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Dr. The Montreal General Hospital, to Samuel Gerrard. 1823.
May 1st. To amount of accounts paid, as per detailed account£4.556 8 0
To cost of the land purchased from Marshal, 1,300 0 0
Cost of the Hospital, 5,856 8 0
May 1st. By subscriptions received to this date,£2,167 10 0
Due the Treasurer, 3,688 18 0
This sum has been advanced, in equal shares, by the Hon. John Richardson, the Hon. William McGillivray, and Samuel Gerrard, Esq.
In addition to the above-mentioned cost of the building, there were subscribed by Mr. Thomas Phillips, £50, allowed him for superintending the work, and by John Molson, Esq., was presented an iron railing for the front of the Hospital, valued at £75, making, with his former subscription, a donation of £100. Though the Hospital has cost much more than the estimate mentioned above, it is to be remembered that many additions have been made to the original plan, which were not at first contemplated; and that that estimate was merely for the building itself, exclusive of any appendages. Those capable of judging, who have seen it, consider it to have been erected at a very cheap rate. To estimate the good that will arise from this Institution, it is only necessary to notice that which has already been done by it, even when cramped in its utility by want of funds. This will appear from the following statement: The number of patients admitted from May 1st, 1822, to May 1st, 1823, with those brought from the temporary Hospital, is
The total number of patients who have received benefit from the Hospital during the last twelve months, is 818
This great number of indigent human beings have, in their sickness, been carefully attended, and everything in the power of human means done for their recovery. The consciousness of having contributed to alleviate the sufferings of so many fellow creatures, is alone no small return for the sum annually bestowed by each individual for the support of the Hospital. But this is not all. Several of those, according to the Physician's report