

dent in the said part of this Province, were appointed to be commissioners jointly with the commissioner above mentioned, and if the said chief commissioner were instructed 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 on seignior 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; to inquire into the laws which have from time to time governed, and now govern the said tenures; to inquire generally into the present working of the system, by proper investigation in every section of Lower Canada, in a number of seigniories, indifferently chosen by a majority of the said commissioners, for the purpose of ascertaining as far as possible the present rents, dues, reservations and charges of any kind; the probable quantity of unconceded seigniorial lands in the Province, and their quality and value; and also the quantity of lands conceded but not improved; the value of seigniorial mills in the Province, and the annual average value of *lods et ventes* paid or accruing thereon, and of obtaining such further information as may tend to throw light on the subject; to consult the seigniories and censitaires respectively upon the most proper and equitable means of effecting, by law, a commutation of the Feudal and Seigniorial Tenures (such commutation being founded upon a due regard to the rights and interests of all parties), and also upon the most proper means of effecting an arbitration in cases where it may be required; and if, upon consideration of such information and statements obtained by him and the other commissioners, the said commissioners should report their proceedings and opinions to his Excellency, in order that the same might be submitted, with the original minutes of all proceedings, to the Provincial Legislature.

Motion to concur
in Resolution.

Mr. Dunscomb moved, seconded by Mr. Watts,—

That this House doth concur with the committee in the said resolution.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:

Yeas.—32.

Baldwin.
Buchanan.
Cameron.
Cartwright.
Chesley.
Daly, Hon. D.
Day, Hon. C. D.
Derbishire.
De Salaberry.
Dunn, Hon. J. H.
Dunscomb.
Durand.
Foster.
Hincks.
Holmes.
Hopkins.

M'Nab, Sir A. N.
M'Lean.
Merritt.
Morris.
Parent.
Price.
Roblin.
Smith, (Front.)
Smith, (Went.)
Steele.
Taché.
Thompson.
Viger, Hon. D. B.
Watts.
Williams.
Yule.

Noes.—5.

Barthe.
Cook.
Kimber.

Neilson.
Christie.

So it was carried in the affirmative, and,

Resolved,—Accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said address be presented to his Excellency by such members of this House as are of the Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.