

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 29a

Lord Gosford to Neilson. Announcing the appointment of the latter to the Legislative Council. Castle of St. Lewis, 28th Septr., 1837.

J. Neilson to Lord Gosford. (Draft). Accepting position in the Legislative Council, but declining, owing to the death of his son which threw on him the management of the newspaper establishment, the offered position of Executive Councillor. Quebec, 4th Octr., 1837.

Memorial to the Queen from R. F. Gourlay, setting forth his grievances. Willoughby, Ohio, 13th Octr., 1837.

J. Neilson to Lord Gosford. (Draft). Again expressing his conviction that, in his present circumstances, he could not take the share in the Government, which Lord Gosford would desire. Quebec, 14th Novr., 1837.

T. A. Young to Neilson. Giving the qualifications of a Justice of the Peace. 22nd Novr., 1837.

T. A. Young to Neilson. Respecting an offer of a Councillorship, which he declines unless he is on an equal footing in every regard with every other councillor. 26th Novr., 1837.

A. Stuart to Neilson. Respecting the printing of the *Transactions of the Quebec Literary and Historical Society*. Quebec, 28th Novr., 1837.

A. Stuart to Neilson. Inviting attention to his letter of the 28th ultimo. Quebec, 5th Decr., 1837.

Lieutenant Colonel L. Legendre to Major Filteau. (Copy, in French). Calling attention to a letter, copy of which is enclosed, in which Major Filteau is asked for a statement as to whether he is prepared to do his duty as an officer in the militia. Lotbinière, 8th Decr., 1837.

E. Glackemeyer to Neilson. Giving the names of a number of persons who had fled. 12th Decr., 1837.

List of those to be appointed officers in the volunteer corps. 1838.

Draft of letter addressed by Neilson to Lord (Gosford), giving his views on Canadian affairs. Unpromising situation, owing to extremes to which English party are going. There must be a change: country must be governed under authority of Crown according to law. Discussion on several projects agitated: that of the Constitutional Associations viz:—that the Crown reserve the Revenues raised under 14 Geo. III, c. 88, and provide for proportional representation of population of British origin; the union of the two provinces; the annexation of Montreal and environs to Upper Canada; the union of all the British American provinces under a general congress; and the granting the colonies representatives in the British Parliament. His remedy for present conditions would be to suspend the Act establishing a Legislative Council and Assembly; enact that all temporary acts of the Provincial Legislature, then in force or which had expired since the 1st May 1832, and which the Legislature did not expressly refuse to renew, be revived and remain in force during the suspension; that the revenues be applied under the authority of the Treasury, to objects indicated by him; and that the Queen in Council be empowered to make orders for the peace, welfare and good government of the province, subject to the restrictions imposed by the Act 14 Geo. III cap. 8. Qualifications of the Governor. Suspension would probably be temporary.

Lord Gosford to Neilson. Returning, with thanks and compliments, some papers which had been left with His Lordship. Chateau, 27th Feby., 1838.