1824 March 9, Queenston.

Maitland to Bathurst (No. 125). Had sent list of premiums before receiving instructions. Being published too late for advantage to be taken this year had suggested to the Society of Arts to continue the premiums for the cultivation of hemp and for the extirpation of stumps.

Page 259

March 10. Queenston.

The same to the same (No. 126). In reference to detailed information wanted for the civil estimate for 1823, sees no reason to change that for the ensuing year, but there are two persons receiving allowances, not residents, who may die unknown to the provincial Government. 261

March 11, Queenston.

The same to the same (No. 127). Has received dispatch with instructions for future correspondence with the Colonial Department, 263

March 13, Queenston.

The same to the same (No. 128). As the details of the emoluments of public officers for 1822 may not be in his (Bathurst's) hands so early as desired, states that no material difference can exist between the returns for that year and those for 1821 which were sent in detail. 264

March 15. Queenston.

The same to the same (No. 129). States the case of John Hartford, guilty of treasonable practices during the war of 1812, had removed to the United States renouncing his allegiance, and has now returned after the time limited for prosecution had expired and applied for a patent for a grant of land he had formerly obtained and had improved. Embarrassment as to the course to be followed. Indignation of his neighbours at the prospect of Hartford being reinstated in his land which McIntyre on a licence of occupation. had been granted to Lieut.

Enclosed. Petition of McIntyre to Gore for the lot for which Hartford had obtained an order of the Council and made some small improvements. Petition addressed to Gore, dated 21st November, 1816.

Notice by the Council to Hartford to appear in person and take out his grant or it will be forfeited. The resolution of the Council follows.

Memorial of McIntyre, stating his services &c., addressed to Maitland.

Petition of the field officers of the Gore Militia on behalf of McIntyre. 279

Proceedings upon John Hartford's case.

281 283

Attorney general's opinion upon John Hartfords case. Report of Council that the patent should issue to John Hartford in

terms of the attorney general's opinion. April 1,

Maitland to Bathurst (No. 130). Transmits report of commissioners on internal navigation, but it must not be supposed from the preliminary measure that the province possesses the means or has sanguine hopes of being able, without outside help to undertake works of such magnitude, but it must be satisfectory to His Lordship to know that attention was addressed to such objects and it would be gratifying were His Lordship to devise some means to countenance and support exertions too dispro-

portionate to the revenues of the province. Enclosed. Report of the Commissioners.

288

Supplementary report.

285

Maitland to Bathurst (No. 131). Sends draught of bill; asks that it be sanctioned so that it may be passed in the provincial legislature, thus relieving the Executive Council of difficulties respecting the navigation Explains the nature of the difficulties some of them arising from the difference between Imperial and provincial Acts, the navigation sought to be relieved being inland and not affecting Atlantic navigation. 324

Enclosed. Copy of the proposed Act.

331 Report of the attorney general (J. B. Robinson) on the effects of the navigation laws and the difficulties caused by the seizure of vessels by collectors in virtue of the old law, which he (Robinson) holds to be applicable to and in force in Canada. 336

Queenston.

April 14, Queenston.