

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN :

The diligence and attention which you have devoted to the consideration of the important subject referred to you in my Message, demands my warmest acknowledgments, and your decision affords me the utmost gratification.

I shall have great satisfaction in transmitting to Her Majesty's Government, the Resolutions which you have adopted ; and you may rest assured, that the confidence which you have no less wisely than generously reposed in the wisdom and justice of our Gracious Sovereign, and of the Imperial Parliament, for the settlement of the details of the plan of Re-union, will be felt as an additional motive for anxious attention being devoted to the establishment of provisions calculated to promote the future peace, prosperity, and good government of Upper Canada.

In the advice and recommendations which it will be my duty to offer, founded on the information I shall have acquired in both Provinces, I shall be guided by the most anxious desire to secure those important results, for the attainment of which, the Legislative Council of Upper Canada, has declared its assent to the Re-union,

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by the Legislative Council, and presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, on the subject of a Re-union of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, with His Excellency's answer thereto.

14th December, 1839.

Resolved, 1—That the events which have lately marked the history of Lower Canada—the consequent necessity for a suspension of her Constitution, and the inadequacy of the powers of Government existing there, for the enactment of permanent laws, such as are required for the benefit of the people, present a state of public affairs in the Sister Province, deeply to be deplored by this House, as well from a disinterested anxiety for the welfare of a people so nearly connected with Upper Canada, as in consideration of the injurious consequences resulting to this community, from a continuance of the unsettled political condition of the Lower Province.

Resolved, 2—That the present derangement of the Finances of Upper Canada—the total suspension of her public improvements—the paralyzed condition of private enterprise—the cessation of Immigration, and the apparent impossibility of the removal of these evils, without the united efforts of both the Canadian Provinces—make the adoption of some great measure necessary, which will restore prosperity to the Canadas, and renew confidence at home and abroad in the stability of their political institutions.

Resolved, 3—That considering the hopelessness arising from past experience, and from a view of the political condition of Lower Canada, of ever realizing, in separate Legislatures, the unity of feeling or action in measures affecting equally the interests of both Provinces, on which the prosperity or safety of either may essentially depend, a Re-union of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada has, in the opinion of this House, become indispensable for the restoration of good Government within these Colonies, and for the preservation of their institutions in connection with the Parent State:

Resolved, 4—That for these urgent reasons, the assent of this House be expressed to the important measure of Re-union of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, recommended by Her Majesty to both Houses of Parliament, and to the Houses of the Provincial Legislature by His Excellency the Governor-General; and that such assent, on the part of this House, be given on the following terms:

First—That there be an equal representation of each Province in the United Legislature.

Secondly—That a sufficient permanent Civil List be granted to Her Majesty, to enable Her Majesty to render the Judicial Bench independent alike of Executive power and popular influence, and to carry on the indispensable services of Government.

Thirdly—That the Public Debt of this Province, shall, after the Union, be charged on the joint revenue of the United Province.

Resolved, 5.—That in yielding this ready concurrence to the measure of Re-union of the Provinces, strongly recommended by Her Majesty, the Legislative Council of Upper Canada rely upon the wisdom and justice of their most gracious Sovereign, and of Her Majesty's Parliament, for devising the details of the plan of Re-union, and for the establishment of such a system of Government in the United Province, as will tend to the development of its natural resources, and enable it, with the blessing of Divine Providence, to pursue steadily, and free from the distractions by which the Country has lately been divided, the course of prosperity and happiness, which the best interest of the people of Canada, and of the Empire, alike require not to be longer impeded.