

vince of Lower Canada, are apprehensive that their views in regard to the future, have not been sufficiently expressed or rightly understood. They beg leave to state it as their decided conviction that their duty to their Constituents will not authorise them to enter into any Provisional Agreement for any period beyond the close of the next Session of the Legislature, which shall not have for its basis the sole collection of its own Revenue by both Provinces respectively, without either of them being charged with the payment or refunding the proportions of duties or drawbacks to the other, and to effect any such Agreement on terms of perfect equity and reciprocity. the undersigned have been and are still willing to give their most assiduous application and assistance.

(Signed) J. L. PAPINEAU,
AUSTIN CUVILLIER,
JOHN DAVIDSON,
J. NEILSON,
G. GARDEN,

Montreal, 17th July, 1821.

Report of the Commissioners appointed by the Act of 1st George 4th, Chapter to treat with Commissioners on the part of Upper Canada, concerning duties.

The Commissioners of both Provinces met at Montreal, at the House of the Honorable J. L. Papineau, on Thursday the fifth of July 1821, conformably to notice given to the Commissioners of Lower Canada, by order of His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

PRESENT

The Hon. J. L. PAPINEAU,
AUSTIN CUVILLIER,
JOHN DAVIDSON,
GEORGE GARDEN, and
JOHN NEILSON.

on behalf of
Lower Canada.

AND
The Hon. THOMAS CLARK,
ALLAN McLEAN, and
JONAS JONES, Esquires.

on behalf of
Upper Canada.

After some observations on both sides by different Commissioners, it was agreed by the Commissioners of Lower Canada, that the Commissioners on behalf of Upper Canada should communicate in writing the claims or proposals which they had to make, supported by such statements they might think proper.

TUESDAY, 10th July, 1821.

The Commissioners on behalf of Lower Canada, met at the house of the Honorable J. L. Papineau, conformably to notice, when the Honorable J. L. Papineau informed the Commissioners that he had received on the preceding evening a written communication from the Honorable Thomas Clark on behalf of the Commissioners of Upper Canada, which communication is hereunto annexed and marked A.

WEDNESDAY, 11th July.

The answer hereunto annexed and marked B. in answer to the communication on the part of Upper Canada, was read and agreed to unanimously, and being signed by all the Commissioners, was delivered to the Honorable Mr. Clark, by the Honorable Mr. Papineau.

TUESDAY, 17th July, 1821.

The Commissioners met conformably to notice from the Honorable J. L. Papineau, who communicated the annexed reply marked C. on the part of the Commissioners of the 11th instant, and the annexed answer marked D. was read and agreed to and being signed by the Commissioners, was

communicated to the Honorable Mr. Clark: and the Honorable T. Clark and Mr. McLean having signified to Mr. Davidson and Mr. Neilson, that the Commissioners of Upper Canada, did not find themselves warranted in deviating from the pretensions and proposals delivered yesterday evening, and that if the Commissioners on the part of Lower Canada were determined to persist in their proposals, any further meeting would be unnecessary; it was determined on the part of the Commissioners of Lower Canada to discontinue all further proceedings for the present, they on their part seeing no reason to deviate from the proposals which they have given in.

(Signed) J. D.

Memorandum to be attached to Mr. McLean's note of the 16th July 1821, to Mr. Papineau.

No answer being received to the foregoing note, Document No. 4, excepted, which was delivered by Mr. Davidson to Mr. Clark at Lachine on the 17th July, on the 21st July Mr. McLean and Mr. Clark called on Mr. Papineau at his house, and there learnt that Mr. Papineau had left town to be gone for two weeks, after which on the same day (the 21st) they called upon Mr. Garden, who said he had neither seen nor before heard of the foregoing note from Mr. McLean, and that he had not before seen or heard of the Report (signed J. D. now shewn to him) also that this Report was not consonant to his ideas, and further added that had he seen the above note, he should have decidedly been of opinion that the Commissioners of both Provinces should have a meeting together.

(Signed) T. CLARK.
July 21st, 1821.

REMARKS.

T. Clark says, that on Tuesday, the 17th July 1821, he met at La Chine at the opening of the New Canal, Messrs. Davidson and Neilson, who asked Mr. Clark if the Commissioners of Upper Canada would recede from what they had proposed: Mr. Clark said he thought not, but that he, Mr. Clark, had no objection on his own part to try the mode proposed to find out the quantity of Goods sent to Upper Canada for the two last years, saying at same time, that the experiment, if tried, would be of no use. Mr. Davidson and Mr. Neilson then said, the business was at an end, and that they would go off for Quebec that evening, and said that so soon as they got Mr. Garden's signature, they would hand him, Mr. Clark, the answer to the remarks of the Commissioners of Upper Canada given in yesterday: this answer Mr. Davidson accordingly gave to Mr. Clark in about one quarter of an hour afterwards, and is supposed to be document marked D. alluded to in the foregoing, and is marked No. 4, in the Report of the Commissioners of Upper Canada. Mr. Davidson also told Mr. Clark that he would furnish to the Commissioners of Upper Canada a copy of their Report, which is supposed to be the foregoing, which was delivered to Mr. Jones, and not seen by Mr. Clark until the 20th.

(Signed) T. CLARK.

Mr. McLean says that there was no such communication made to him as stated in the foregoing paper.

Certified to be a true Copy of the original Report.

(Signed) G. HILLIER,

Erratum.—In the 30th line from the top of the first column of the second page, for materially read naturally.