

The third and last of the said resolutions being again read, and the question of concurrence being put thereon, it was agreed to unanimously, and

Third Resolution carried.

Resolved,—That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

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

That the said Resolutions be referred to a Committee of seven Members, to inquire into the best means of investigating the subject with a view to its final adjustment, and to report thereon from time to time by Bill or otherwise, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolutions referred to Committee of seven.

The Honourable Mr. Viger moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Berthelot, that the words “by Bill or otherwise,” be struck out of the said motion.

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The question being then put upon the main motion, a division also ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

Resolved,—Accordingly.

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

That the following members do compose the said committee, Mr. Morin, Mr. Noel, Mr. Raymond, Mr. Taschereau, Mr. Armstrong, and the Hon. Mr. Moffatt; and that the 77th rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as relates to the appointment of this committee.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

Ordered,—Accordingly.

— No. 3. —

EXTRACT from the Journals of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada; 7th of September 1841.

No. 3.
Extract from
Journals of Legis-
lative Assembly,
7 Sept. 1841.

MR. BURNET, from the committee of the whole House on the Report of the select committee, to which were referred the resolutions of this House of the 28th of July last, relative to the laws of that part of the Province heretofore known as Lower Canada, touching the tenure of lands, and commonly known as “Feudal Tenure,” reported, according to order, the resolution of the said committee, which resolution was again read at the clerk’s table, and is as followeth :—

Chairman of Committee of whole, on Report on Feudal Tenure, reports Resolution.

Resolved,—That an humble address be presented to his Excellency the Governor-general, representing that this House, being desirous of improving the condition and promoting the welfare of the people, by removing in a manner consistent with justice to all parties concerned, the difficulties and inconveniences which have resulted and may hereafter result, from the tenure of lands commonly called the “Seigniorial Tenure,” as it obtains in that part of the Province heretofore called Lower Canada, and being of opinion that, to facilitate legislation on this important subject, an inquiry ought to be had into the state of the law, and other circumstances connected with the said tenure, and its operation generally, into the relative position of the seigniors and the censitaires, and into the means of establishing a general and uniform system of commutation, on a fair and equitable basis, do humbly pray his Excellency to be pleased to appoint a commission for the purpose of prosecuting the said inquiry, and assuring his Excellency that whatever expense may be incurred for the accomplishment of that purpose, will be made good by this House; also humbly representing to his Excellency, that the end in view, in the opinion of this House, would be best attained if a fit and proper person residing in that part of this Province formerly known as Lower Canada, and well versed in the law and practice of the said tenure, and being a practitioner at the bar, or a notary of long standing, were appointed to inquire into the feudal and seigniorial tenure, and two other commissioners, having been long resi-

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