec, praying for aid.

Of the Ladies of the Quebec Male Orphan Asylum, praying for aid.

Of J. Teed, of Quebec—complaining that he was illegally imprisoned during the rebellion and praying relief.

Of the Midland District Council—praying that the Kingston and Napanee Road may be placed under the Board of Works.

Of H. Smith, Warden of the Penitentiary—for an increase of salary.

Of Chas. H. H. of Quebec—complaining that he has not been paid for his services as Clerk of the Queen's District Council.

Of the Quebec Library Association—for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Directors of the Charitable Association of Roman Catholic ladies, for pecuniary aid.

Of Thomas Harvey and other hatters men of Quebec, praying that no tax may be imposed

on hats in the parish of St. Foy.

Of Rev. J. Robertson, and others, of Ascott—praying that the charter of McGill College, Montreal, and King's College, Toronto, may be amended so as to place the management of those institutions on a satisfactory basis.

Of P. H. Morris and others, of Sandwich—for compensation for losses during the rebellion.

The Politicians of the Huron District Council, and that of the Johnston District Council, relating to the Township of Escott, were respectively referred to Select Committees.

Mr. Cameron moved an address for a return of the names of persons appointed to office of confinement since last session, with the salary, duties and authority for such appointments.

Mr. Ridell moved that the following be added:

As also, like information from 10th February, 1840, to 9th December, 1843."

Which was carried, and the address was ordered.

Mr. Powell presented a Bill to revive part of the 4th clause of the Act 4 & 5 Vict., cap. 7, for securing the civil rights of certain aliens residing in the Province, and to continue the same.

Second reading this day fortnight.

On motion of Mr. Christie, a committee of the whole was ordered on Wednesday next, to consider the expediency of encouraging the Gaspe and Gulf Fisheries, by exempting salt and other articles used by them from duty.

TUESDAY, Dec. 5.

Seven petitions were presented.

The following petitions were read:

Of Dr. Arnold and others, Lecturers and Students of the Medical School in Montreal—for an act of incorporation. Referred to a Committee.

Of the Simcoe District Council—for certain amendments to the Municipal Council and assessment laws.

Of the same—for the removal of the office of County Registrar therein to Barrie.

Of the same—for the removal of doubts respecting the sale of lands for taxes in certain Districts.

Of the same—for the more equal assessment of Real Estate.

Of E. L. Hayden and others—for the better protection and propagation of wild game.

Of Rev. Dr. Phillips—praying that his salary as a member of the late Assembly and Council of Upper Canada may be continued during the remainder of his life.

Of P. Dugane—complaining that he has received no remuneration for his services as clerk to the District Council of St. Francis, and praying relief.

Of W. B. Lindsay, Junr.—praying to be continued as assistant French translator to the House.

Referred to a Committee.

Of the District Council of St. H. Weisheit, for certain amendments to the Municipal Council or otherwise.

Of Abraham Cloutier, late a messenger in the Crown Lands Office, for certain alleged arrears of salary.

Of Honore Tanguay, praying to be appointed Assistant French Translator to the House.—Referred to the Committee on W. B. Lindsay's petition.

Of the Ursuline Nuns of Three Rivers, for the passing of an Act to enable them to acquire and hold additional property yielding an annual revenue of £1,500.

Of Rev. P. Archimbaud and others, of St. Martial de Vandreuil, for a grant of £250 to complete a school house thereon.

Of the Mayor and Corporation of Quebec, for authority to erect a Bridge over the River St. Charles.

Of the Moderator and Presbytery of Montreal, praying that certain Ministers who voted at the late election may be relieved from the penalties attending the same, under the late election law, of which they were ignorant.

The following petitions were referred to select committees:

Of A. T. Galt, and others, of Sherbrooke.

Of P. W. Verner and others, culminating in Rev. T. Evans, and others.

Of the Simcoe District Council, relative to a removal of the Registry Office, and

of the Tax Office.

Mr. Attorney General Smith moved for the appointment of Standing Committees on the following subjects, viz.—Privileges and Elections, Existing Laws, Private Bills, Standing Orders, Prerogative, and Contingencies.

Mr. Christie moved to add a Committee on Public Accounts, which was negatived—Yea, 4; Nay, 67.

The original motion was then withdrawn, and a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Papineau, Molson, A. Sherwood, Hale, Robinson, Murray, Baldwin, Morin, Price, Leslie, and others, appointed to prepare lists of Members to compose the said Standing Committees.

Mr. Johnston presented a Bill to prevent the appointment of traders or their Agents to the office of District Treasurer in Upper Canada—2d reading on Wednesday.

On motion of Mr. Christie an Address was ordered for copies of all correspondence with the Home Government relating to the Civil List, established by the Upper Canadian Legislature, as Hon. Gentlemen may see fit; also, any reports of the Executive Council on the same subject.

The consideration of Mr. McDougall's motion for an address in answer to His Excellency's speech, and of Mr. Baldwin's amendments thereto, was suspended.

The debate thereon, having continued to a late hour, was further adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned.

[We have been compelled by want of room to put the Routine business of Friday.]

#### BRITISH WHIG.

"Opfer per Ceterum Dioces."

KINGSTON, TUESDAY, DEC'R 10, 1844.

COUNTRY LETTER RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK.

P. T. C. Penetanguishene; G. K. Thorold, re-

mained; R. C. and W. P. P., Montreal; K. & R., Watertown; N. S., Waddington.

LETTER 1.

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

In preceding columns will be found the commencement of the debate in the House of Assembly on the Address in answer to the Speech from the Throne, containing the speeches of the movers and seconders of the Address and Amendments, and those of Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood and Dr. Dunlop. No apology is necessary for filling our columns with this most important debate—it should be in the hands of every individual in the Province. The address was moved on Wednesday, and the debate continued the two following days, and we might almost say nights. The speech given in our columns took place on Monday, the 2nd of December, inst.

Considerable excitement prevailed previous to the struggle, you can hardly find space enough for the Debates, as you find them in our city papers. I have not as yet troubled you with any Parliamentary news, nor shall I for some time to come.

What I now write about will interest you, inasmuch as the said city papers are too busily occupied to give full account of the strange occurrences of the past few days. I take advantage of the (I fear) temporary lull, succeeding the commotion that has prevailed here for the last few days, to give you a hurried account of the Municipal elections of this city, which took place on Monday, the 2nd of December, inst.

Considerable excitement prevailed previous to the struggle, owing to the deals of a notorious bully, and independent supporter of Mr. Drummond and his Lachine Canal friends—a melancholy circumstance that was taken advantage of by the unprincipled agitators in this town to stir up the dormant passions of the poor Irishmen. For this purpose placards of the most violent and exciting nature were posted throughout the town, calling a meeting on Sunday evening, which was however luckily suppressed by the interference of the civic authorities. As in the case of Champlain the Pilot uses this event for the carrying out of his nefarious objects, and to such a disgusting pitch has the excitement been raised, that the very supporters of the paper are loud in their condemnation of this injurious course.

Early Monday the polls, particularly that of the Queen's Ward, was attended by groups of Mr. Drummond's fighting men, and emissaries were despatched in great numbers along the line of the Canal, to procure every one willing to earn blood money, and the neighborhood of the polls was soon graced with large numbers of these wretched

#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

We received this document yesterday morning, but our column is so filled with Parliamentary intelligence that we have barely room to notice it. It is, as usual, very voluminous, filling six closely printed columns of the American Journals. Like all such documents, a great part of the Message is filled with congratulations and boastings of the "Legal Protective Society," or I. P. S., as they are more commonly designated, who, by a combined movement, taking them in rear and flank, completely routed the insurgents. To give you a better idea of the position of the combatants and the affray which took place at the foot of a street leading from the polling place towards the river, and that part of Griffinton which is the stronghold of the disaffected party, the Canagers and their leaders were slain, and reserves were advantageously placed in their vicinity. It was consequently deemed advisable that a combined attack should be made to dislodge the main body, by a troop of mounted "cavalcades" consisting of some thirty members, while a detachment of those guarding the poll advanced down the street; after dashingly gallantly through the rioters, the cavalcade continued their course through this part of the town—marks for volleys of stones and bullets—leaving the more effectual dispersion of the mob to the northern.

The first object that presented itself on rounding the corner was one of the horsemen on the ground, surrounded by a group of infuriated demons in human shape, who, not content with the apparent death of a prostrate enemy, were dashing huge stones on his defenseless head. To rush to the rescue was the work of a moment, and shots and stones came thick and fast from the enemy. How few lives were lost is to me a problem—not for only among the visible contestants, but from adjoining houses, a continual discharge was kept up—one small house in particular served as a fort for some half a dozen, who, with muskets adorned with bayonets, were seen taking deliberate aim on the victorious Loyalists. The principal depot was in the house of a man named Brennan, which was regularly garrisoned, no less than twenty-seven rioters were concealed here, armed to the teeth, and as the members of the society were executing quietly to the polls some electors who were naturally enough intimidated,—fed on them; the consequence was an immediate attack on the building, and it was at this juncture of affairs that poor Johnson felt a bullet in either breast terminating his existence, while valiantly endeavoring to dislodge the murderers from their fancied security.

A detachment of the 93rd regt. were soon on the spot, and after securing several of the most daring of the conspirators, discovered that the earl was garrisoned also, and not only here, but so admirably were their plans arranged, that even the wainscotting served by a purposely constructed barricade, a small house in particular served as a fort for some half a dozen, who, with muskets adorned with bayonets, were seen taking deliberate aim on the victorious Loyalists. The principal depot was in the house of a man named Brennan, which was regularly garrisoned, no less than twenty-seven rioters were concealed here, armed to the teeth, and as the members of the society were executing quietly to the polls some electors who were naturally enough intimidated,—fed on them; the consequence was an immediate attack on the building, and it was at this juncture of affairs that poor Johnson felt a bullet in either breast terminating his existence, while valiantly endeavoring to dislodge the murderers from their fancied security.

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