

The result of the deliberations of your Committee upon this proposal of Lieutenant-Colonel Bouchette was the conviction that whichever of the alternatives was adopted would if acceded to by the House produce trouble and require superintendence of the impression of the Maps and of their Sale when printed, which could not be advantageously bestowed, and that they therefore could not recommend the same; whereupon they caused Lieutenant-Colonel Bouchette to come before them stated to him the above objection and enquired of him whether he could make any other proposal not liable to the foregoing objection, and if so to communicate the same to the Committee in writing.

There was subsequently laid before the Committee the following proposal.

"At the request of the Committee Lieutenant-Colonel Bouchette has the honor of submitting to them the following proposal, that a Sum of £450 Sterling be allowed him as a remuneration for the improvements made and to be made by him upon his large Map of Lower-Canada, and a further Sum of £450 Sterling be appropriated for aiding in such manner as the House shall deem most expedient, to meet the expenses of Engraving, Printing and Stationary to be incurred in republishing the same, he furnishing to each Branch of the Legislature two Copies of the said Map when the impression shall be completed."

This subject being intimately connected with the important matter of the exploring of the Interior of Lower-Canada as well upon the North as upon the South Shore, and with the opening of Roads of Communication to the remote and unsettled parts of the Province.—Your Committee next directed their attention to these objects.

The Evidence taken before your Committee since the making of their Report on the third day of February last, and which Evidence relates as well to the general objects of the Reference as to these two particular heads, will be found in the Appendix to this Report.

Your Committee also caused to be laid before them the Message of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, bearing date the tenth of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, and received by the House on the twelfth day of the same month, wherein His Excellency is graciously pleased to say.

"The Governor in Chief does not intend to call the attention of the Legislature in this Session to the state of the Roads generally in this Province, but as there are some points where the Public Interests suffer from want of Roads which may be obtained at a very moderate Expense, the Governor in Chief lays a list of them before the House of Assembly with such information as he has obtain upon the subject and recommends such aid may be granted for each as may seem proper."

They caused also to be laid before them the papers accompanying the said Message, as well as the Report of the Special Committee to whom the said Message and Papers were referred, received by the House the 25th day of February of the same year.