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lative Assembly,
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THE Honourable D. Daly, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from his Excellency the Governor-general, signed by his Excellency.

Message from his
Excellency.

And the said message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth :—

“ Sydenham.

“ In reply to their address of the 7th instant, the Governor-general informs the House of Assembly that he will take the necessary steps for complying with their wishes, as therein expressed, in regard to the appointment of a commission to inquire into and report upon the tenure of lands, commonly called the Seigniorial Tenure, as it obtains in that part of the province heretofore called Lower Canada.

Message from his
Excellency re-
specting Commis-
sion on Feudal
Tenure.

“ Kingston, 11 September 1841.”

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EXTRACT from the Journals of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of
Canada ; 3d of October 1842.

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Extract from
Journals of Legis-
lative Assembly,
3 October 1842.

THE Honourable D. Daly laid before the Board, by command of his Excellency the Governor-general, copy of a preliminary Report made to him by the Commissioners of Seigniorial Tenure Inquiry :—

“ To his Excellency the Right honourable Sir Charles Bagot, G.C.B. one of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, Captain-general and Governor-in-chief of Her Majesty's Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and of the Island of Prince Edward, and Governor-general of all Her Majesty's Provinces on the Continent of North America and the Island of Prince Edward, &c. &c. &c.

“ May it please your Excellency,

“ Having been honoured by your Excellency with the joint commission to inquire into the Feudal and Seigniorial Tenure of lands in that part of the Province called Lower Canada, appointed by you in pursuance of an Address of the Honourable the House of Assembly, of the 7th September 1841, we have the honour of reporting that we proceeded, on the 7th July last, to continue the labours of the former Board of Commissioners, and to discharge, as far as we might be enabled to do so, the important trusts reposed in us.

“ Since that period our Board has been constantly in session, and we have unceasingly employed such powers and opportunities as lay within our reach to obtain the information deemed by the Honourable House of Assembly necessary as a basis of legislation, and to accomplish the objects of the present investigation.

“ We respectfully invite your Excellency's attention to the variety of matters submitted for our inquiry by our Commission, which is founded on the said Address

“ By that Commission we are commanded—

“ 1. To make the necessary examination, and search into all public records and notarial acts, from the time of the settlement of the country, and to establish for several distinct periods the true conditions on which grants of land in seigniorie have been made by the Crown, and on which lands have been conceded *en arrière fief*, or *en censive et roture*, and to collect all other requisite information connected with the said subjects.

“ 2. To inquire into the laws which have from time to time governed and now govern the said tenures.