

Mr. ROUBEL, from the Committee appointed to present an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor relative to the Post-Office, reported, That the Committee had waited on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and that he had been pleased to say, he would make a Communication to the House on that subject.

Mr. HOLLAND, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the Sum of £60, charged in the Public Accounts as paid to J. B. Palmer, Esq. Adjutant General of Militia, brought in an Address to that effect, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Palmer attended to give information relative to the Deficiencies in the Council Books 14th August, 1810.

*Question.* Do you know any thing about a Council Book from the year 1784 to 1786?

*Answer.* I saw the Letter Mr. Serani wrote, and there are not any Minutes of Council forthcoming for the period mentioned in that letter.

The same question proposed.

*A.* I know something about a Book deficient, and believe it to be that Book.

*Q.* Pray relate what you know about that Book?

*A.* I believe that Council Book was put into my hand by the former Governor, General Fanning. It remained with me some hours, during which time a very remarkable circumstance, as minuted and recorded in the Book, attracted my observation: it was a letter written on a delicate occasion, and enables me to say, that Book is not forthcoming, and is not now in my possession, or in that of Governor Des Barres.

*Q.* In the book deficient were there any of the Locations of the Loyalist's Lands contained?

*A.* A great many of them.

*Q.* What Year did you see the Book?

*A.* In the Year 1803.

*Q.* On what occasion?

*A.* It was handed to me by General Fanning, to produce as Evidence in a Court of Law.

*Q.* Are you enabled to enumerate the Locations?

*A.* No; but there were a great many Locations in it.

*Q.* To whom did you return the Book?

*A.* To General Fanning, or his Servant, I cannot tell which.

*Q.* Can you specify any particular Individuals referred to in that Book?

*A.* I believe the Loyalists in Lot 50 some of them were in that Book. The Book was to be given in Evidence in an Action where the Son of General Fanning was Lessor of the Plaintiff, and Mr. Laird and Mr. Young Defendants.

*Q.* Did you see the Book afterwards?

*A.* No; I am sure I did not; I made a regular Inventory upon being appointed Deputy Clerk of Council; found out the Deficiencies in the Council Books, and reported the same to Colonel Desbrisay and Governor Des Barres: Colonel Desbrisay said he never did keep the Books; I assisted Colonel Desbrisay in assorting the Books, when I discovered the Deficiency.

*Q.* Did you apply to any one for the Books?

*A.* I advised Colonel Desbrisay to apply to Mrs. Fanning, in the absence of General Fanning; he did so, and Mrs. Fanning took time to Examine, and returned for answer, the Books were all given up, she had no such Book in her possession.

*Q.* How long was that after you had seen the Book?

*A.* Near Three Years after I had seen it, I made out a List of the Books for Colonel Desbrisay; after then, I applied to Mr. Charles Stewart for the Books, understanding that he had once had them in his possession; Mr. Stewart told me he had not the Books in his possession, and was polite enough to go up Stairs, and bring down some rough Entries, and took a good deal of trouble to look for it, but could not find it.

*Q.* Were there nothing concerning the Loyalists in these Sheets?

*A.* There were no Entries concerning them in these rough Sheets.

Witness then withdrew.

*Ordered,* on motion, that Mr. Lobban, late Deputy Clerk of Council, be called to the Bar of this House to-morrow morning, to answer such Questions as the House may think proper, relative to the Council Book reported to have been lost.

*Ordered,* on motion, that General Fanning be requested to attend this House to-