

municipal regulations. But this, as well as other measures of precaution purely local, must be left to the wisdom of the town council, in conformity with the powers with which they are invested by law.

With reference to the fourth resolution of the town council, his Excellency directs me to observe, that he can readily believe in the truth of one fact therein mentioned, namely, that there are at present in Montreal a great number of indigent emigrants without the means of proceeding to the Upper Province; that such would prove to be the case during the present season of navigation, the experience of past years could leave no room to doubt; and were this subject now brought under the notice of the Governor in Chief for the first time, he would in all probability be induced to incur the responsibility of providing for their passage to the Upper Province out of the public funds. Circumstances, however, into which it is unnecessary to enter on the present occasion, render such a step on the part of the Governor in Chief highly inexpedient; and his Excellency has only to observe, with reference to the application for the relief of those indigent emigrants, contained in the fourth resolution of the town council, that there are no public funds appropriated for that object.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Howel Paynter*, Lt & A. D. C.

To the Mayor of Montreal.

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