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Lord John Russell
to Lord Sydenham,
26 March 1841.

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in point of fact, all benefit to the colony from the concession in the former respect might be altogether neutralized, the lands and timber being liable to be sold or given away as heretofore, in a manner wholly unproductive of advantage either to the Crown or to the public.

That the object, therefore, which your memorialists desire to have, is to place the lands and timber, equally with the revenue derived from those sources, at the disposal of the local legislature, under such provisions and safeguards as to the conditions of the transfer as shall ensure the faithful appropriation of the proceeds to the exclusive purpose of emigration, and of great public works connected with, and affording aid to, such a system.

That your memorialists entertain a confident belief that if the Crown should adopt this beneficent course, the new legislature of Canada, impelled by an anxious desire, in which every British settler in that colony participates, to set on foot improvements similar to those which have been executed with so much advantage in the state of New York, and to restore the stream of British emigration to its ancient Canadian channel, would zealously co-operate with the views of Her Majesty's Government for the attainment of objects so essential to their prosperity, and would frame such a law for the future disposal of the public domains, and for the assurance of parties advancing monies on the security thereof, as would induce capitalists in this country to make advances to the colony of the funds required for the most important of the public works, and for promoting a large increase of emigration to Canada.

That a committee of the three companies, whose designations appear at the head of this memorial, have conferred with Dr. Rolph, the organ at present in this country of a great body of the colonists who ardently desire that no time may be lost in adopting measures to promote public works and emigration, and that Dr. Rolph vouches for the concurrence of the sentiments of the parties by whom he has been delegated, in the views expressed in this memorial.

That it appears to your memorialists to be very important that great measures of emigration and of public improvements should be laid before the legislature of the United Canadas at the earliest possible date.

That your memorialists are confidently persuaded that his Excellency the present Governor-general of Canada will not merely give his sanction, but his cordial support, to the measures which they have proposed, and will thereby add incalculably to the obligations under which he has laid the people.

That your memorialists request that your Lordship will be pleased to take the subject-matter of this paper into your consideration, and to appoint an early day for receiving a deputation from the undersigned.

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<i>G. R. Robinson</i>	- - - -	Governor.
<i>Nath^l Gould</i>	- - - -	Deputy Governor.
<i>Edward Mills</i>	- - - -	} Directors.
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<i>Thos. Stokes</i>	- - - -	
<i>M. T. Smith</i>	- - - -	
<i>A. Stewart</i>	- - - -	
<i>John Fullarton</i>	- - - -	
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<i>John Hullett</i>	- - - -	

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<i>A. Colvile</i>	- -	Deputy Governor.	<i>John Chapman & Co.</i>
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<i>Ed. H. Chapman,</i>			<i>John Hine.</i>
<i>Joseph Somes,</i>			<i>William Hutt.</i>
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<i>Ross. O. Mangles,</i>			<i>Edward Ellice.</i>
<i>John Auldjo,</i>			<i>Major Head.</i>
<i>E. G. Wakefield,</i>			<i>Thomas Rolph.</i>
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<i>J. Morrison,</i>			<i>C. Stainbank & Son.</i>
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