

LOWER CANADA.

RETURN to an ADDRESS of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 16 March 1837 ;—for,

COPIES of Two REPORTS of a Select Committee of the House of Assembly of
Lower Canada, respecting Mr. *Gugy*, Sheriff of *Montreal*; and of any Corre-
spondence between the Earl of *Gosford* and Lord *Glenelg*, on the subject of
the Charges preferred against Mr. *Gugy*.

Colonial Office, Downing-street, }
26 May 1837.

G. GREY.

SCHEDULE.

- No. 1.—Copy of a Despatch from the Earl of Gosford to Lord Glenelg, dated Government
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— No. 1. —

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Earl of *Gosford* to Lord *Glenelg*.

My Lord,

Government House, Montreal, 11 Aug. 1836.

I HAVE the honour herewith to transmit, for the information of your Lordship,
an address presented to me by the House of Assembly, praying for the dismissal
of the Honourable Lewis Gugy from the office of sheriff for the district of Mont-
real; my answer thereto, and all the other documents and information in my pos-
session connected with this matter, which will enable your Lordship to acquire
full information of the circumstances of the case, and to arrive at a decision on it.

The documents are, the first Report of, and Evidence taken by, the Special
Committee appointed to inquire concerning fees and emoluments received by the
Sheriffs and other Officers connected with the Civil and Criminal Courts of Judi-
cature; the Report of, and Evidence taken by, the Special Committee appointed to
inquire into the circumstances which preceded and accompanied the death of one
John Collins, who died in the Common Gaol of the District of Montreal, and to
inquire into the state of the Gaol; and, lastly, the explanation and defence of
Mr. Sheriff Gugy, with the several papers and documents (thirteen in number),
which accompanied it.

The charges against Mr. Gugy spring from two sources, and are of an indepen-
dent nature.

Under the first series, he is accused of having fraudulently and corruptly con-
cealed from the Executive Government, by transmitting false returns for the Blue
Book, a great portion of the emoluments of his office of sheriff, amounting, in the
five years ending with 1834, to the sum of 5,264 *l.* currency; and that he wilfully
and maliciously gave false evidence, in his examination before a Special Committee
of the House appointed to inquire concerning fees and emoluments received by
sheriffs and other officers connected with the courts of law, with a view to conceal
from the House the disproportionate amount of the fees and emoluments which he
received as sheriff, and thereby to prevent the House, and his Majesty's Govern-
ment, from applying an effective remedy to the abuses alluded to by the Com-
mittee.

To the charge of fraudulent concealment, Mr. Gugy states, that his returns of
fees and salary were as nearly accurate as he could make them, from the imperfect
notes and memoranda of his accounts, which he kept privately, and he admits that
he is not capable of keeping regular books of accounts. He is, I believe, of an
advanced age, approaching seventy; and I am informed that that part of his duties
which relates to the keeping of the accounts of the office, has been discharged for
many years past by Mr. Francis Perry, for some time his deputy sheriff, and sub-
sequently his principal clerk. Mr. Gugy asserts, also, that if he has fallen into



Correspondence
respecting
Mr. Gugy.

Enclosure, No. 1.

Enclosure, No. 2.

Enclosure, No. 3.

Enclosure, No. 4.

Enclosure, No. 5.