

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 8c

1831.
June 30,
York.

Colborne to Goderich (No 28). Sends report from the president of the Bank of Upper Canada respecting the banking establishment in Upper Canada. Page 228

Enclosed. Report in respect to the Military Chests in custody of the Commissarnt officers and the probable benefit the government would derive from transferring them to banking institutions. The report is divided into different heads. 230

LIEUT. GOV. SIR JOHN COLBORNE, 1831.

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1826.
September 4,
Downing
Street.

Bathurst to Maitland. Enclosed in Colborne to Goderich, 20th July, 1831.

1831.
June 29,
Queenston.

George J. Ryerse to the *Guardian*. Enclosed in Colborne to Goderich 5th December, 1831.

July 12,
York.

Report of the Executive Council on Cameron's complaint. Enclosed in Colborne to Goderich, 18th November, 1831.

July 20,
York.

Colborne to Goderich (No. 29). Reports the death of Small, late clerk of the Executive Council. Sends copy of letter from his son stating the event and asking for favourable consideration for the case of the widow. Recommends John Beikie as successor to Small. Page 1

Enclosed. James E. Small to Colborne. Reports the death of his father and recommends to favourable consideration the case of the widow. 2

Bathurst to Maitland. Beikie may be appointed assistant to Small, with the understanding that he is to succeed to the office. 3

July 21,
York.

Colborne to Goderich (No. 30). Has sanctioned the arrangement to transfer the Kingston Mill reserve in fee simple to the navy board. 5

(No. 31 is merely a summary of the contents of a letter dated 22nd July). 7

July 23,
York.

Colborne to Goderich (confidential). Owing to the population being extended into every county it is scarcely practicable to form a respectable militia, and most of those liable to serve are engaged in laborious agricultural pursuits and cannot assemble without serious loss. The statutes under which they are called cannot be expected to be revised, so that improvements must be made under the present law; he has dispensed with the attendance of persons over 40 and consulted the convenience of corps called out. The militia between 18 and 40, numbered in June 24,000 of whom 4,000 could be easily trained and made disposable. The occurrence of a riot might lead to much embarrassment if there were no means of collecting quickly a force to support the civil power; quotes the occurrence at Fort Erie as a proof. Has suggested to the Colonels commanding militia corps, the expediency of forming one company in each battalion of men who could be drilled and assembled at short notice. The propriety of having arms and accoutrements that would be attractive. 8

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