

82 COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COLONIAL OFFICE

STATEMENT of Salaries of the Militia Staff, and Contingent Expenses, as estimated for the Year 1829.

	£.	s.	d.
Salary of the adjutant general - - - - -	450	-	-
— of the deputy adjutant general - - - - -	270	-	-
— of two provincial aides-de-camp - - - - -	360	-	-
— of the clerk in the office - - - - -	123	3	9
— of the messenger in ditto - - - - -	60	4	6
Allowance for office rent and fuel - - - - -	67	10	-
Contingencies of stationery, printing and postage - - - - -	200	-	-
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Sterling - - £.	1,530	18	3

No provision was made by the legislature for any of these salaries or allowances.

No. 20.—COPY of a Despatch from Lieutenant-General Sir James Kempt to Secretary Sir George Murray.

SIR, Castle of St. Louis, Quebec, 26th March 1829.
BEING anxious to convey to you, without delay, the information which I think you would wish to possess respecting the proceedings of the Provincial Legislature, on those subjects which I received your commands, (as notified to me in your despatch of the 29th of September 1828,) to bring under the consideration of the Provincial Parliament, at its meeting in November last, I have the honour herewith to transmit to you the accompanying paper (No. 1,) in which this information is briefly given in as clear and perspicuous a form as my present time will admit of.

I have also the honour of transmitting to you (No. 2,) an abstract of the grants made in the last session of the Provincial Parliament, in order that you may see the extent of the appropriations, and the services to which the monies are to be applied.

Some time will yet elapse before copies of the several Acts of the Provincial Legislature, passed in the late session, can be prepared to send you, and before it will be in my power to bring under your consideration a variety of subjects to which my attention has been called by the House of Assembly, in addresses presented to me just before the session closed, as intimated to you in my despatch No. 24, of the 16th instant.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant,
(signed) JAMES KEMPT.

(1.)—A brief STATEMENT of the Proceedings of the Provincial Parliament of Lower Canada, on the several points recommended by His Majesty to the consideration of both Houses of the Legislature, in the Message of the 28th of November 1828.

Subjects recommended in the Message. *Proceedings that have taken place upon them.*

The proposal respecting the appropriation of the Provincial Revenue, and recommending the enactment of a law for the indemnity of persons who may have advanced public money without legal authority.

The House of Assembly would not accede to the proposed arrangement, or pass a law of indemnity, for the reasons stated in their Resolutions of the 6th December 1828, already transmitted to the Secretary of State; but a bill of Supply for the present year has passed

the Provincial Legislature as reported in Despatch No. 27.

The Address of the Legislative Council in answer to the Message was transmitted to the Secretary of State in my Despatch No. 23.

Suggesting the adoption of measures for the security of monies in the hands of the Receiver-General and the Sheriffs.

No proceedings whatever in either House on this recommendation, the plan being considered objectionable. It was therefore deemed proper to communicate to the Legislative Council and Assembly, the instructions given by the