

MILITIA.

Committee No. 8.

No. 48.
Sir Geo. Arthur
to Lord John Russell.
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MEMBERS:

The Honourable Mr. Justice M'Lean.
Colonel Chichester.
Henry Sherwood Esq.

This committee will inquire generally into the state of the militia service; the effect of the present militia laws; and will suggest any improvements, of which, as it may appear to them, those laws may be susceptible.

They will inquire into the extent and nature of the duties pertaining to the office of Adjutant-General of Militia, with a view to consider whether any, and if so, what improvements may be introduced in the method which has been hitherto pursued of conducting the business of that department.

The committee will further ascertain whether regular returns are made to the Adjutant-General of fees and fines paid and levied under the militia law; and whether they appear to be duly paid to the Receiver-General, and accounted for to the Inspector-General.

They will also ascertain whether the salaries allowed in this department are sufficient, or more than sufficient, as a compensation for the duties performed; and whether there be any necessity for an increase or a diminution of the assistance at present afforded.

As the object of the appointment of the commission is to investigate generally all matters of public interest connected with the several departments, this committee will understand that they are not restricted to limit their inquiries by the strict letter of the foregoing queries; but that, in the spirit of the same, they are to pursue any course of investigation which may appear to them expedient.

(Signed) GEORGE ARTHUR.

By his Excellency's command,

(Signed) S. B. HARRISON.