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THE FREEHOLDERS of the Township of Pickering sent up an Address, signed by 151 of their number, condemning the course taken by the majority of the House of Assembly, during the last Session generally, and particularly in refusing the Supplies, and praying for an immediate dissolution of the present Parliament;

**TO WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY WAS PLEASED TO MAKE
THE FOLLOWING REPLY.**

GENTLEMEN—

It is with great satisfaction that I have observed subscribed to the Address which I have just received from the Township of Pickering, the names of nearly forty individuals who are known to have been violent reformers; for the fact corroborates the evidence I am hourly receiving, that all classes and conditions of men in Upper Canada, are joining hand in hand for the peaceful welfare of their country.

I must however, reluctantly observe, that there are sentences in your Address, in which you have explained your feelings in language stronger, than it was advisable to utter.

Your hearts cannot be too warm in attachment to your country, but it is by cool arguments and reason that we must determine nobly to attain our object.

GENTLEMEN.—It has long been declared by the few self-interested individuals, who are still endeavouring to mislead you, that cheap Government can never be obtained in this Province, because its Lieutenant Governor comes from the Mother Country, which is 4000 miles off. Now, with this statement before your minds, calmly read over the following list of the Commissionerships, which were voted by the House of Assembly in their last Session, and then determine for yourselves whether it is not highly advantageous instead of being disadvantageous that the Lieutenant Governor should be a stranger totally unconnected with those local interests and family combinations, which might possibly expend your money for the sake of enriching a few individuals, who have long gained their bread by hypocritically declaring, what blessings you would receive, if you could but deprive the Lieutenant Governor of his patronage and give it to them.

I have no observations to make on the list I now offer, except that I have exercised the prerogative of my station; in such cases as were submitted for my approval, by cancelling those Commissionerships.

List of Commissioners—appointed by the House of Assembly in the several Bills passed by them during the last Session, with proposed Compensation.

Number of Bill.	Commissioners.	Compensation.	Number of Bill.	Commissioners.	Compensation.
41 Bertie Survey Bill.	Edmund Riselay Samuel McAfee George Rykert Gilbert McTicking David Thorburn	20 shillings per day while actually employed. To be paid out of the funds of the District.	86 School and Crown Lands.	Captain Dunlop Dr. C. Duncombe James Durand David Gibson John Gilchrist Peter Perry M. M. Howard Peter Shaver	20 shillings per day while actually employed.
49 Navigation of the Waters of the Newcastle District.	Hon. Z. Burnham John Gilchrist Alexr. McDonell Archd. McDonald Robert Jameson A. S. Fraser Ebenezer Perry Peter Perry	Superintendent to receive such allowance as may be authorized by the Commissioners.	92 Presquille Light-House	Charles Short William Lyons James Wilson Charles Biggar Simon Kellog	3 per cent. to superintend.
68 Commissioners to Lower Canada	Hon. J. H. Dunn M. S. Bidwell Peter Perry	Not exceeding £400, to reimburse them for necessary expenses in complying with the provisions of the Act.	33 Sale of Clergy Reserves.	Ottawa Dist., Charles Waters Eastern " Peter Shaver Johnstown " A. N. Buell Bathurst " Wm. Morris Midland " Peter Perry Newcastle " W. Boswell Home " J. Ketchum Gore " C. Hopkins Niagara " W. Woodruff London " C. Duncombe Western " F. Baby P Edward " J. P. Roblin	5 per cent. to cover all expences incurred in complying with the provisions of the Act, and to remunerate the Commissioners.
77 Loughborough Survey.	John P. Roblin H. W. Yager George Rykert.	20 shillings per day while employed, out of District funds.	51 Guillimbury Road and Bridge.	Thomas Drury Joseph Hodgkins Adney Penfield Wm. Laughton. Francis Phelps	To appoint a Superintendent with suitable provision.
84 Windsor Harbour Bill.	John Campbell — Kent Ezra Annis W. T. Moore Jabez Hall — Welsh Peter Perry	10 shillings per day while employed, out of District funds.			
107 Sale of Welland Canal Stock.	M. S. Bidwell Peter Perry David Thorburn	25 shillings per day for each day necessarily engaged.			